Co-op Market Grocery & Deli
526 Gaffney Road,
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Dear Fellow Owners,

Since 1947, Fairbanks Concert Association (FCA) has served the Fairbanks community by presenting, promoting and sponsoring artistically and culturally diverse performing arts events, educational and outreach opportunities for Fairbanks and Interior Alaska. We are a grass-roots organization that started small with volunteers and a very small audience base and have grown to our current configuration with minimal staff and an annual impact of approximately 18,000.

FCA puts on highly diverse events in Interior Alaska. We leverage those events in every possible way on behalf of the community and we rely on our community to be able to do that. For many years we have successfully increased our community service in ways I know are appreciated.

I truly believe that this is a time when we all need to work together and protect those things which make our life here worth living and to protect the life that we love. We’d like to think FCA is an important part of that life.

What has meant the most to me has been the opportunity to bring people together in a joyous, community celebration. I love experiencing how everyone gets together over our events. Having the opportunity to watch our artists connect with local students, with those who might not get to attend a concert without help, with rural residents from Fort Greely, Delta and the Denali Borough and to numerous confined populations at social service organizations. I love hearing from a teacher or parent about how having an artist in the classroom made a student easier to reach, a family member of a patient whose soul was awakened through song or feeling the quiet response from the young residents at the Fairbanks Youth Facility. For me this never gets old and never loses its meaning.

It is a busy time for FCA as we reinvent ourselves with some exciting new projects for our first-ever virtual season to make sure the arts are available during this time.

I truly believe that the joy that happens through these events will spread out through our community in ways which are positive and unimaginable and all starting with you.

November 30, 2020
As we continue to find new ways to serve the community, I am asking you to please consider our application. With your help we will keep Fairbanks strong!

Sincerely,

Anne Biberman
Executive Director

Our tax I.D. number: 92-009413
1. Please provide your mission statement and a brief summary of your organization’s work.

To present artistically and culturally diverse performing arts events, and education and outreach opportunities of the highest quality with professional touring artists from around the world. FCA leverages performance events to create opportunities that include rural, military, and social service outreach, education opportunities for K-12, university and community, and creative community engagement projects serving residents throughout Interior Alaska.

FCA offers excellent performances, community enrichment, engagement and involvement, and economic enhancement of our community.

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

FCA and the Co-op Market shares a concern for our community and providing service to every member of it. We certainly share constituency, and our members overlap significantly. We both care deeply about the quality of the products and service we provide the community we serve. We both care deeply about social responsibility. Connection through the arts, through food, and through the environment are all linked to the health of our citizens. This is becoming increasingly important as the pandemic persists.

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

We would use funds in two ways:

1. We are fortunate to have truly dedicated teachers here. We know from conducting surveys that serving our students is a priority for this community. Having been in and out of classrooms with guest artists for years we are sensitive to the needs of teachers suddenly having to conduct classes online. Since the pandemic started, we have produced a series of 20 short videos currently available for free on our website. These were produced in consultation with local teachers.

We have identified 2 other programs we would like to make available to teachers without charge. One is an interactive program developed by the Windsor Symphony Orchestra with components available for all grades. The other is a series being produced by JazzReach, a non-profit dedicated to music education.

2. Our community desperately needs safe contact with each other. As the cold and dark days progress this increasingly becomes a mental health issue. We are working hard at finding ways to connect local communities through performing arts events. With virtual programming presented in a safe platform which allows for interaction between viewers. As it gets warmer, we are hoping to provide drive-in events and are working towards a solution which can be used by groups throughout the community.

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

We’ve not received funding before.

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.

FCA is a joyous, hardworking, outwardly focused, big-picture organization, who adapts to new circumstances, and continues to offer events with professional touring artists and leverage those events to create opportunities that serve our greater community. In everything we do, FCA fosters strong partnerships, builds community, and works hard to bring performing arts to every member of the community.
2021 LEND A HAND APPLICATION
Deadline: November 30, 2020

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 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 Concert Association
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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) nonprofit organization? **yes** If yes, please include certification with application.

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

Which month would you prefer us to fundraise for your organization? **we'd be grateful for any month** 

Note: December is not available. We cannot guarantee your month of choice.
INSTRUCTIONS
Please include a cover letter on your organization’s official letterhead with this form.
Attach a separate sheet with answers to the following questions.

1. Please provide your mission statement and a brief summary of your organization's work.
2. How does your work align with Co-op Market’s mission and values?
3. How will the Lend a Hand funds be used?
4. If your organization has received funding from Co-op Market in the past, please describe how this funding supported your organization and mission.
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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 2021 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.
- 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.

ABOUT FCA

Organization History:

The Fairbanks Concert Association (FCA) began with a single piano recital in 1947 from Russian-born pianist Maxim Schapiro. At a time when Fairbanks was not quite 50 years old, and Alaska wasn’t even yet a state, residents recognized that the arts were an important part of building a community and ensured that Fairbanksans would be able to enjoy first-class events.

Since then, FCA has brought countless performers to Fairbanks including notable classical artists Isaac Stern, Van Cliburn, Jean-Pierre Rampal; Jazz greats Dave Brubeck, Dizzy Gillespie, Wynton Marsalis, Ramsey Lewis, Chick Corea; The Paul Taylor, Martha Graham, Alvin Ailey, Pilobolous, Parsons Dance companies; World music giants Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Eileen Ivers, Bonnie Rideout, the Chieftains and popular artists k.d. lang, Melissa Etheridge, Lyle Lovett, Judy Collins, Bela Fleck, Martin Short, Lily Tomlin and many others.

When visiting artists come to Fairbanks, FCA partners with local groups for educational presentations, workshops, lectures, and master classes as well as outreach to social service organizations and rural communities. FCA works with many other organizations to share the experience of professional artists with local students and those without access.

FCA has flourished because of its dedication to community service, engagement, and inclusion, providing a wide variety of performing arts projects.

FCA offers:

• Excellent performances: We present a wide variety of outstanding performances by 10 - 12 notable artists annually.

• Community enrichment: Through extensive outreach activities, including outreach to Pioneer Home, Denali Center, Fairbanks Youth Facility, Fairbanks Correctional Center, Boys and Girls Club and other social service agencies; to the military through extensive ticket donations and performances on posts as far away as Ft Greely, through rural outreach to Delta Junction and the Denali Borough

• Community engagement: Through a variety of projects connecting back to FCA artists, which offers community members the experience of the artist and makes Fairbanks a more fun, vibrant and inviting place to live.

• Community involvement: Through direct opportunities with the artists we bring here

• Economic enhancement of our communities: By making Interior Alaska more inviting to tourists from both in and out of state, as a recruiting tool for professionals considering moving here, through the support of military and non-profit sector through ticket donations and outreach performances
• **Arts education:** through workshops in the schools, University, and community; through school shows to an avg 5-10,000 students annually

**FCA during the pandemic:**

Creating a shared experience is every bit as important as the art on the stage. Throughout the summer, as COVID isolation persists, so many people have told me: It’s OK now, but I’m really worried about when it gets cold and dark. That time has arrived, bringing with it significant mental health issues.

As humans we yearn to gather. As we reinvent FCA, our main consideration has been what platform to use in order to facilitate connectivity between performer and viewer and the between viewers who need to be able to connect to those watching with them.

On December 20th we plan to present a holiday concert showcasing performers from arts organizations from across Fairbanks and the state, connecting people with their friends and families. The Holiday event aims to raise funds for the arts throughout Alaska. We will drop in surprise guest artists Eileen Ivers and Chloe Feoranzo from Postmodern Jukebox as we go.

As the weather gets warmer we’re working on finding a solution to having a drive-in in the north (where it’s too cold to sit in your car when it’s dark and too light to see once it’s warm enough). Once we figure this out, we can keep it busy, and people safely connected on a weekly basis. I know we can do this.

We are working with Caitlin Warbelow on a Broadway Review, connecting local audiences with great artists from Broadway, which is, of course, also closed.

In addition to virtual events we are working to create materials for use by students, teachers and parents suddenly turned homeschoolers. In May, we produced a series of 20 short videos, now available for free on our website. We are working on modules for elementary, middle and high school, (5 each) with Daniel Wiley and the Windsor Symphony and with JazzReach to produce a series on jazz.

We’ve been so fortunate to get CARES grants to use to pay our staff and rent. We lack funding for programming and are seeking your help with this.

These are a few of our projects for this year.

Your sponsorship will help us continue providing Interior AK with superb artistic, education and outreach programs, provide inspiring music programs for students Fairbanks a more enriched and inspired place. Most of all it will provide connectivity to our now isolated community.

Thank you for considering FCA.
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FAIRBANKS CONCERT ASSOCIATION  

Telephone Number:  
(213) 894-2336  

Refer Reply to:  
91-299  

Date: 1-30-[]  

RE: 92-0094139  
FAIRBANKS CONCERT ASSOCIATION  

Gentlemen:  

This is in response to your request for a determination letter of the above-named organization.  

A review of our records indicates that the above-named organization was recognized to be exempt from Federal income tax in December, 1969, as an organization described in Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3). It is further classified as an organization that is not a private foundation as defined in section 509(a) of the code, because it is an organization described in section 509(a)(2).  

This letter is to verify your exempt status and the fact that the determination letter issued in December, 1969 continues to be in effect.  

If you are in need of further assistance, please feel free to contact me at the above address.  

We appreciate your cooperation in this regard.  

Sincerely,  

[Signature]  

Disclosure Assistant