



## Alaska State Council on the Arts

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# RECOVERY ACT ARTS GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE TO ALASKA ORGANIZATIONS

The Alaska State Council on the Arts (ASCA) is announcing the availability of \$250,000 in grants to organizations through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Called “Alaska Art WORK Grants”, the funds are Alaska’s share of the stimulus package from the National Endowment for the Arts.

The **Alaska Art WORK Grants** have a narrow focus. Funding is limited to salary support or artistic contracts for positions critical to the mission of arts and culture organizations that are in jeopardy or have been lost because of the current economic climate. The maximum grant award amount is \$21,000.

According to Charlotte Fox, Executive Director of the Alaska State Council on the Arts, “We know that Alaska is often behind the rest of the U.S. when it comes to economic cycles, but the nonprofit community in Alaska has already been hit hard by the reduction in support from major private foundations and donors”, said Ms. Fox. “These grants are one time only opportunities which will provide a bridge for Alaska arts organizations until they are able to develop sustainable long term funding alternatives.”

Deadline for applying is July 24, 2009, with grant notification scheduled for September 1. Qualified organizations that have received a grant from ASCA since 2004 are eligible to apply, and priority will be given to those organizations that are strong artistically and administratively with a broad service to their community. The funding and reporting rules are strict for these grants, so organizations should not apply unless they can document their losses and are capable of meeting quarterly financial reporting requirements.

The grants are available on the ASCA website at [www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca](http://www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca). Organizations are urged to contact the Alaska State Council on the Arts before applying.