

TANANA VALLEY WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

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

Since 2006, TVWA has attempted to improve the health of the Tanana Valley Watershed through community education and involvement, environmental restoration, and collaborative research in a positive, equitable, and inclusive manner. Most of this work has involved a mini army of Fairbanks volunteers who also believe that keeping our waters clean and healthy will ensure a higher quality of life - not only for the residents of the Golden Heart City, but also all of the animal life that inhabits the same area.

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

TVWA is also a service organization, focused on protecting and enhancing the water-based environment which serves the entire Fairbanks community. All of its directors and other volunteers also serve with dedication on a gratis basis.

TVWA also seeks to sustain its financial health in order to create solutions to ongoing and pending Tanana Valley Watershed problems, such as urban pollution and loss of habitat that adversely impact the health of both our human community and the wildlife that share our part of this world.

TVWA's Board of Directors are committed to the idea that the organization's actions must benefit not only the city of Fairbanks, but also the Interior region of Alaska - as the Tanana Valley Watershed is part of the much larger American/Canadian Yukon River system - in a socially just and responsible manner that involves everyone, all the time.

Bottom ethical line: TVWA is also driven by the concepts of self-help, self-responsibility, solidarity, equity, democracy, openness, honesty, social responsibility and caring for others.

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

All funds will be used to pay the bills for much needed operational services, such as phone, internet, accounting and filing fees, without which TVWA cannot continue to operate. Such expenses are not covered by most grant funds.

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

TVWA has never received any funding from the Co-op Market.

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.

Since 2006, TVWA has been the only non-profit in Alaska's Interior solely dedicated to improving the quality of the waterways that all of us - including all wildlife - depend on

every day. All the money that you so kindly donate will be treasured and used to make sure that TVWA continues to carry on this mission.