

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

*To present, promote and sponsor artistically and culturally diverse performing arts events and educational opportunities of the highest quality from around the world.*

- It is our desire to connect everyone in our Interior AK community to the artists we bring here. In doing so, we have come to celebrate the coming together of community. We know that for some in our community this isn't always possible due to distance, circumstance, or finance.
- We work with you to make a difference. We've lowered our prices in the hope that more will be able to attend. We created outreach programs so that everyone can experience the elation that comes from a live performance, bringing our artists into the classrooms, or the children to the artists for affordable live shows.
- Ticket sales are less than 40% of our annual budget. The rest comes from a partnership with the community we serve. This includes grants from local foundations, corporate sponsorship with local businesses, membership donations and our Education Partnership annual appeal.

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

- FCA thrives to support and bring diversity to our community through the performing arts, often giving our students a sense of representation often lacking in Fairbanks.
- Every show we make a point of offering free tickets to families and individuals with lower income that would otherwise not be able to attend the performances. This includes the Boys and Girls club, Senior centers, Boy/Girl Scouts, Big Brother and Big Sister's Club, Youth Corrections, and families in the foster care system.
- We offer access to all the Fairbanks North Star Borough's Schools with yearly school shows, as well as outreach workshop in the schools. Now that the pandemic has lessened, we hope to schedule shows in remote communities again such as Healy, Delta, Nenana.

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

- All our outreach into the schools is at our own cost, and so we would greatly benefit from your donation to support our efforts: staff time, logistical costs to make those happen (such as local transport and catering for the artists, as well as additional hotel room nights at times).

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

- I am new to FCA since July and have not found any record of FCA receiving funds from the Coop before. Please let us know if I am wrong, and I will be happy to dig further and explain how the funds were used.

**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.**

- The Fairbanks Concert Association is a not-for-profit that brings artistically and culturally diverse performing arts to the Interior and works hard at creating educational opportunities for our students.
- They give back by offering free workshops with the artists in our schools, as well as complimentary tickets for those with lower means in our community.
- They also have an ongoing relationship with the local military bases offering them tickets. They have also offered [theater workshops to tackle PTSD](#) and trauma for our veterans.