

COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Why a Community Foundation for Palmer? The concept of a community foundation is an ingenious one. It's a means to build, over time, an endowment fund for a community through contributions large and small. Palmer Community Foundation (PCF) is a vehicle for people of all means to make a lasting difference in our town. PCF can provide donors with flexible and efficient ways to ensure their giving achieves the greatest possible impact.

Because all contributions are endowed, they are never spent. Instead they are permanently invested to produce income. The income earned is then offered through grants to address the needs and opportunities for Palmer as they change over time. PCF does not conduct projects of its own, but rather it supports new and existing programs of local nonprofits, agencies and citizens. This is philanthropy in its broadest sense.

Palmer Community Foundation is focused on long term solutions implemented by a local advisory board. With the investment expertise of our parent organization, the Alaska Community Foundation (ACF), we can leverage our resources to provide grants that YOU deem most important. Palmer Community Foundation is a dynamic entity that can respond to the wide variety of ideas and interests of community members united in a common purpose – the bettering of Palmer for today and into the future! Join us.

Palmer Took the Challenge and PCF Met Our 2018 Goal! Thanks to 40 individuals and businesses, PCF qualified for a dollar-for-dollar match from the Rasmuson Foundation. Thanks especially to Turkey Red and NonEssentials for donating a portion of their earnings for PCF. Thanks, also, to the Palmer Economic Development Authority for having faith in Palmer's future economic development through a large gift to the PCF. We have a 2019 goal of \$30,000. We welcome your investment in continuing to make Palmer a good place to call home.

What Kinds of Grants Should PCF Give? What about a civic center in Palmer? Or can we improve our community by investing in trails that are surrounded by public art? Can we get together to support local foods? How might we increase programs for youth? These are all ideas that were generated by a group of nonprofit leaders in the November 2017 meeting sponsored by the Palmer Community Foundation.

Organized into five categories: arts & history, environment, safety/security, health/wellness, and recreation, these projects may require years of planning and large amounts of money. Some might be achieved more easily. In any case, growing the endowment of the Palmer Community Foundation gives more flexibility in grant making and is a step toward building our future. Together we can make Palmer even better.

Last year, Palmer Food Bank applied their grant to new shelving to organize and better serve their clients, while the Palmer Soccer Club will build a kiosk to support youth soccer. This year's grant applications will open in February 1st and close March 7th. To apply, visit our website at Palmercf.org.



PCF's Advisory Board is comprised of local volunteers who live, work and play in Palmer.

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INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY

\$100,000

Matching Grant

Right now, Palmer Community Foundation has an incredible opportunity to raise up to \$100,000 by receiving dollar-for-dollar matching funds from ACF and Rasmuson Foundation. Every dollar that is donated to PCF's endowment fund before the end of 2020 will be matched.

PCF supports the work of local nonprofits, and the community, through grants from permanent endowments. Your donation to an endowment at PCF is protected and grown, and the earnings are used in an ongoing, sustainable manner to support the causes you care most about in the Palmer area.



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