

# **EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE UPDATES**



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# CURRENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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# COMMITTEE / STAFF ACTIVITIES

**Committee met 1 time from February 2025**

2/3 Disability Innovation Fund Presentation at ASSEC

3/21 Work Matters Task Force Meeting

3/26 MatSu Employer Expo

4/10 Employment Presentation at Full Lives





# PROJECT SEARCH

Final reporting for 23-24 cohort: FBX achieved 100% and MatSu 70-90 % employment award outcomes. Total 14 interns achieved employment

Current 24-25 cohort: 16 interns, 10 already employed.  
Graduations finishing this month, (final MatSu graduation 5/15) final employment outcomes due Feb 2026.

July 2026 Project SEARCH National Conference in Austin, TX  
Accepted for presentation.





# MICROENTERPRISE GRANTS

Support self-employment for Alaskans with Developmental Disabilities by serving on  
Microenterprise Grant Committee

Review, input, and provide recommendations on Microenterprise Grant Applications.  
Grant Applications are processed 2x per year

Most Recent Application Period:  
9 applicants – 1 TBI/MI, 1 DD, 4 MI, 1 MI/Addiction, 1 DD/MI, 1 TBI

**8/9 Applicants \$39 K awarded**  
**Application reviews held April 16/17, 2025**

Next application period in Fall 2025

*\*\*Goal is to increase the number of DD grant awardees\*\**



# QUESTIONS?

Thank you!

