

ALASKA PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION FY27

Use this form to apply for the Alaska Public Library Assistance Grant. Applications are available at the beginning of the new year and must be submitted by April 1.

Instructions are found in the PLA Guidelines found on the Alaska State Library Grants web page: <https://lam.alaska.gov/library-grants/pla>

Eligibility requirements for the Public Library Assistance Grant according to Alaska Statute and Code may be found on the Alaska Library Law web page: <https://lam.alaska.gov/library-law>

- **Alaska Statutes: Article 03 Library Assistance Grants Sec. 14.56.300. - 14.56.340.**
- **Alaska Administrative Code: Article 2: Library Assistance Grants 4 AAC 57.050. - 57.099.**

A. Library

Library Name: Aniak Public Library

Library Email Address (if available): aniakcitylibrarian@gmail.com

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 189 Aniak, Alaska 99557

Physical Address (if different from mailing): 189 Boundary Ave.

Fax Number (if available): N/A

Library Type(s) (please check all that apply)

Public School Special Academic Museum Archive Tribal

Name of Legal Entity, Governing Body, or Nonprofit: _____

Fiscal Year (FY) of Legal Entity (Check one for financial and reporting purposes):

Same as State Fiscal Year, July 1 to June 30 (FY2027 or FY27 is July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027)

Legal Entity Fiscal Year (i.e. January 1 to December 31): _____

B. Contact Information

Designated Library Director

Name: Lenore Kameroff

Job Title: City Manager

Phone: 907-675-4481

E-mail: cityofaniak@gmail.com

Financial or Second Contact

Name: Charlotte Phillips

Job Title: City Clerk/Treasurer

Phone: 907-675-4481

E-mail: aniakcityfinance@gmail.com

C. Schedule

Each library facility is required to have trained staff (paid or volunteer) and provide free library services to all residents of the facility's legal service area on a regularly scheduled basis for at least 48 weeks per year and three days per week for a specific minimum of hours per week as indicated in **Sec 4 AAC 57.064. Public Library Assistance grants; Eligibility.**

When will the library be open to the public each day?

Monday: _____

Tuesday: _____

Wednesday: _____

Thursday: 2-6pm

Friday: 2-6pm

Saturday: 1-4pm

Sunday: _____

Number of hours the library is open to the public each week: 11

Number of weeks the library is open to the public per year: 52

If open fewer than 52 weeks, the weeks will your library be closed: _____

D. Budget

Fair Value Rate for Volunteer Labor: Volunteer value can only be claimed for the total number of hours the library is open for the entire year, even if more than one volunteer is present. Use the Value of Volunteer Time for Alaska according to the Independent Sector at <https://independentsector.org/resource/value-of-volunteer-time> of \$35.51. The calculation would be: Hours Per Week x Weeks Open Per Year x \$35.51 = value to enter in A3.

Match: The Total Budget column for section **B. Collection** should add up to \$3,500 to demonstrate the library meeting the collection match requirement. If the Local Matching Funds column totals \$7,000 or more, still only request \$7,000 in the PLA Grant Funds column.

Financial Summary

Category	Subcategory	Local Matching Funds	PLA Grant Funds	Total Budget
A. Personnel	1. Wages	29663	2660	32323
	2. Benefits	2835	840	3675
	3. Volunteer Value			0
B. Collection	1. Books (print)		500	500
	2. Subscriptions (print)		500	500
	3. A/V		500	500
	4. Digital Materials/Online Services		1000	1000
	5. Initial \$500 Spent on ISP		500	500
	6. Games, Toys, Software, Tools, Equipment, and other items for patron use		500	500
C. Other	1. Building Operations	2500		2500
	2. Furniture, Equipment, Computers & E-Readers			0
	3. Travel			0
	4. Supplies			0
	5. Services (not ISP)			0
	6. ISP Fees Paid Beyond the \$500 listed on Line B-5			0
	7. All Other Unreported Expenditures			0
D. Total	Totals	34998	7000	41998

E. Basic Services

Each public library that receives the Alaska Public Library Assistance grant is required by **Alaska Statute: Article 06. Requirements for Public Libraries. AS Sec. 14.56.400.0.** to provide four basic library services free of charge to the residents of the municipality or community. Please answer the following questions for each of these four required services, even if you do not plan to use grant funds for that service. **If necessary attach additional pages.**

Provide a collection of books and other materials for loan – How will your library collections be increased or improved? What activities will you undertake to achieve your objectives? Will staff receive training in this service area? How will you evaluate improvements to your library collections? Please be specific.

The library's objective is to improve more children turnout by hosting movie and story nights monthly. We encourage the children to use the chrome-books when they visit the library. Staff needs to be trained to assist patron to access the available e-books sites including the state overdrive system. We will base our improvements to our collections by the items requested by patrons.

Provide access to interlibrary loan (ILL) services – How will ILL service be increased or improved? What activities will you undertake to achieve your objectives? Will staff receive training in this service area? Do you plan to use the 800# ILL and Reference Backup Service in Anchorage to provide ILLs to your patrons? (See box below.) How will you evaluate improvements to ILL services? Please be specific.

Our goal this year is to regain and re-familiarize the community with the ILL process. The staff will continue to provide information about using the services and promote public awareness of the ILL services.

Provide reference services – How will reference services be increased or improved? What activities will you undertake to achieve your objectives? Will staff receive training in this service area? Do you plan to use the 800# ILL and Reference Backup Service in Anchorage to provide reference answers to your patrons? (See box below.) How will you evaluate improvements to reference services? Please be specific.

The library will use 800# and reference back-up services in Anchorage. The library staff will increase patron knowledge of services by posting flyers that outlines the services in Aniak and use the references back-up services n Anchorage. We will also send out newsletters that will highlight the information that can be used to provide APL to encourage and increase patron ILL services. The staff will keep a count of reference requests.

Provide reading and/or educational programs for children – How will children’s programs be increased or improved? What activities will you undertake to achieve your objectives? Will staff receive training in this service area? How will you evaluate improvements to children’s programming? For combined school public libraries, what programs are you planning for preschool children? Please be specific.

The library staff will start a story and movie nights 2-3 times a month, hoping that will increase the number of children that come to the library. We just purchased new movies and getting ready for pre-school books to help children get ready for school. Library staff will try different projects with children to get more involvement.

F. Additional Material

If you have branches, please fill out the **Branch Library or Bookmobile Addendum** and attach to the grant application.

If you are a New Library or Reopening Library, please fill out the **New or Reopening Library Addendum** and attach it to the grant application.

These forms are available on the Alaska State Library Grants web page: <https://lam.alaska.gov/library-grants/pla>.

G. How to Submit

Once you have completed this application please obtain the necessary signatures and submit it to the Alaska State Library by April 1.

We do not need the original document. Scans or copies are also acceptable.

Scan/email (preferred) application to eed.library.grants@alaska.gov

OR

Mail application to Grants Coordinator, Alaska State Library, PO Box 110571, Juneau, AK 99811

OR

FAX application to 907-465-2151

Applications are reviewed by the Grants Coordinator after submission. Libraries will be contacted if there are questions about grant eligibility. If your library meets the requirements for the PLA Grant, you will receive an email with your official award paperwork.

H. Signatures

This application MUST have two signatures from two different people.

This grant application is a legal document committing your library to a specific course of action including ensuring the library meets all eligibility requirements for the grant. A full list of eligibility requirements is listed in the PLA Grant Guide and will also be included with the award paperwork.

Designated Library Director:

Print or Type Name: Lenore Kameronoff

Job Title: City Manager

Date: 03/25/2026

For the Legal Entity:

Print or Type Name: David Bonanno

Job Title: Mayor

Date: 03/30/2026

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Due by April 1!

Questions? Contact the Grants Coordinator by email eed.library.grants@alaska.gov or phone, 907-465-2271