

Alaska Center for Climate Assessment and Policy Small Grants Program
Building resilience and climate adaptation capacity in regional and statewide nonprofit organizations serving Alaska Native peoples.

The Alaska Center for Climate Assessment and Policy (ACCAP) is accepting applications for climate adaptation funding through the **ACCAP Small Grants Program**. Based at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and operating in Alaska since 2006, ACCAP is one of 11 Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessments (RISA) Programs funded by the Climate Program Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Our vision is healthy and thriving Alaskan communities, economies, and ecosystems in a changing climate. Our mission is to conduct innovative and collaborative research and engagement to inform climate policy, decision-making, and action for a just and sustainable future. More information about ACCAP can be found at <https://uaf-accap.org/>.

Who is Eligible?

Statewide and regional non-profit organizations that serve Alaska Native peoples are eligible to apply. This includes the twelve regional Tribal non-profit organizations, as well as statewide or regional non-profit organizations serving Alaska Native peoples and communities in areas of justice, equity, sovereignty, health, and/or land and resource management.

Amount Available: \$163,000

We anticipate providing two-three awards of \$35,000 - \$50,000 per year for one year, with the possibility of a one year no-cost extension. The University, in conjunction with the US Arctic Research Commission, reserves the right to determine the number of awards, amount of awards, and projects selected for award at its discretion. **Any overhead rate is at the discretion of the proposing organization.**

Start Date: September 1, 2022

Goals and Objectives of the ACCAP Small Grants Program:

- Enhance capacity for resilience and adaptation to climate change. This includes, but is not limited to, the areas of health and wellness, workforce development, environmental data and monitoring, planning, and grant-writing.
- Develop leadership within the organization or region for addressing climate challenges.
- Build relationships and mutual learning between climate scientists at ACCAP and organizations. Build awareness of ACCAP products and services
- ACCAP anticipates that these relationships will help fulfill a long-term goal to develop future collaborative research projects and provide organizations with access to the most relevant and up-to-date scientific information in a format and with a process that is relevant and accessible.

Eligible Activities:

Successful proposals will be targeted at activities that enhance the capacity of the organizations to meet the needs of the communities that they serve in the areas of response, resilience, and adaptation to climate change. Successful proposals will also build relationships with ACCAP and utilize ACCAP information or resources. Allowed activities include, but are not limited to:

- Funding toward a climate resilience coordinator
- Activities related to climate action or adaptation planning and/or the implementation of existing climate action or adaptation plans. This includes:
 - Developing and/or implementing combined climate, resilience, adaptation, and related workforce development or climate work included in Comprehensive Economic Development (CEDS) plans;
 - Integrating climate adaptation plans with other required planning efforts;
 - Implementing existing climate adaptation plans; and
 - Updating or expanding climate action plans in light of the latest information.
- Citizen science projects to collect data of local and regional interest and relevance. We are especially interested in supporting data collection that may be used to illustrate the impacts of and support adaptation to environmental change as it relates to the quality and availability of food, water and/or energy
- Activities that build local and regional capacity for climate change adaptation including supporting well-being and healing from trauma, networking with organizations in other regions, and training for grant-writing

Sub-contracts will not be allowed. ACCAP involvement is required. See below for available ACCAP tools, resources, and areas of expertise.

Have a Question?

Contact: Dr. Adelheid Herrmann (acherrmann@alaska.edu), 907-229-5519

To Apply:

Required for application are a narrative of proposed work, budget, and budget justification.

1. Please submit an 8-10 page narrative of the proposed work. Sections should include:
 - Description of your organization including vision, mission, how long you have been operating, climate change related work accomplished in the past 3 years, and current staffing capacities.
 - Description of regional or state-wide need for or relevance of this work

- How will you use the funds?
 - Who will do the proposed work?
 - How will your proposed work advance your organization's goals and mission?
 - How will your proposed work dovetail with other activities that you do?
 - How do you anticipate working with ACCAP and our resources?
 - What are your anticipated outcomes and deliverables from the proposed work?
2. Please submit a budget that includes organizational overhead, if any. (Any overhead rate is at the discretion of the proposing organization.)
3. Please include a narrative budget justification.

Applications should be sent via email to: Dr. Adelheid Herrmann (acherrmann@alaska.edu)

Proposal Review Criteria:

The following criteria will be used to evaluate proposals:

- Does the proposed work add value to the proposing organization or complement the organization's existing goals, structure, and projects?
- Does the proposed work advance ACCAP's goals and mission?
- Is the proposed work clearly described?
- Does the proposed work add capacity to the organization to adapt to climate change?
- Is the proposed work regionally significant?
- Does the proposing organization demonstrate capacity to administer the funds and complete the proposed work?
- How well do the proposed project costs match with scope of work?

Awardee Responsibilities:

- Organizations selected must be willing to enter into a subcontract with the University of Alaska, accepting both the University's terms and conditions and any applicable flow down provisions from the NOAA award that funds ACCAP.
- All recipients will be expected to participate in at least one workshop for networking and mutual learning.
- Recipients must also be willing to cooperate with ACCAP on an evaluation of this small grant project.
- Other reporting requirements will be detailed when awards are selected.

Timeline:

<i>Informational Webinar / Q&A Session</i>	Weds, March 9, 10:00am Alaska Time <i>To register for the webinar, please visit https://uaf-accap.org/event/smallgrants-2022</i>
<i>Proposals Due</i>	April 30, 2022, 5:00pm Alaska Time
<i>Proposals Selected</i>	No later than June 1, 2022

**Project duration is for one year, with the option of a one year no-cost extension.
Dates are subject to change.**

ACCAP Areas of Expertise and Support Resources Available

- Workforce development as it relates to climate change and adaptation, including suggestions for building climate adaptation in conjunction with workforce development.
- Well-being and healing from trauma related to climate change to build capacity for climate adaptation and action.
- Ongoing and expected changes in high-impact climate and weather in Western Alaska
- Building equitable research partnerships between scientists and communities.
- Supplementing climate research with ongoing and innovative outreach and engagement activities and integrating multiple sources of knowledge.
- Networking and links to relevant resources for climate related funding, scientific information, and other resources.

ACCAP Tools and Resources in Adaptation Planning

- AdaptAK: <https://adaptalaska.org/>, Alaska Sea Grant & ACCAP Coastal Community Resilience program (Contact Davin Holen for more information: dlholen@alaska.edu)
- Alaska State-wide Temperature Index: <https://uaf-accap.org/tools/alaska-statewide-temperature-index/>
- Community Wind Data: <https://uaf-accap.org/tools/community-wind-data/>
- Historical Alaska Sea Ice Atlas: <https://uaf-accap.org/tools/sea-ice-atlas/>
- Weather and Climate Highlights Map: <https://uaf-accap.org/tools/wcht/>
- Webinar Series: <https://uaf-accap.org/events/about-accap-webinars/>