2020/2021 Grant Recipients
Total Amount Awarded: $214,771

Grant Awards

Statewide
Beacon Hill ($10,000)
Heart Gallery of Alaska
The Heart Gallery of Alaska is a multi-media effort to advocate for the adoption of legally free youth living in foster care. The Heart Gallery website and print galleries are in three communities featuring strengths-based profiles of youth seeking permanency through adoption.

Facing Foster Care in Alaska - FFCA ($10,000)
Office of Youth Empowerment - Foster Youth Bill of Rights
FFCA seeks to work on the passage and implementation of a Foster Youth Bill of Rights through our newly launched Office of Youth Empowerment (OYE). The idea of a youth bill of rights came from FFCA members who desire greater self-determination in planning for their futures, maintaining their health and safety, and having a voice in their court cases. The project includes youth working to secure the passage of the bill, and an education campaign to stakeholders once the bill is passed.

Standing Together Against Rape - STAR ($10,000)
Prevention and Education Youth Outreach
This project will support resources for child wellbeing through age appropriate education materials, updating a new edition of “The Personal Safety Coloring Book”. STAR distributes these materials to provide Prevention and Education Specialist with tools necessary to help keep our kids safe.

thread ($10,000)
Parent Talk and Little Talk
thread promotes Strengthening Families Protective Factors through education and family unit engagement. thread does this through events that facilitate a conversation with participants to build on their knowledge and strengths. Parent TALK brings professionals from around the community to share their knowledge.
**Volunteers of America Alaska ($9,983)**  
*Expanding Supports for Relative Caregivers in Alaska: VOA’s Kinship Program*

Alaska's Kinship Program is a one-of-a-kind support program for Alaskans raising relative children. The program offers services that promote the health and wellness of children and their relative caregiver. The program accomplishes this by providing a comprehensive array of services to each enrolled participant, including assessment of needs, health information and assistance, referrals to community service providers, respite, case management, financial assistance, newsletters, and support groups. The Strengthening Families approach is integrated within the support group curriculum.

**Interior**

**Love in the Name of Christ – Love INC ($10,000)**  
* Loving Families*

The Loving Families program takes in and provides for homeless families in the Fairbanks North Star Borough. The work of Love INC is to help families establish necessary behaviors and resources to provide for a child to develop physically, socially, and emotionally. By helping families meeting a child’s basic needs, we are reducing child neglect and abuse. We connect parents with education and mentors to support the overall wellbeing and stability of households.

**Resource Center for Parents and Children ($10,000)**  
*Safe and Healthy Teens Child Advocacy Project*

RCPC will increase the support services offered through Stevie’s Place Child Advocacy Center by supporting two full-time Family Advocates. There is a significant need for increased Family Advocacy services as the number of families served through Stevie’s Place continues to grow. Family Advocates provide education and support in teaching children and their families about personal safety and healthy choices. The Safe and Healthy Teen project is designed to provide at-risk teens in our community with information about health and personal safety.

**SERRC – Alaska’s Educational Resource Center ($10,000)**  
*Mental Health First Aid Training*

Train up to 180 Alaskans in Mental Health First Aid (MHFA). MHFA is an internationally-recognized, evidence-based, certificate course. Similar to CPR training where participants learn how to help someone having a heart attack, MHFA teaches participants how to identify and help people experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis.

**Northern**

**Native Village of Kiana ($5,000)**  
*Wellness Program*

The Native Village of Kiana is determined to reduce the rate of suicide of their community through the projects in the Wellness Program. The projects are designed to address prevention by examining risk factors of abuse, neglect, and self-harm. The Wellness Program originated with the goal of suicide prevention by ensuring the safety of our children through education,
engagement, and essential resources.

Native Village of Wales ($10,000)

Kingigan Youth Activities
The Native Village of Wales has determined that culturally-responsive programming is a nexus to the holistic wellbeing of their community’s youth. The Kingigan Youth Group (KYG) achieves this by strengthening cultural identity and practice. Today our youth carry out tradition through our modern day of living: it is their intentions to ensure that our Elders vision of bringing back the dance and song continues. These activities for the Youth would allow them to learn to have respect to one another, fostering community resilience.

Southcentral

Camp Fire Alaska ($10,000)

Youth Mental Health First Aid Class for OCS Foster Parents/guardians for Camp Fire Families
Provide a Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) course to Camp Fire Alaska parents with Office of Children’s Services (OCS) involvement at no cost to families and provide stipends for childcare. YMHFA is an eight hour long, interactive course designed to teach community members how to support an adolescent who is experiencing a mental health crisis. The course culminates in a certification that is nationally recognized and is valid for 3 years.

Catholic Social Services ($5,000)

Food Pantry
Due to COVID-19, food pantries/banks across the state have seen a dramatic increase in need. These funds will further help meet the need of children and families.

Cordova Family Resource Center B.I.O.N.I.C. ($9,656)

Cordova Strengthening Our Parents
Will provide opportunities of continued support, skill building, and peer relationships, to minimize child abuse/neglect and increase resiliency within families. CFRC plans on doing this in three ways. First, by continuing to build on the exciting parenting skills classes co-facilitated by Sound Alternative and CFRC, to include one zoom parenting class and one lunch and learn class. Second, by offering Family Learning Activities each quarter of the year, focusing on a new topic each quarter. These activities include healthy family cooking, homework or home schooling help, stress relief through physical exercise, games, and crafts. Lastly, CFRC coordinates with the Office of Children’s Services, the Alaska Court systems, or Tribal entities to provide supervised visitation.

Covenant House Alaska ($9,342)

Parental Resiliency Project
The Passage House’s Parental Resiliency Project will expand the current program curriculum to provide in-depth parenting skills through examining the adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). The group program is designed to foster a strong support network of peers and will use
evidence-based curriculum for learning activity. These workshops are organized to allow for maximum participation to minimize disruption of home-life at Passage House.

Friends of the Sutton Library ($4,750)
*Sutton Youth Arts and Wellness Program*
The Sutton Youth Arts and Wellness Program is a program for youth ages 11-16 that combines healthy living ideals with community engagement, volunteerism, arts, and cultural activities to foster a balanced group. Youth are empowered to take pride in their lifestyles, as well as improving the lives of those around them.

Kids Corps, Inc. ($10,000)
*A safe place for every child*
This program is designed to build child resilience and social/emotional development through the Conscious Discipline Feeling Buddies curriculum. We plan to provide an intensive two day, hands on orientation to the curriculum. The program will also support the Disabilities and Mental Health Coordinator’s continuing education curriculum, to deliver the most current practicum recommended.

Sprout Family Services ($10,000)
*Safe Diapering for All Children*
Sprout will formalize and scale up the diaper bank by stocking up on an annual supply of diapers and supplies, disseminate information on safe diapering, and promote the diaper bank program. This action plan to address and support healthy infant hygiene will include holding a diaper drive, crowdsourcing donations both individually and through partnerships with manufacturers or retailers.

Story Works Alaska ($6,050)
*Building Resilience and Breaking the Cycle of CAN, One Story at a Time.*
Story Works Alaska supports in-school workshops that invite students to share stories of resilience, learning, and positive change. The core premise is simple: hold space for all voices and listen closely. But the results are profound: more than 97.5% of surveyed participants self-reported gains in protective factors known to amplify resilience, decrease risk behavior, and disrupt the destructive cycle of child abuse and neglect (CAN). This project aims to build off existing evidence as it addresses both those needs and opportunities.

Southeast
Hydaburg Cooperative Association ($10,000)
*Building a Resilient Community*
Hydaburg Cooperative Association will structure activities around our culturally appropriate programming to identify and develop healthy behaviors to promote a healthy community. The Hydaburg Cooperative Association will serve as a resource for tools to address traumas and develop healthy behaviors through skill education to address adverse childhood experiences and
challenging behaviors.

Juneau Community Preschool ($10,000)

*Juneau Coop Preschool Sustainability Program*

The Juneau Community Preschool Sustainability Program creates a positive and safe educational environment for children. The program will continue serving Juneau families with high quality preschool with opportunities for parenting education and support.

Juneau School District ($10,000)

*Juneau Title I Elementary School Social Workers*

This project will fund three half time social worker/family advocate positions, one position each at Riverbend, Glacier Valley, and Harborview Elementary Schools.

**Southwest**

Village of Aniak ($9,990)

*Village of Aniak Child Abuse & Neglect Community Event*

Will host a three-day event using local and regional services to do presentations on topics that include parenting, alternative ways to discipline, communication skills, traditional parenting techniques, talking circles in the morning and bonding activities for parents and children.

Aleut Community of Saint Paul Tribal Government ($10,000)

*Light of St. Paul: Child Abuse Prevention*

The Light of Saint Paul is an initiative started with a focus on community surrounding family and youth. Events promoted through the Light of Saint Paul will encourage family and youth to engage in healthy events, provide the means for them to build, develop and practice positive social skills. Through engagement they will gain education, skills, and resources beneficial to ensure protection of children.

Old Harbor Alliance ($5,000)

*Village Families – Better Together*

This project will allow our communities families to come together to participate in activities regularly. The Better Together project will include events that will provide a platform where issues of parent resiliency, parenting and children development, healthy social and emotional development will be discussed, and social support connections established. Families will learn to cook a healthy meal to continue healthy lifestyles in the home. Healthy recipes will be shared, and recipe books made with favorite recipes for all families.