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Co-op Market
526 Gaffney Road
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Dear Kristin Summerlin,

Thank you for reviewing our application for the Co-op Market Lend-A-Hand program.

I believe the Northern Alaska Environmental Center is deeply aligned with the values of the Co-op Market. Our work to combat climate change, improve local air quality, and stop the threat of pollution from extractive industries all promotes health and sustainability. We have a fifty year history of protecting northern Alaska through grassroots organizing, successful litigation, and supporting dynamic, community-led sustainability solutions. Additionally, we hold Indigenous rights and equitable relations as a core value. One of our newer programs, Sovereign Iñupiat for a Living Arctic, is taking radical steps to educate and advocate for environmental protection holistically with *Iñupiaqatigiigñiq*: Traditional Iñupiat Values at the core of everything they do.

We hope to use the funds from the Lend-A-Hand program in our general operations, supporting our mission to promote conservation of the environment and sustainable resource stewardship in Interior and Arctic Alaska through education and advocacy.

Thank you,

Christin Swearingen (she/her)
Events and Development Coordinator



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1. Please provide your mission statement and a brief summary of your organization's work.

Promoting conservation of the environment and sustainable resource stewardship in Interior and Arctic Alaska through education and advocacy. The Northern Alaska Environmental Center is a trusted watchdog organization that advocates for protecting special places and holding extractive industries accountable.

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

Our work directly improves the health of our community and planet. Like the Co-op Market, we center justice and equity in all of our relationships. The Co-op Market's commitment to community giving, to supporting local farms and producers, and to transparent management practices is very much in alignment with our vision for Alaska.

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

These funds will provide support for our three main programs: Arctic Program, Climate Change & Energy, and Clean Water & Mining. Along with donations from individual donors, these funds will help support education and events to serve our program work.

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

Donations from community giving programs like those we've received from Lend-A-Hand in 2015, 2017, and 2019 support our general fund, and give us the dexterity to respond to unexpected expenses that serve our mission. For example, these funds allow us to fly a constituent from rural Alaska to meet with their representative, or print a banner or informational materials for a community to share with their neighbors. They allow us to rent space for a local author to share their work, or, these days, to pay our Zoom and internet fees and hold digital space for important conversations.

5. What is your elevator pitch?

The Northern Center is a local environmental organization that advocates for Indigenous-led protection of the Arctic Refuge and northern and Interior Alaska. They also support Fairbanks programs like Camp Habitat and Solarize Fairbanks.





2022 LEND A HAND APPLICATION

Deadline: November 30, 2021

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: Northern Alaska Environmental Center

Mailing Address: 830 College Rd.

City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, AK, 99701

Contact Name: Christin Swearingen Phone: 907-452-5096

Contact Email: events@northern.org

Website: northern.org Facebook: www.facebook.com/northerncenter

Instagram: www.instagram.com/thenortherncenter Twitter: twitter.com/northerncenter

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? 2015, 2017, 2019

Which month would you prefer us to raise funds for your organization? March

Note: December is not available. We cannot guarantee your month of choice.

INSTRUCTIONS

A. Please include a cover letter on your organization's official letterhead with this form.

B. *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 2022 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 jpeg 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, charities 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.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 30, 2021.

Internal Revenue Service

Date: November 2, 2004

Northern Alaska Environmental Center
830 College Rd.
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Department of the Treasury
P. O. Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201

Person to Contact:

John Kennedy ID 31-07927
Customer Service Representative

Toll Free Telephone Number:

8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. EST
877-829-5500

Fax Number:

513-263-3756

Federal Identification Number:

23-7438038

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in response to your request of November 2, 2004, regarding your organization's tax-exempt status.

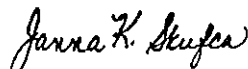
In March 1975 we issued a determination letter that recognized your organization as exempt from federal income tax. Our records indicate that your organization is currently exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Our records indicate that your organization is also classified as a public charity under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Our records indicate that contributions to your organization are deductible under section 170 of the Code, and that you are qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Internal Revenue Code.

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely,



Janna K. Skufca, Director, TE/GE
Customer Account Services