

# City & Borough of Juneau Community Funding Request

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## Basic Information

Name of Requesting Group or Organization	Juneau Community Foundation
Summary of request (sentence or phrase)	Additional funding for social service programs through the Juneau Hope Endowment/CBJ Social Service Grant process for 25-30 nonprofits in Juneau providing vital community services.
Amount of request	\$500,000
Assemblymember Sponsor	Maureen Hall
Is this a request for a one-time event, purchase or grant match?	We request increased annual funding for the CBJ Social Service Grant program. In addition to the current CBJ funding for this combined grant program, the Juneau Community Foundation provides approximately \$1.1 million annually. Additional funding is needed to meet the vital social service needs in our community, due to new challenges, significant increases in costs, and more people seeking services.
Does this request provide monetary support for the group's ongoing or operating expenses?	Yes, this funding provides annual program and operating funding distributed by the Foundation through the Juneau Hope Endowment/CBJ Social Service Grant Program to 25-30 social service organizations, including: AWARE, Alaska Legal Services, Disability Law Center, Gastineau Human Services, NAMI Juneau, JAMHI Health & Wellness, Family Promise, The Glory Hall/Housing First Collaborative, Polaris House, SAIL, SERRC, St. Vincent de Paul, Zach Gordon Youth Center and Youth Shelter, Alaska Aids Assistance Association, Hospice program, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Catholic Community Services, Juneau School District student health program, Southeast Alaska Food Bank, Kin support Project/Spruce Root, and United Human Services.
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## 1. Funding Request (Project) Title (Suggested heading):

Increased Funding for the Juneau Hope Endowment/CBJ Social Service Grant Program

## 2. Project description and benefit. Describe the project (in half a page or less), including specific aspects of the funding request and project. Explain how the project will benefit the community. What sector(s) of the community will this project benefit and/or serve?

The \$500,000 for the Juneau Hope Endowment/CBJ Social Service Grant program will provide critical additional funding, through a collaborative and efficient process, for nonprofits that offer essential health and social services in Juneau. These funds are needed because in recent years vital community service programs have experienced increasing costs and staffing due to increased demand, stemming in part from the number and the clients they see. To meet some of these increases requires an increase in the funds available for our capable and efficient social service nonprofits. This grant program, which began in 2016,

will distribute approximately \$1.1 million from the Foundation and \$1,659,900 through the CBJ Partner Grant in FY26.

These additional funds will benefit the community by addressing the highest social service needs to ensure that nonprofits can continue to serve vulnerable populations in the areas of greatest provider concern, particularly in the areas of housing, mental health and substance misuse treatment. While this program directly benefits individuals living in Juneau who seek services from social service agencies, it also benefits our entire community. Some of the consequences of not providing additional funding could include the emergency shelter reducing daytime service hours; many fewer youth and adults receiving direct mental health intervention and wait time for these services increasing; families losing their housing and others unable to find housing; food insecurity increasing; and higher personnel turnover leading to decreased services in this area.

3. Plans and progress. Describe (in one or two paragraphs) what has been accomplished so far (if anything) toward this project's or funding's goal. This may include studies, designs, grant application status, fundraising activity, and total funds raised to date.

Since 2016, the City & Borough of Juneau has partnered with the Juneau Community Foundation to oversee the grant process, ensuring that funding priorities align with community needs. The Foundation employs a structured review process that includes collaborative Listen & Learn meetings to determine funding priorities, discussions with applicants, evaluations by a Professional Advisory Committee, and grantee reporting. This process ensures that funds are directed effectively to the most pressing social service needs. The Foundation submitted our Partner Grant application to CBJ in December, and it has been included in the Manager's proposed budget. Since then, the Foundation has held collaborative Listen & Learn sessions with nonprofits to gather further information on funding gaps and community needs.

The CBJ funds make possible essential services in our community, including adult overnight and day shelter, food for those in need, mental health services, housing assistance, civil legal support, substance misuse treatment, assistance to victims of violence and vulnerable individuals, suicide prevention education, youth shelter, overdose prevention, assistance for people with disabilities, and adult education. The Foundation has committed an additional \$200,000 to meet this year's needs.

4. Project support. Is the project supported in CBJ or other community plans (List where the project is mentioned or supports concepts in planning documents such as the Assembly Goals, Legislative Priorities, CIP Plan, etc.)

This project aligns with CBJ Assembly Goals and Legislative Priorities by addressing critical health and social service needs. The Hope Endowment/CBJ Social Service Grant Program is an established and recognized funding mechanism within CBJ's budgeting process. The Assembly last increased base funding for the program in 2022 by approximately \$550,000. Additional funding is critical to first, make sure current level of services are not lost, and second, to best meet rising community demands.

5. Goal of project. In one sentence or less, state the goal of the project. For example "economic development" or "improve non-motorized transportation routes."

Ensure support for vital essential services in Juneau are in line with increasing demand for these services and the cost of providing them.

6. Total cost:

A. TOTAL COST (including funds already secured) = \$3,475,867

B. Amount Secured (including funding sources) = \$2,975,867

Breakout of Funding Sources:

\$1,658,900 CBJ Social Service Grants (CBJ FY26 Budget – anticipated)

\$1,116,967 Juneau Hope Endowment and other Foundation Funds

\$200,000 Feeding Juneau Kids – Additional Foundation Funds to meet FY26 needs

C. Remaining funding needed = \$500,000

7. Timeline: Indicate when you hope to complete the project.

Funds will be distributed through the Juneau Hope Endowment/CBJ Social Services Grant program as part of the 2025 grant cycle, with awards made to recipient nonprofits upon approval of the CBJ budget. The timeline for this project is consistent with the CBJ fiscal year (FY26). Organizations would receive additional funds to be used in the beginning of FY26.

8. Physical Location. Please provide the address or physical description of where the project is located.

Physical location of where the CBJ grant will go is the 350 N. Franklin St., #4, Juneau, Alaska 99801. The the Foundation will distribute the grant to nonprofit organizations operating throughout Juneau, with services benefiting residents across the community.