November 30, 2020

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

RE: Lend A Hand Program

Dear Kristin Summerlin,

Thank you for the chance to apply to the Co-op Market Grocery & Deli’s Lend A Hand program for 2021. Our organization has benefited greatly from Co-op shoppers rounding up at the register over the past five years. We appreciate the Co-op extending this opportunity to community organizations.

Our mission is to encourage the reuse of materials, the reduction of unnecessary waste, and to provide increased recycling options across Interior Alaska. Recycling in Fairbanks is a choice that every resident makes; it’s a choice to better their community and their local environment. We believe that you and your customers embody this mission everyday through your products, services, and choices. We are happy to be inherent partners during every month of the year.

The donations this year, if Green Star is chosen as a recipient, would help support our major programs: Electronics Recycling, Event Recycling, Village Backhaul and diverse community outreach and education. The pandemic has curtailed many of our public education and outreach efforts, but we are adapting to virtual options and poised to resume in-person events when it is safe to do so. These funds are critical to ensuring electronics continue to be safely and responsibly recycled here in Fairbanks and across rural Interior Alaska communities. Our board, staff, and volunteers demonstrate our mission by providing recycling services at community events including the Midnight Sun Festival and Golden Days.

We look forward to working together to engage our community during the month of April, a time of spring celebration and Earth Week! A healthier, stronger future for our community is made possible with your support and the customers who support you.

Sincerely,

Andrea Miller
Board Vice President
1. Please provide your mission statement and a brief summary of your organization's work.
Organized as a 501(c)(3) in 1998, Green Star encourages the reuse of materials, reduction of unnecessary waste, and increased recycling efforts in Interior Alaska. Green Star accomplishes its mission by processing electronics collected by the Borough and surrounding remote communities for recycling, coordinating event recycling for community events large and small, and providing educational outreach to the Fairbanks area. Green Star has also worked to close the technology gap in the Fairbanks area during the pandemic by providing refurbished laptops, free of charge, to individuals and families with financial hardships.

2. How does your work align with Co-op Market's mission and values?
Like the Co-op Market, we work to improve the health and sustainability of our community. Electronics, fluorescent light bulbs, and microwaves contain toxic heavy metals like lead, mercury, and cadmium. Keeping those materials out of the landfill is important for the health of our community and local environment. We support local computer repair businesses by supplying low-cost hardware to promote reuse; we support local service organizations by donating office electronics and paper we salvage from recycled printers. Also, this year during the pandemic, we are working to get computers into the hands of anyone who is not able to afford electronics for remote learning or other online activities. Green Star has donated over 300 laptops so far, giving students access to the technology they need in order to attend classes and complete homework assignments. We also share a commitment to reducing waste in Fairbanks and actively support the Co-op's efforts to reduce plastic use in our community.

3. How will the Lend a Hand funds be used?
We will use the Lend a Hand funds to support our four main programs:
1) Electronics Recycling: The funds help us sort, process and pay for the recycling of one to two tons of electronics we receive every week from borough businesses and residents through the borough's Central Recycling Facility. The funds will also support our recently launched program to collect fluorescent light bulbs from residents, helping to cover the recycling and labor costs.
2) Event Recycling: The funds will help cover the costs for supplies, materials, and staff time for us to provide event recycling services to some of the largest events in Fairbanks, like the Midnight Sun Festival and the Tanana Valley State Fair. At these
annual events, the efforts of our dedicated volunteers keep large quantities of aluminum, plastic bottles, and cardboard from ending up in the landfill.

3) Education & Outreach: Prior to the pandemic, our goal was to reach 1,000 people per year with our recycling curriculum for middle school students. For the upcoming year, we will continue to explore creative options for reaching these and other outreach and education goals.

4) Village Backhaul: Lend A Hand funds will help cover the cost of transportation and recycling for more Interior villages to participate in our program to backhaul electronic waste from unlined and frequently burned landfills.

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

The Co-op Market’s Lend A Hand program has been a staple fundraiser for Green Star for the last five years. It represents an important part of our donated income stream and is a vehicle for us to raise awareness about the existence of the many recycling opportunities available in Fairbanks. More than just the money raised, having your staff talk to customers about Green Star’s mission and programs each day means that more people know they can recycle in Fairbanks and where they should take their materials. This represents an invaluable outreach program that supports our mission!

Since 2016, with the help of the Co-op’s Market’s Lend A Hand program, we have kept over 460 tons of electronics out of the landfill, recycled 10,000 pounds of cardboard, plastic, and aluminum at large events, presented our recycling curriculum to every middle school in the borough, and kept over 56,000 pounds of potentially toxic electronics out of village landfills around the Interior.

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.

Green Star is responsible for all the electronics recycling and reuse in the borough. You can drop all your recycling off at the FNSB Central Recycling Facility at 1855 Marika Road and from there your electronics are delivered to Green Star for processing. Your funds help divert over 100 tons of toxic electronic waste from Interior landfills each year. They support recycling programs at public events like the Tanana Valley State Fair and the Midnight Sun Festival. By rounding up, you help send Green Star to speak to classrooms, businesses, and other organizations about how and why they should recycle.
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.

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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? Yes If so, when? 2016-2020

Which month would you prefer us to fundraise for your organization? April

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.

Employer ID number: 92-0163048
Form 990 required: YES

Dear Taxpayer:

We're responding to your request dated Feb. 13, 2019, about your tax-exempt status.

We issued you a determination letter in OCTOBER 1998, recognizing you as tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3).

We also show you're not a private foundation as defined under IRC Section 509(a) because you're described in IRC Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors can deduct contributions they make to you as provided in IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts under IRC Sections 2055, 2106, and 2522.

In the heading of this letter, we indicated whether you must file an annual information return. If you're required to file a return, you must file one of the following by the 15th day of the 5th month after the end of your annual accounting period:

- Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
- Form 990EZ, Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
- Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations Not Required to File Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
- Form 990-PF, Return of Private Foundation or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

According to IRC Section 6033(j), if you don't file a required annual information return or notice for 3 consecutive years, we'll revoke your tax-exempt status on the due date of the 3rd required return or notice.

You can get IRS forms or publications you need from our website at www.irs.gov/forms-pubs or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

If you have questions, call 877-829-5500 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.,
local time, Monday through Friday (Alaska and Hawaii follow Pacific time).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen A. Martin
Director, EO Rulings & Agreements