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Juneau Community Foundation announces Hope Fund Grant Awards

The Juneau Community Foundation announced over \$1 million in social service grants to local non-profit organizations to enhance Juneau's social service programs supporting hospice, mental health, suicide prevention, domestic violence, drug and alcohol abuse and homelessness programs. The grants are from the Juneau Hope Endowment Fund.

Grant recipients include the Glory Hole, Gastineau Human Services, Catholic Community Services, Juneau Youth Services, AWARE, Alaska Legal Services, Juneau Police Department, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Discovery Southeast, National Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependence, REACH, Riverbend Elementary School, Communities in Schools - JUMPP, and Association for the Education of Young Children.

The awards were made after a publically advertised grant application process, meetings and discussions with potentially eligible non profit organizations, review by the Foundation's Grants Committee and volunteer Professional Advisory Committee.

The goal of the Juneau Hope Fund is to assist Juneau residents who are terminally ill, suffer from mental health, alcohol and drug addiction, domestic violence, homelessness, or are susceptible to suicide. "By combining these grants with State and local funding, and private support Juneau will be able to provide greater social services," said Amy Skilbred, Executive Director.

The Juneau Hope Endowment Fund is managed to provide grants on an annual basis in perpetuity. The Foundation will be convening a series of work sessions in the coming year to determine community priorities and provide efficient and cost effective ways to achieve the goals.

"The Foundation is very pleased to award the Hope grants which will make a substantial and positive difference to individuals who will receive services as a result of these grants. We are excited about the future of this program, which will improve the quality of life for everyone in Juneau. As we monitor this first round of

grants, we want to identify the most effective means of achieving results. Our long-term goal is to increase the impact of these grants in the years ahead,” said Eric Kueffner, President of the Juneau Community Foundation.

A list of the specific grant awards are below along with a very brief description of each program.

<i>Organization</i>	<i>Grant Amount</i>	<i>Project Description</i>
Gastineau Human Services	\$114,075	Direct Housing/Rental Assistance
Glory Hole	\$90,000	Direct Services Operating Support
Catholic Community Services - Hospice	\$130,000	Direct Services & Business Plan
Riverbend Elemen. School	\$45,000	Early Childhood Trauma Services
Discovery Southeast	\$12,940	Middle School Student Mental Health Project
Communities in Schools - JUMPP Program	\$62,500	Childhood Trauma Intervention/Prevention Services
Alaska Legal Services	\$83,270	Behavioral/Mental Health-Legal Partnership Project
Assoc. for the Education of Young Children	\$46,700	Infant/Child Trauma Mental Health and Family Support
Juneau Youth Services - Foster Care Program	\$112,000	Treatment Foster Care - Services for Families and Children
National Alliance on Mental Illness	\$16,150	Peer to Peer Support Training and Program Delivery
REACH	\$10,000	Infant-Parent Mental Health Services
National Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependence	\$21,000	Developing and Providing Services for Young Adults 18-24 in Juneau
Juneau Police Department	\$83,800	Crisis Intervention Team
JYS - Juneau Suicide Prevention Coalition	\$120,000	Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention Services
AWARE	\$121,290	Services to Families Experiencing Abuse