

Community and Neighborhood Watch Grants

The Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development is pleased to announce the availability of Community and Neighborhood Watch Grants. A total of \$75,000 is available, as appropriated in the capital budget for state fiscal year 2019 (FY19).

The purpose of this grant program is to support and expand community and neighborhood watch activities in the state of Alaska.

Eligible entities, including community and neighborhood watch groups and municipalities, are encouraged to submit applications for grants which will support these activities.

Application documents are available online at:

[Solicitation-Community and Neighborhood Watch Grants 9.18.18.pdf](#)
[FY19 Community and Neighborhood Watch Grant Application.pdf](#)
[CAA/Community and Neighborhood Watch Grants Application Instructions.pdf](#)

If you would like an application packet mailed to you, contact Robert Pearson, Manager of Community Aid and Accountability, at 907-465-5541 or CAA@alaska.gov. The application period for these grants is through December 1, 2018. To be considered for funding, applications must be postmarked or received by December 1, 2018 and submitted to the Juneau office of the Division of Community and Regional Affairs at:

Attn: CAA Manager
State of Alaska
Dept. of Commerce, Community and Economic Development
Division of Community and Regional Affairs
PO Box 110809
Juneau AK 99811-0809

Or

A .pdf file of the application received by email by 4:30 pm, December 1, 2018 at:
CAA@alaska.gov Please use "CNWG Application" as the subject line.

Applicants that receive funds from the State of Alaska will be required to submit financial and/or progress reports with backup documentation for all expenditures of grant funds.

Community and Neighborhood Watch Grants Program Information

Background: The State of Alaska capital budget for State Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19), SB 142, appropriated \$75,000 for “Community and Neighborhood Watch Grants for Named Recipients (AS 37.05.16) or Municipalities (AS 37.05.15) (House Districts 1-40).” The grant program is being administered by the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Community and Regional Affairs (DCRA).

In general, the definition of “community and neighborhood watch” is a group that partners citizens with law enforcement agencies in an effort to reduce crime. To be eligible for these grant funds, a private citizen community and neighborhood watch group must be an entity:

- With non-profit registration with the Internal Revenue Service (an Employee Identification number (EIN)) OR an Alaska business license.
- That certifies it possesses legal authority to accept grant funds from the State of Alaska and to execute the project described by the grant application.
- With officers and a governance structure, and by-laws that specify the purpose of the organization is community/neighborhood watch activities.
- With a bank account in the organization’s name.
- In cooperation with a law enforcement agency, a local governing body (municipality, village council, tribal council, etc.) or community organization (community council, etc.) with jurisdiction in the operations area of the applicant.

To be eligible for these grant funds, a municipality, village council, tribal council, etc. must have:

- A designated group that meets the above criteria for grant eligibility

Entities applying on behalf of a community/neighborhood watch group will be required to pass through 100% of grant funds to the designated group.

Requested amounts of between \$2,000 and \$10,000 (inclusive) will be accepted. Grants will not be issued until after the application period has closed. Requests may be partially funded.

The period for grant applications extends through December 1, 2018. All applications will be reviewed between January 1 and 15, 2019 and awards announced January 31, 2019. If all of the grant funds have not been awarded after the application period has closed, an additional application period will be noticed.

The distribution of these grant funds may extend beyond FY19. Grant funds must be expended within one year of award.