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### **\$35 million of CARES Act funding to be distributed to nonprofits in Alaska**

July 10, 2020 ANCHORAGE — The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) is announcing \$35 million of funding from Alaska's share of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act will be used to offer grants to nonprofits and faith-based organizations that provide critical services to Alaskans. The new Coronavirus Nonprofit Relief Fund (CNRF) program will be conducted through a partnership with The Alaska Community Foundation (ACF) which will administer the program, process applications and distribute grant funds to eligible organizations.

"This partnership allows crucial support funds to be shared with Alaska's nonprofit entities, meeting the Governor's goal of getting funds as close as possible to the communities and groups that need them," said DHSS Commissioner Adam Crum. "We're thankful for all the entities that have continued to provide services to Alaskans in need, and we hope this funding support will enable them to continue to do so."

The funding will enable nonprofits to continue providing essential services that prevent or alleviate negative impacts of COVID-19 on the economy, jobs, families and children. Applicants can receive CARES Act funding for a variety of expenses including: medical, public health, payroll, COVID-19 response compliance, economic support or other costs necessary for the function of nonprofit agencies impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This is a great opportunity to work with the state and distribute much-needed funds to agencies that are helping Alaskans through this health and economic crisis," said ACF President and Chief Executive Officer Nina Kempel. "I want to thank Governor Mike Dunleavy for his direction and support for this important investment in Alaska's communities at such a critical time."

The CARES Act [requires that payments](#) may only be used to cover costs that are necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency between March 1 and December 30, 2020 and were not accounted for in the State of Alaska's budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020.

Grants will be prioritized based on the community impact and the organization's ability to carry out public health projects and will not be limited based on an organization's size, type of staff or geographical location. Grant awards will range in size from \$25,000 to \$1 million through three rounds of funding. The grant term is July 1 through December 31, 2020.

Nonprofits and faith-based organizations can find more information, including eligibility criteria, and apply for a grant by contacting ACF at 907-334-6700 or visiting [alaskacf.org/cnrf](http://alaskacf.org/cnrf).

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