



Juneau Community Foundation
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**Juneau Community Foundation
Partners with CBJ, Avista and United Way of Southeast Alaska
Awards over \$1.8 million to local social service organizations**

The Juneau Community Foundation has awarded \$1,877,200 in grants to local nonprofit organizations following several months of coordinated effort to identify priority social service needs and review applications.

These grants are provided through a unified process that includes funding from the Juneau Community Foundation's Hope Endowment Fund (\$1,059,651) and other Foundation funds (\$11,149), the City and Borough of Juneau's Social Service Funds (\$781,400), the CBJ Utility Waiver Program (\$47,500), Avista Corporation (\$10,000), and United Way of Southeast Alaska (\$5,000).

The purpose of these funds is to help Juneau's most vulnerable residents, by increasing support for nonprofit service providers in the areas of homelessness, food security, addiction, domestic violence, suicide prevention, senior care, hospice, mental and physical health, education and income stability.

The grants were determined based on input from local nonprofit organizations, community members, and the Juneau Community Foundation's Professional Advisory Committee. The grant process is designed to encourage coordination among social service programs.

"Through the discussions with social service providers in the fall, several areas were clear priorities, especially substance abuse and homelessness. Based on these priorities grant funding continued for a cooperative proposal from the Juneau Coalition on Housing and Homelessness and residential and outpatient substance use treatment," stated Amy Skilbred, Foundation Executive Director.

The Juneau Coalition on Housing and Homelessness submitted a coordinated proposal to prioritize flexible funding for rapid rehousing, operating assistance for the new Housing First facility, and funds for community navigators -- providers who to connect people with services need. In addition, social service agencies recommended a new project to establish a navigator hub -- three navigators and a part time dispatcher/administrator -- to be located at St. Vincent de Paul. Grant

funding was provided for the additional personnel needed. The Foundation is working with businesses and others in the community to raise the funds to provide cost effective electric vehicles and charging stations to be used by the navigators and their clients.

Service providers also identified as a priority, funding to provide for a full time person to sign up clients for Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Income (SSI and SSDI). Many people who are eligible for these services are unable to complete the paperwork in a manner that enables them to receive these benefits for which they are eligible. SSI and SSDI benefits assist with many daily life costs including housing and food.

Reed Stoops, Chairman of the Juneau Community Foundation's Grants Committee, emphasized the gains that have been demonstrated by the support for Forget Me Not Manor, a housing first facility, stating, "Preliminary data analysis shows significant decreases in emergency room and sleep off visits and contact with JPD officers for housing first residents in the 6 months after moving in to the new facility. We are excited by these preliminary results and working with Housing First on the next phase – an additional 30 or more rooms."

A total of 27 grants will be awarded to 26 organizations. In addition, seven nonprofits that provide housing will receive CBJ Utility Waiver support.

These grants will address some of the priority social service issues facing our community including:

- supporting emergency, transitional, and permanent housing assistance for the homeless
- providing trauma care for children
- connecting people to mental health and substance abuse services
- ensuring crisis intervention training for our police
- increasing assistance to women and children suffering domestic abuse
- augmenting school food programs to ensure children and youth are not hungry at school
- providing mentoring, job training, civil legal support, and day programs
- educating the community in suicide prevention
- supporting seniors and their families

"Juneau has a cadre of hardworking professionals leading our social service organizations. With the Community Foundation's leadership and our combined funding resources, these leaders come together to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of their work through collaborative efforts. We appreciate the important work they do for our community and the work they are doing with CBJ staff on Housing and Homelessness," Juneau Mayor Ken Koelsch said.

The Juneau Hope Endowment Fund was established in 2014 and is managed by the Juneau Community Foundation to provide social service grants on an annual basis. This is the third year that the Community Foundation has provided a combined grant process that includes City and Borough of Juneau Social Service Grants. Uniting these funding sources with others in our community in one grant process amplifies the community impact and reduces grant management for grantees.

For more information or to find out how you can support social services for our most vulnerable residents in Juneau, contact Amy Skilbred at the Juneau Community Foundation office at 523-5450 or amy@juneaucf.org.

List of organizations and programs receiving 2018 grants:

Alaska Legal Services – equitable access to civil justice
AWARE – domestic violence/sexual abuse survivor services
Big Brothers Big Sisters – mentoring program
Catholic Community Services – hospice and senior services
Disability Law Center – SSI/SSDI specialist
Facing Foster Care Alaska – establishing a Juneau chapter
Family Promise – assisting families that are homeless
Feeding Juneau’s Future – providing weekend and vacation food for children
Gastineau Human Services – substance abuse programs
Glory Hole – emergency homeless shelter services
Haven House – resident and non-resident reentry and recovery program
Housing First – supporting Juneau’s most vulnerable homeless with housing
JAMHI – Health and Wellness - student assistance program for substance abuse
Juneau Coalition on Housing and Homelessness – flexible funds for housing
Juneau Family Birth Center – donated healthcare program
Juneau Police Department – crises intervention team and in-house domestic violence expert training
Juneau School District – elementary universal breakfast and high school reduced fee meals
Juneau Suicide Prevention Coalition – suicide prevention and early intervention
Juneau Youth Services – emergency and transitional services for youth
JUMPP Program – pediatric mental health partnership
National Alliance on Mental Illness – community outreach programs
Polaris House – support for operating costs
REACH – environmental assistive technology
SAIL – inspiring personal independence programs
St. Vincent de Paul – building a navigator system to assist clients of social service agencies and the homeless
SERRC – GED prep and testing and adult education
Wildflower – overall utility cost reduction
Zach Gordon – navigator to assist youth