



Our 2 Cents Fairbanks, Inc.

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November 29th, 2019

Attached you will find our completed application for Lend A Hand at The Fairbanks Co-Op Market as well as our 501(c)3 certification Letter from the IRS.

Our organization is passionate about serving the community of Fairbanks and we are grateful for this opportunity and for all The Co-Op does for Fairbanks!

Our 2 Cents Fairbanks Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and our EIN is 82-4865267.

Thank you for your consideration!

Grace Wilson

President, Our 2 Cents Fairbanks Inc.

www.our2centsfairbanks.org



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: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Contact Email: _____

Website: _____

Facebook: _____ Instagram: _____ Twitter: _____

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.

Our 2 Cents Fairbanks Inc. is a local organization with a mission to serve Fairbanks by meeting the needs of Fairbanks' vulnerable populations. One by one we fund local community projects that meet a specific need and enrich our community. Each project is funded by Fairbanks individuals who are sustaining monthly donors and have committed to small, recurring monthly payments. We believe that small change makes a huge difference, we believe in the transformative power of community, and we believe in the importance of neighbors caring for neighbors. On average, our donors give \$10 per month and it has added up to so much good! Each project that is funded and delivered by our organization is documented via photos, blogs, and videos on our website, so that our donors can see exactly how their generous donations have been utilized.

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

Like the Co-Op Market, our organization and our sustaining monthly donors are passionate about serving Fairbanks. We prioritize the needs of vulnerable populations and we work to meet those needs. We also work to strengthen community connections among residents, nonprofit organizations and local businesses.

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

Our 2 Cents Fairbanks has annual community projects to provide for products that are always in need. If Our 2 Cents is selected for The Co-Op's Lend a Hand program, funds will be designated for our annual tampon/pad drive for Fairbanks women, which will provide free feminine hygiene products to women in Fairbanks who are in need.

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

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.

Our 2 Cents Fairbanks is a local organization that encourages residents to subscribe TO Fairbanks, for as little as \$2 per month! Funds are pooled to purchase and provide for real needs in Fairbanks, like diapers for our local women's shelter, home retrofits for disabled Fairbanks residents, fuel grants for Fairbanksans undergoing cancer treatment, new appliances for our local youth homeless shelters, etc.

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

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.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **APR 25 2018**

OUR TWO CENTS FAIRBANKS
INCORPORATED
891 GOLD PAN ROAD
FAIRBANKS, AK 99712-0000

Employer Identification Number:
82-4865267
DLN:
26053507005528
Contact Person:
CUSTOMER SERVICE ID# 31954
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Accounting Period Ending:
December 31
Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
January 30, 2018
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

OUR TWO CENTS FAIRBANKS

Sincerely,

Stephen a. martin

Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements