Dear Ms. Summerlin,

Thank you for your consideration of Fairbanks Resource Agency (FRA) for your 2021 Lend a Hand program. We are confident you will find the vital work we do at FRA aligns with the values and mission of Co-Op Market.

2020 has been difficult for all of us, but none have been more impacted than Fairbanks’ most vulnerable. FRA serves several vulnerable populations including children with complex medical conditions, children and adults with developmental disabilities, and seniors with Alzheimer’s Disease, age-related dementias and frail health conditions. Access to support services has become even more critical than ever to the health and well-being of individuals and families. Health experts predict the pandemic will continue through 2021.

Fairbanks Resource Agency relies heavily on state funding, grant funding and community support to operate. The pandemic has further strained a state budget that was already in deep trouble. Non-profits are competing for finite grant funding. That means FRA is increasingly reliant on community support to continue to deliver vital services to our community members.

Attached you will find our application for the 2021 Lend a Hand program. On page two and three of this letter you will find answers to the application questions. Again, thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Wendy Cloyd
Director of Community Development

November 5, 2020
FRA Mission Statement and Values

Our Mission Statement reads: Fairbanks Resource Agency is a non-profit Alaskan corporation dedicated to assuring that Interior Alaskans with disabilities and their families have equal opportunity to be fully included in the community where education, employment, housing, recreation and family services are available in the same places, at the same times, and with the same respect afforded any member of the community.

It is within our promise that you can see our dedication making sure we carry out our mission.

The FRA Promise

To support an extraordinary life. To expand ability.
To keep families together. To assure a home of one’s own.
To put people to work. To educate about diversity.

To help our elders grow old at home. To share values and shape attitudes.
To champion capability. To improve lives through connections.
To stand behind independence. To frame our future.

Alignment with Co-op Market's Mission and Values

The Co-Op Market's Mission and Values include service, sustainability and social responsibility.

FRA is committed to helping people with intellectual and developmental disabilities have full lives in the community of their choosing. We serve children, adults and seniors by providing home and community based services. We support families and caregivers.

FRA is committed to creating and upholding a system that will take care of our community members long into the future. We help self-advocates have their voices heard and we advocate for the rights of those who cannot speak for themselves. Advocacy has been a part of FRA’s culture from the beginning! It was a group of concerned citizens, advocating for people with disabilities, that founded the agency in 1967.

FRA is part of an international Disability Pride Movement that seeks to change the way people understand and define disability and invites the world to see disability as a natural and beautiful part of human diversity.

"SEE ME! I am your friend, you neighbor, your co-worker and your community member!"
Use of Co-Op Lend a Hand Funds

As mentioned in the cover letter, much of FRA’s funding comes from the State of Alaska and from grant funding. Those funds have specific guidelines for how they can be used. There is always a need for unrestricted funds to supplement FRA programs. Money from Co-Op Lend a Hand would go to supplement our programs. For example:

- **Maintaining access to internet technology in FRA residential group homes during isolation and beyond.** When the pandemic forced us into isolation, many of the 60 individuals that live in FRA group home settings were cut off from the world. We immediately recognized the urgency of obtaining the technology that would connect people to family and friends and allow them to interact in a safe, virtual way with activities. **This cost is ongoing.**

- **Helping seniors maintain independence.** Seniors and families pay for chore services and respite care on a sliding fee scale based on income. A senior might pay as little as $1.00 an hour to receive chore services. Community contributions help bridge the gap in the cost of providing that hourly care.

- **Ensuring a safe, sensory friendly holiday party.** Family Services hosts a gathering just for families with children who have a complex medical condition and/or a developmental disability. The party is a safe, sensory friendly environment. Children can enjoy a meal with their family, play a variety of adaptive games and make crafts designed for every ability. Every child (even siblings) receives a gift from Santa.

**Past Use of Co-Op Lend a Hand Funds**

In 2019 FRA was the recipient of funds from the Co-Op Lend a Hand program. These funds were directed to our Senior Services programs to supplement the cost of providing services (as described above) and to purchase items needed for the program. For example, the Adult Day Center was able to purchase oversized BINGO cards that are easier for seniors to see!

**Elevator Speech**

Fairbanks Resource Agency provides support services for individuals with developmental disabilities, and seniors with Alzheimer’s disease and other age-related dementias. Funds will support FRA programs: Family Services, Residential Services, Employment Services and Senior Services.
2021 LEAN 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.

________________________________________________________
Fairbanks Resource Agency

Name of Organization: ________________________________

Mailing Address: ___________________________________
805 Airport Way
Fairbanks, AK 99701

City, State, Zip: ____________________________ Phone: ________

Contact Name: _______________________________________________________________________
Wendy Cloyd 907-456-8901

Contact Email: wcloyd@fra-alaska.net

Website: ___________________________ Facebook: ___________________________
https://fra-alaska.org/ facebook.com/Fairbanks.Re

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) nonprofit organization? Yes ___________ If yes, please include certification with application.

Has your organization been a Lend a Hand recipient in the past? ___________ If so, when? 2019

Which month would you prefer us to fundraise for your organization? Any month is fine!

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.
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.

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.

WE CHANGED YOUR NAME AND/OR ADDRESS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CORRESPONDENCE. AS YOU REQUESTED, WE'VE MADE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO YOUR NAME AND/OR ADDRESS:

NAME AND ADDRESS PREVIOUSLY SHOWN ON YOUR ACCOUNT
FAIRBANKS REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION INC
805 AIRPORT RD
FAIRBANKS AK 99701-6039051

NAME AND ADDRESS NOW SHOWN ON YOUR ACCOUNT
FAIRBANKS RESOURCE AGENCY INC
805 AIRPORT RD
FAIRBANKS AK 99701-6039051

IF YOU DON'T AGREE WITH THIS CHANGE, PLEASE LET US KNOW.
AIR MAIL

Gentlemen:

Purpose: Address Inquiries and File Returns with District Director of Internal Revenue: Educational and Charitable

Anchorage, Alaska

Form 990-A Required: Yes
Accounting Period Ending: December 31

On the basis of your stated purposes and the understanding that your operations will continue as evidenced to date or will conform to those proposed in your ruling application, we have concluded that you are exempt from Federal income tax as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Any changes in operation from those described, or in your character or purposes, must be reported immediately to your District Director for consideration of their effect upon your exempt status. You must also report any change in your name or address.

You are not required to file Federal income tax returns so long as you retain an exempt status, unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income imposed by section 511 of the Code, in which event you are required to file Form 990-T. Our determination as to your liability for filing the annual information return, Form 990-A, is set forth above. That return, if required, must be filed on or before the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of your annual accounting period indicated above.

Contributions made to you are deductible by donors as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers or gifts to or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes under the provisions of section 2055, 2106 and 2522 of the Code.

You are not liable for the taxes imposed under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) unless you file a waiver of exemption certificate as provided in such act. You are not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act. Inquiries about the waiver of exemption certificate for social security taxes should be addressed to this office, as should any questions concerning excise, employment or other Federal taxes.

This is a determination letter. (See attachment).

Very truly yours,

Neal S. Warren
District Director

For: Lewis J. Conrad
District Director
Anchorage, Alaska

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