December 10, 2019

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The North Star Community Foundation serves as the fiscal agent for many community-based projects that would have a difficult time becoming or maintaining their own non-profit status. NSCF provides accounting and fundraising support in order that the various member projects can accomplish their goals and have us worry about IRS documentation and reporting compliance.

Our family of projects spans the social service spectrum. Through an agreement with the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, we help keeping the water flowing at Fox Spring. Our volunteer network is spreading joy for needy families who receive gift toys and a food box through Santa’s Helpers. We have assisted the Alaska Songbird Institute in becoming its own non-profit.

The Northwoods Book Arts Guild can focus solely on their love of creating books as art rather than building organizational capacity to manage a donor campaign. Do-it-yourselfers can find the tools they couldn’t do without when checking out the Chena Tool Library. We’re spearheading efforts to restore the SS Nenana and revamp a skate park into an Olympic quality venue.

We strive to promote community through public service, encouraging people to be generous, creating opportunities and building capacity for giving back to community.

Come take a look at our family of projects on our website at nscfundalaska.org. Join the conversation with agencies and organizations working to end homelessness in Fairbanks in ten years or help advocate for social services through the Arctic Alliance for People.

This is us. Bridging, building, being community.

Sincerely,

Peter Pinney, Executive Director
2. The foundation provides the organizational capacity for volunteer friends groups and task force networks to accomplish community good. We promote philanthropy through a variety of member projects that focus on individual or family needs while we take care of reporting and compliance concerns of the IRS, state and local governments.

3. Donations will go directly into project accounts to pay for Housing and Homeless Coalition program supplies, maintaining free access to clean water at Fox Spring, supporting the local tool lending library, and improving air quality in winter.

4. n/a

5. NSCF fills a niche, working with small groups that don't have the ability to sustain a non-profit status but are focused on outcomes that benefit the community as a whole: the Fairbanks Housing and Homeless Coalition, Santa's Helpers, Friends of Fox Spring, Northwoods Book Arts Guild, Chena Tool Library, Friends of SS Nenana, Fairbanks Skatepark Coalition, Arctic Alliance for People and our newest member project North Star Smokebusters.
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 our 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: North Star Community Foundation
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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. Yes

Has your organization been a Lend a Hand recipient in the past? If so, when? No

Instructions: Please include a cover letter on your organization’s official letterhead with this form.
1. Please provide your mission statement and a brief summary of your organization’s work.

The North Star Community Foundation (NSCF) improves the quality of life for Fairbanks North
2. How does your work align with Co-op Market’s mission and values?

The foundation provides the organizational capacity for volunteer friends groups and task force

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

Donations will go directly into project accounts to pay for Housing and Homeless Coalition prog

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

n/a

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.

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6. Which month would you prefer us to fundraise for your organization? (Note: We cannot guarantee your month of choice.) No preference. The need is constant.

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.
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. During your advance ruling period, you will be treated as a public charity. Your advance ruling period begins with the effective date of your exemption and ends with advance ruling ending date shown in the heading of the letter.

Shortly before the end of your advance ruling period, we will send you Form 8734, Support Schedule for Advance Ruling Period. You will have 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period to return the completed form. We will then notify you, in writing, about your public charity status.

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.

Letter 1045 (DO/CG)
NORTH STAR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

We have sent a copy of this letter to your representative as indicated in your power of attorney.

Sincerely,

Robert Choi
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Enclosures: Publication 4221-PC
Statute Extension

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