

Answers To Coop Marketplace Lend-A-Hand application questions

1a. Mission Statement & Summary of Our Work

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.

The Interior Alaska Land Trust has conserved over 2600 acres in the Fairbanks area. This land is available for greenspace, wildlife habitat, wetland values, and in most cases, public recreation. We are especially proud of our work in the Goldstream Valley, where we have connected the scattered parcel owned by the State as part of the Goldstream Public Use Area, with other conserved parcels, creating a continuous Goldstream Greenbelt from near Fox to Sheep Creek Road. Although there are still parcels in Goldstream that IALT that we are still working to conserve, we now provide the public with a non-trespass trail through the valley that cannot be blocked.

The Land Trust has also conserved a greenbelt in the Chena Flats area at the base of Chena Ridge that stretches from Roland Road to the Tanana River. We have worked further upstream in the Cripple Creek area across from Woodriver School. We have been working with the US Fish & Wildlife Service for over 10 years to improve salmon habitat in this portion of the Lower Cripple Creek.

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

We appreciate the mission of the Co-op market and believe that our common goals of sustainability, democracy and community service are a comfortable match.

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

We will use the funds for interpretive/educational signs and information for our properties.

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

Not applicable – the Interior Alaska Land Trust has not received funding form the Co-op Market in the past

5. Elevator Pitch for cashiers

“Would you like to round up to support the Interior Alaska Land Trust to conserve land for recreation and wildlife?”