

City & Borough of Juneau Community Funding Request

Basic Information

Name of Requesting Group or Organization	United Way of Southeast Alaska
Summary of request (sentence or phrase)	Establish and Maintain a Juneau Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)
Amount of request	\$40,000.00
Assembly member Sponsor	Alicia Hughes-Skandijs
Is this a request for a one-time event, purchase or grant match?	No
Does this request provide monetary support for the group's ongoing or operating expenses?	Yes
Primary contact individual for this group	Loren Jones
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1. Funding Request (Project) Title (Suggested heading)

Working Together to Prepare for and Recover from Disasters

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?

A Juneau Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) is the early stages of development, with a goal of creating a structured but flexible network where organizations can contribute their strengths while maintaining their independence. Rather than a single entity directing disaster response, this approach allows organizations to collaborate, coordinate and communicate effectively to serve the community.

United Way of Southeast Alaska (UWSEAK) is the lead entity for this project. Cooperation, Communication, Coordination and Collaboration are the guiding principles of its activities in establishing and sustaining a Juneau VOAD. A smaller group of major stakeholders is assisting UWSEAK with planning meetings; member recruitment and retention; and developing disaster prevention, response and mitigation protocols.

This project benefits the entire city and borough of Juneau. UWSEAK is dedicated to whole community engagement and recognizes that all sectors of our diverse community must work together throughout the disaster cycle – preparation, response, recovery and mitigation. Disasters occur without regard to location,

demographics, sex, age, disabilities, and religion. This project will also decrease or prevent duplication of efforts.

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.

Activities completed to date include 1) identifying potential sources of funding (to date, we have secured \$5,000 from the Filipino Community and \$5,000 from Alaska Airlines; 2) hosting an initial organizational meeting; 3) working with the Alaska Fellows Program to identify staff responsible for implementing Juneau VOAD activities and pair her or him with professional mentors; and 4) drafting a community capacity survey,

CBJ Assembly Funds will be used to 1) conduct a capacity assessment survey of community organizations, nonprofits, and faith-based groups to better understand how Juneau can be more prepared and coordinated in times of disaster; 2) conduct administrative and organizational activities (i.e., determining liability for volunteers and agencies, liaising with statewide VOAD, securing emergency plans; of organizations, developing structure along Incident Command System guidelines 3) plan and hold a kick-off meeting of interested entities to discuss the VOAD movement, best practices and benefits; lessons learned from previous disasters; and develop goals related to preparation, response, recovery and mitigation; 4) establishing standing and ad hoc committees (i.e., membership, communications, donations and volunteers, training and education, mass care, long-term recovery); and 5)developing strategies to sustain momentum over time(i.e., hosting training, scheduling member tours, setting up presentations).

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.

CBJ 2016 Emergency Operations Plan and the All Hazards Mitigation Plan (2012) each speak to various groups not part of CBJ like Red Cross and Salvation Army and emergency volunteers.

State of Alaska Emergency Operations Plan 2024 in Annex O mentions the role of VOAD's in managing Volunteer and Donations. The goal of Volunteer and Donation ,management is to match offers with needs.

RED Cross best practice is to build, manage and maintain partnerships to respond and augment Red Cross resources during a disaster. Partnerships extend RED Cross ability to respond

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."

Disaster Preparation, Response, Recovery and Mitigation

6. Total cost:

A. TOTAL COST (including funds already secured) = \$50,000.0

B. AMOUNT SECURED (include funding source) = \$10,000.00

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

It is anticipated that Project Activities #1-4 will be completed by January 31, 2026 – hopefully in advance of another disaster hitting Juneau. Sustaining the Juneau VOAD will require CBJ resources on an ongoing basis.

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

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