November 30, 2020

Dear Co-op Market,

The Interior Alaska Land Trust (IALT) is a private, non-profit, tax-exempt organization, started in 1995. Our mission is to conserve land north of the Alaska Range for the benefit of the community. We do this by working with Interior Alaska landowners to protect, acquire or manage natural, scenic, recreational, agricultural, historic, or cultural aspects of property. We would be enthusiastic to be a part of the Co-op Market’s Lend-a-Hand donation program.

Increasing our partnerships and presence in the Fairbanks community is a top priority of ours. Educating the public on the importance of land conservation not only increases our support and awareness, but encourages the community to get outside and explore green spaces close to town. Another goal of ours is to continue to conserve properties in two greenbelt regions in Fairbanks: Chena Flats and Goldstream Valley. We will continue to conserve land close to home so that future generations can appreciate and enjoy the same wild spaces that we have access to today.

The Co-op Market’s values, particularly with sustainability and its commitment to the health of both the community and the planet, aligns strongly with our goals. Member donations will go a long way towards us being able to increase our community outreach capacity through fundraisers, school field trips, building strong relationships with landowners, and volunteer coordination. Donations will also help support our stewardship-related duties for conserved properties which includes trail and sign maintenance, trash pick-up, and property monitoring.

We are dedicated to integrity through honest and transparent partnerships. The Interior Alaska Land Trust would benefit considerably from participating in the Lend-a-Hand program, and would be grateful to have the opportunity to work closer with the Co-op Market; we hope that such a partnership would be mutually beneficial. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Owen Guthrie
Board President
Interior Alaska Land Trust
1. Please provide your mission statement and a brief summary of your organization’s work.

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The Interior Alaska Land Trust serves several purposes in the Fairbanks area. Continuing development throughout the community has brought attention to land use issues. The pace of building, though not as frantic as during pipeline days, is beginning to turn the last remaining undeveloped areas into small pockets, and cutting up trails and greenways that people thought were protected.

Private land that people acquired 30 or more years ago has increased tremendously in value. Often these are large parcels, and their owners find that their heirs would be required to sell some of the land just to pay the inheritance taxes. In these cases, the Interior Alaska Land Trust can hold an easement on the land, reducing its estate tax value, protecting open space, or connecting greenways and trails.

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

First and foremost, we are about healthy and sustainable communities - very nicely aligned with the Co-op Market.

Secondly, your values of service, sustainability, and social responsibility could be neatly interchanged with our own. Our values:

- We are committed to the enjoyment, stewardship, and voluntary conservation of land.
- We are dedicated to integrity through honest and transparent partnerships.
- We believe in building community and strive to be responsive and welcoming.

We are a public service organization, serving the public through the creation and stewardship of healthy lifestyle opportunities, and a healthy, sustainable environment for our community to thrive within. We serve landowners and land users. Our goal is to help Fairbanks find sustainable development pathways. All of our agreements and efforts are founded in socially responsible strategies for our collective well being. Service. Sustainability. Social Responsibility - these are a good fit with IALT.
3. How will the Lend a Hand funds be used?

We are an all-volunteer organization. Our working board is entirely volunteer and our one part-time employee is funded entirely through a US Fish & Wildlife Service grant. Donations go to land conservation through acquisitions and through the establishment of easements. We also work on a variety of access projects including trail and trail-head improvement projects.

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 have not received funding from Co-op Market in the past.

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.

Want to help conserve green spaces and public trails in Fairbanks - forever? The Interior Alaska Land Trust helps ensure that Fairbanks retains its wooded character and provides access for all-season recreation.
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: Interior Alaska Land Trust
Mailing Address: Same as above.
City, State, Zip: 

Is this a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization? Yes. No. If yes, please include certification with application.
Has your organization been a Lend a Hand recipient in the past? Yes. No. If so, when?
Which month would you prefer us to fundraise for your organization? March! :) 
Note: December is not available. We cannot guarantee your month of choice.
Join us!

We depend on you as we work to protect the places that make Fairbanks special

Name:________________________________
Address:________________________________
______________________________________
Email:_______________________________

Yes! I want to become a member of the Interior Alaska Land Trust.

☐ $25 Friend
☐ $50 Caretaker
☐ $100 Steward
☐ $500 Guardian
☐ $1000 Benefactor
☐ Other Donation _________

Payment method:
☐ I’m including a check made out to the Interior Alaska Land Trust
☐ I’ve paid on your website (www.InteriorALKLandTrust.org)

I would like to learn more about:
☐ Conserving my land
☐ Volunteering
☐ Other:

Thank you for your support! All gifts and memberships are tax deductible.

Please detach and mail to:
Interior Alaska Land Trust
PO Box 84169
Fairbanks, AK 99708
Who are we?

The Interior Alaska Land Trust is a Fairbanks nonprofit that works with private landowners to conserve land. We protect open space, trails, and wildlife habitat for the benefit of the community and future generations.

Since 1995, the land trust has protected over 1,250 acres in the Fairbanks area.

Why protect land in Fairbanks?

As Fairbanks continues to develop, we are losing some of the trails and open spaces that make our community such a wonderful place to live. We believe that being able to see a moose or go for a walk from your backyard is what makes Fairbanks so special. The land trust is working to protect open spaces that are important to the community, while also working directly with landowners who want to see their property protected forever (public access is not required).

Protected Land

Much of the land conserved by the Interior Alaska Land Trust is open to the public, and we’d love for you to explore it! Maps and more info can be found on our website, www.InteriorAKLandTrust.org

Get Involved!

Become a member of the Interior Alaska Land Trust! Benefits include:

- The satisfaction of helping to protect the natural character of the Interior
- Our annual newsletter
- Interior Alaska Land Trust sticker
- Joining our mailing list
- A voice in major land trust decisions

Conserve Your Land

Do you have a strong connection to your land and want to see it protected from development, now and forever?

We work closely with landowners to find the best solution for you, from a conservation easement to a land donation.

Conservation easements are legally binding agreements between a landowner and the land trust that permanently limit uses of the land in order to protect its conservation values. The land can be sold or transferred, but future owners will be bound by the terms of the easement. The land trust will visit the property every year to make sure that the conservation values are being upheld. Often, placing a conservation easement on your property results in tax benefits. Get in touch to learn more!
Dear Applicant:

Our letter dated April 1996, stated you would be exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and you would be treated as a public charity during an advance ruling period.

Based on our records and on the information you submitted, we are pleased to confirm that you are exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code, and you are classified as a public charity under the Code section listed in the heading of this letter.

Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, provides detailed information about your rights and responsibilities as an exempt organization. You may request a copy by calling the toll-free number for forms, (800) 829-3676. Information is also available on our Internet Web Site at www.irs.gov.

If you have general questions about exempt organizations, please call our toll-free number shown in the heading between 8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Eastern time.

Please keep this letter in your permanent records.

Sincerely yours,

Lois G. Lerner
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements