



Juneau Community Foundation  
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### **Juneau Community Foundation awards over \$1.86 million to local social service organizations**

The Juneau Community Foundation has awarded \$1,869,683 in grants to local nonprofit organizations following a coordinated effort to identify the community's highest priority social service needs.

The funding comes from the Juneau Community Foundation's Hope Endowment Fund (\$1,041,000), the City and Borough of Juneau's Social Service grant program (\$781,000) and its Utility Waiver program (\$47,500), which are now being administered by the Community Foundation in order to allow cooperative grant making. The purpose of these funds is to help Juneau's most vulnerable residents, particularly in the areas of homelessness, addiction, domestic violence, suicide prevention, senior care and hospice services, mental health, health, education and income stability programs. The grants were determined based on input from Juneau's nonprofit organizations, community members, and the Juneau Community Foundation's Professional Advisory Committee, and are designed to encourage coordination among related social service programs.

Reed Stoops, Chairman of the Juneau Community Foundation's Grants Committee, said that though collaboration has always been important in addressing Juneau's social service needs, it is even more crucial right now due to state budget cuts and an increased demand for essential services including substance abuse treatment and transitional housing.

"One of the Juneau Community Foundation's most important roles is to coordinate efforts to create positive change in our community, and every year that process improves," he said. "These grants are a great example of what we can accomplish when we work toward common goals and a unified vision. The whole process has been incredibly educational, and I'm

grateful to everyone who took part in it.”

A total of 37 grants will be awarded to 23 organizations, and an additional seven nonprofits that provide housing will receive CBJ Utility Waiver support. Existing programs that will receive funding include AWARE, Catholic Community Services, St. Vincent de Paul, Zach Gordon Youth Center, the Glory Hole and Gastineau Human Services. New projects that will receive funding include Housing First, now under construction in the Lemon Creek area for Juneau’s most vulnerable homeless residents; transitional supported housing for people recovering from addiction; a community substance abuse coordinator; support for a new Community Intervention Team at the Juneau Police Department; and help for the Front Street Clinic, which will move to the new Housing First building when it is completed.

A full list of the grant awards is attached.

The Juneau Hope Endowment Fund was established in 2014 and is managed by the Juneau Community Foundation to provide grants on an annual basis. This year is the second year of Hope Endowment Fund grants. The City and Borough of Juneau’s Social Service Grants, formerly distributed by CBJ’s Social Services Advisory Board, are funded in part through the city’s tobacco tax.

For more information or to find out how you can support social service projects in Juneau, contact Amy Skilbred at the Juneau Community Foundation office at 523-5450 or [amy@juneaucf.org](mailto:amy@juneaucf.org).