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Dear Co-op Market Team,

At the Fairbanks Children's Museum, we provide children and families a safe space to interact and connect while developing crucial life skills. Through open-ended and self-directed play, they are encouraged to use critical thinking and their creativity is inspired. As a result of both familiar and unfamiliar social interactions, they begin learning about community building and cooperation.

The museum has the broadest reach of any early childhood development agency in the Interior, seeing over 40,000 visitors each year, and reaching thousands more through outreach on a weekly basis. We attend events put on by countless other community organizations, bringing pieces of our museum with us to engage with families and meet them where they are.

Open six days per week, with a staff of eight, the museum is able to serve the Fairbanks community with interactive exhibits, parent support groups, classes, field trips and workshops, summer camps, foster care visitation, sensory days, family concerts, and so much more. Our programming grows each year as we reach more families and as we continue to be one of the only resources available to young families through Fairbanks' long winters.

The funds that the Museum received from the Lend-a-Hand program in 2017 and 2018 were directly applied to education and connecting families and young children. The funds also served to help us spend more time out in the community. Each year we have been able to increase our free and reduced admissions, grow our programming, and improve our exhibits, and that is all thanks to support from our community.

We were not selected for the 2019 Lend-a-Hand program, but have enjoyed seeing other organizations benefit this year! We are hopeful to make our way back onto the list of Lend-a-Hand recipients for 2020. Funding from this program will go a long way toward supporting early childhood development and all of the important work we do here at the museum.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Meredith Maple
Executive Director





2020 LEND A HAND APPLICATION

Deadline: November 30, 2019

OUR MISSION:

Co-op Market Grocery & Deli works for health and sustainability by providing healthful foods and products, promoting local suppliers, and offering consumer education in an open, community-centered environment, through a viable business.

OUR VALUES:

- **Service** – We are committed to the joy of true service, putting the needs of others first in a way that touches lives and hearts. Our service is an honor and a privilege.
- **Sustainability** – We seek to sustain our co-op's financial health and growth while working toward solutions to economic development that consider the health of our community and planet.
- **Social Responsibility** – We believe that our actions must benefit the global community at large. This means that we promote justice and equity in all of our relationships and are committed to the people who use and work for our business.

Name of Organization: Fairbanks Children's Museum

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City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99701

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Website: www.fairbankschildrensmuseum.com

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Name and address for check remittance (if it differs from above):

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Is this a 501(c)3 non-profit organization? If yes, please include certification with application.

Has your organization been a Lend a Hand recipient in the past? If so, when?

Instructions: Please include a cover letter on your organization's official letterhead with this form.

I. Please provide your mission statement and a brief summary of your organization's work.

To inspire and connect families through discovery and the power of play.

We provide multi-sensory, hands-on, active, child-centered activities in an interactive museum environment.

2. How does your work align with Co-op Market's mission and values?

Our values are very similar. We are also a service organization focused on early childhood development and we believe part of our work is to help develop socially responsible citizens.

3. How will the Lend a Hand funds be used?

Funds will be used to support our extraordinary staff and programming, allowing us to reach more community members.

4. If your organization has received funding from Co-op Market in the past, please describe how this funding supported your organization and mission.

In previous years Lend-a-Hand funding has allowed us to expand programs and exhibits and support our staff.

5. What is your elevator pitch? Cashiers usually have about 10 seconds to describe our monthly recipient to a shopper. Please describe your organization and how the funds will be used in 100 words or less.

The Fairbanks Children's Museum supports families and children in our community year round, providing a safe, warm, interactive learning environment. Your support allows them to continue fulfilling their mission!

6. Which month would you prefer us to fundraise for your organization? (Note: We cannot guarantee your month of choice.)

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Applications will be published on our website. For this reason, please include *no more than one* piece of supplemental information (brochure, flyer, annual report, etc.) with your application.

In December, our Owners will vote to select our 2020 Lend a Hand recipients. If your organization is selected, we will require the following:

- 2 or 3 high resolution photos representing your work. Please include a photo release for any people appearing in your photos.
- A high resolution, printable jpg of your organization's logo.
- Promotion of the Lend a Hand program via your website, newsletter and/or social media pages.
- One scheduled 3-hour shift of tabling at the store during your Lend a Hand month.
- Brochures or flyers about your organization if available.

Important Note:

We do not donate to individuals, national charities, political candidates or organizations, organizations that advance a particular religious belief, or organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, disability or status in any other protected group.

Submit applications to the attention of Kristin Summerlin, Marketing & Owner Services Manager:

- via email to marketing@coopmarket.org (preferred). Be sure to include scans of supporting materials.
- by hand delivery to the Customer Service Desk.
- by mail to the following address: Co-op Market Grocery & Deli, 526 Gaffney Road, Fairbanks, AK 99701.

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Date: JUL 18 2011

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Accounting Period Ending:
December 31
Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990 Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
May 03, 2011
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Sincerely,



Lois G. Lerner
Director, Exempt Organizations

Enclosure: Publication 4221-PC

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