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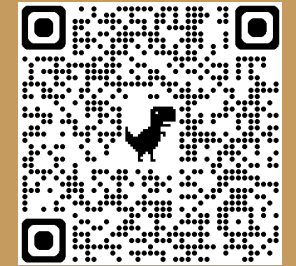
Community Dedication \$1,000,000 Endowment: November 2025

Credit: John Rusyniak

Fall 2026 Grant Cycle Information Session September 17, 2026 – 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

The Fall 2026 Grant Cycle
is now OPEN and
accepting applications!

- Find the application and additional information on the fund website:
<https://manhchoh.com/mccf/>
- Or scan the QR code below to go right to the application:



Agenda

History and Purpose of the Manh Choh Community Fund

Grant Process, Key Milestones, and Deadlines

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Fund Advisory Committee and MCCF Team

Spotlight: Successful Past Applicants

About The Fund

- ❖ Founded in 2025, Manh Choh Community Fund (MCCF) was **created through a \$1 million legacy gift from Kinross to the Alaska Community Foundation (ACF).**
- ❖ This gift fulfills Kinross’ promise to **provide lasting support to communities in the Manh Choh mine’s benefit footprint, ensuring resources remain even after the mine closes.**

MCCF funding is focused on the following areas:



**Community
Health, Safety,
and Well-being**



**Cultural
Enhancement
and Historical
Preservation**



**Economic
Development
and
Sustainability**



**Educational
Opportunities**



**Environmental
Protection and
Conservation**



**Infrastructure
Improvements**

Fall 2026 Grant Size and Terms

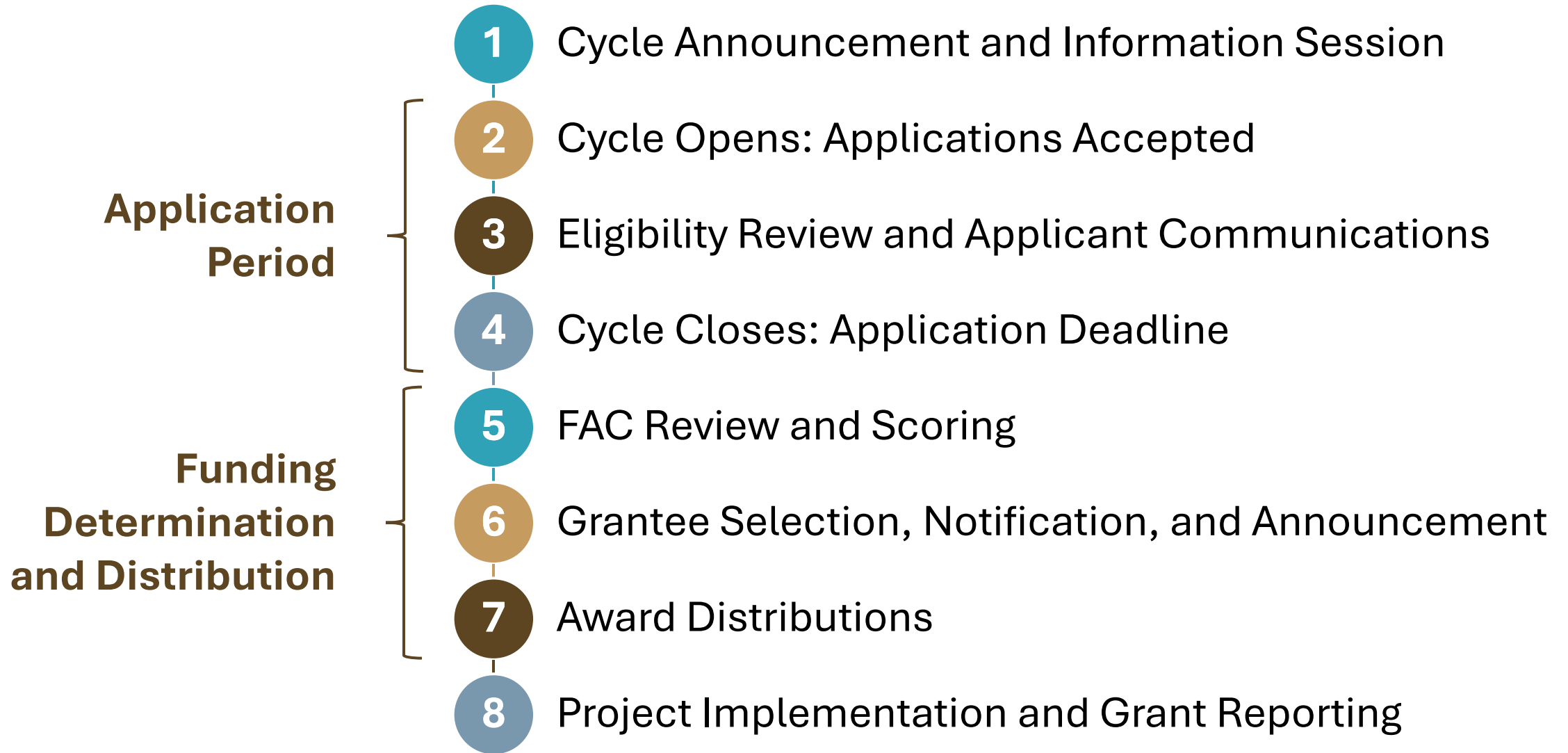
Funds Available	\$100,000
Typical Grant Size	\$3,000-5,000

- Grant requests of all sizes accepted.
- Number and size of grants depends on funds available and number of applicants.
- Partial funding is possible.

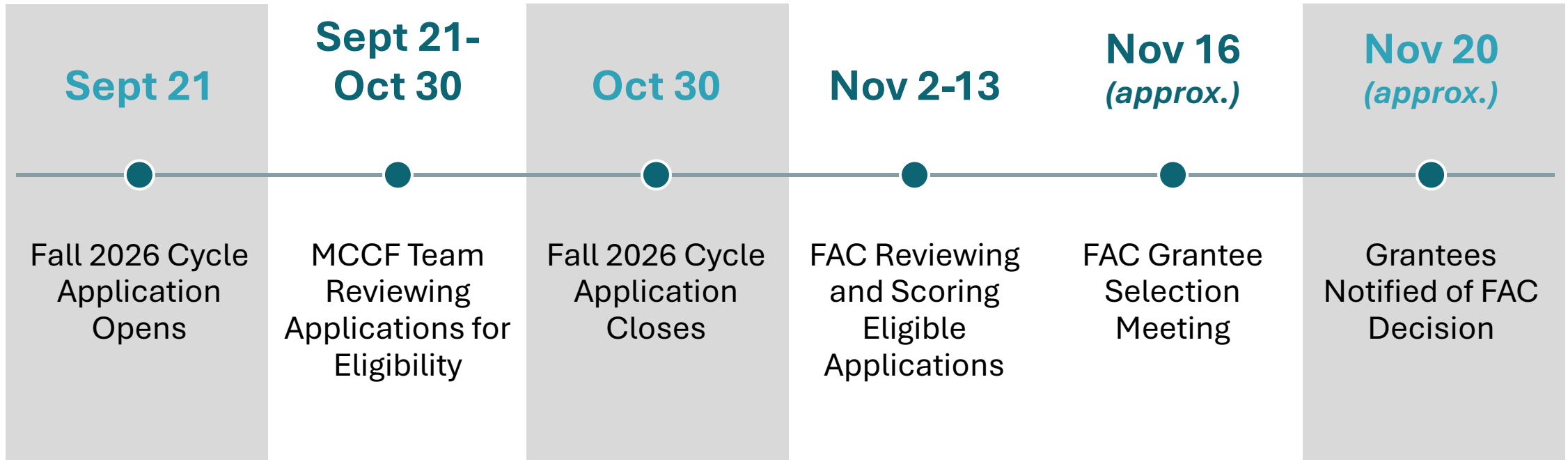
Grant Process, Key Milestones, and Deadlines

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Grant Process – Simplified



Fall 2026 Cycle Key Dates



-  = Applicant Deadlines / Key Dates
-  = Funding Cycle Administration

Application and Eligibility Requirements

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Application: Introduction and Tips

Before You Start:

1. Open or print the **Fund Guidelines** and refer to them as you complete the application (link available in the application).
2. Have the following **documents / information** close by:
 - **EIN / Tax ID**
 - Confirmation of **501(c)3 status**
 - Project **budget**

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Grant Application

Thank you for your interest in the Manh Choh Community Fund Fall 2026 Grant Cycle.
Before completing your application, please review the [fund guidelines](#)

Please direct all questions to grants@manhchohcommunityfund.org.

* Indicates required question



Tips for Using and Navigating the Application Portal

Navigation buttons – “Next” can only be used after all required questions have been answered. “Back” allows you to revisit previous questions, does NOT clear entries.

Status bar – note what information is needed on each page in case you need to come back later.

Clear form – deletes all information from the whole form, cannot be undone.

The screenshot shows a navigation bar with the following elements from left to right: a 'Back' button, a 'Next' button, a progress bar (a blue segment followed by a grey segment), the text 'Page 2 of 7', and a 'Clear form' button. Three arrows point to these elements: one from the 'Navigation buttons' text to the 'Back' button, one from the 'Status bar' text to the progress bar, and one from the 'Clear form' text to the 'Clear form' button.

Application: Applicant and Project

Page 2 collects basic information about the Applicant and Project.

- ★ You'll need to list a contact person along with their email and phone number to serve as the **primary point of contact for the application**.
- ★ This person should be available to field questions about the organization, application, and project.

Applicant and Project Information

Name of Project / Request *

Your answer

Organization Name *

Your answer

Contact Person *

Your answer

Contact Email *

Your answer

Phone Number *

Your answer

Mailing Address *

Street, City, State Zip

We'll come back to this one.
(See slides 14-15)

Please confirm your 501(c)3 charitable status. *

Please see the [fund guidelines](#) for eligibility details.

Note that [501\(c\)4](#), [501\(c\)6](#), and [501\(c\)7](#) organizations are NOT eligible for funding.

- ☐ 501(c)3 Charitable Organization
- ☐ K-12 School
- ☐ Local Government Entity / Public Agency
- ☐ Religious Organization
- ☐ Tribal Entity
- ☐ We are submitting in partnership with a 501(c)3 Charitable Organization

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Application: Community Benefit

Community Benefit is one of the scoring categories and is worth 5 points during the review period.

- ★ Applicants that articulate a clear benefit to the communities in the region and / or their residents are more likely to receive higher scores.

“*Support from this grant will help Elders and youth gather, learn, and preserve our cultural traditions, sustaining the legacy of Batzulnetas for generations to come.*”

- Batzulnetas Culture Camp, Mentasta Traditional Council,
Spring 2026 Grant Recipient

Which communities will benefit from this project? *

Select all that apply

- ☐ Delta Junction
- ☐ Dot Lake
- ☐ Healy Lake
- ☐ Mentasta
- ☐ Northway
- ☐ Tanacross
- ☐ Tetlin
- ☐ Tok

Why is this project important to these communities right now? *

500 characters max

Your answer

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Application: One-Time vs. Ongoing Initiatives

Lasting Impact and Sustainability is one of the scoring categories and is worth 5 points during the review period.

- ★ Applicants that clearly describe the anticipated long-term or sustained impacts of their project are more likely to receive higher scores.
- ★ One-time initiatives are most competitive when they can articulate clear long-term impacts.

”
“
Project P.A.W. delivers both immediate and long-term benefits. It improves animal welfare and public safety while empowering youth and strengthening the future workforce of our communities.

- Project P.A.W., Alaska Gateway School District, Spring 2026 Grant Recipient

Is this a one-time or an ongoing initiative? *

One-time Initiatives: Defined project with a clear start and end date. Funding supports a specific event, purchase, upgrade, or short-term effort.

Ongoing Initiatives: Recurring projects or programs that operate continuously or annually and require sustained support.

☒ One-time Initiative

☐ Ongoing Initiative



One-time Initiatives

For one-time initiatives, what sustained impact will it have? *

Your answer

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Application: Funding and Budget

Project Budget

Please include costs and other funding sources for your project.

Please include dollar amounts only, no text explanations should be included in these responses.

Use the 'final item' at the end of this section to include any explanation or details.

All dollar amounts should be entered as whole numbers (do not include commas or \$ signs).

Total Funding Request from MCCF *

Your answer

Total Applicant Contributions (in-kind, cash) *

Your answer

Amount from Other Sources (Partners, Grants, Etc) *

Your answer

Please note the instructions on the Project Budget section.

Total Project Amount *

Your answer

Is funding needed in the next six months? *

The Manh Choh Community Fund operates annual grant cycles. If funds are not required in the next six months, your application may be deferred to the next grant cycle.

☐ Yes

☐ No

This should not stop you from applying! This helps us make the best and most efficient use of funding over the long-term.

Budget narrative can go here.

Please include any additional budget or fund request details here

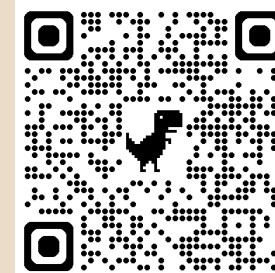
Your answer

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Eligibility Requirements



Scan here to
find the Fund
Guidelines.



What We Fund

501(c)3 Organizations	Option to partner with a 501(c)3 to serve as your fiscal sponsor
Programs & Initiatives	Multi-year or ongoing efforts that provide lasting community benefit
Projects	Defined activities with a clear start and end date
Events	One-time events may be considered, but preference will be given to proposals with long-term community impact
Capital and Equipment	Modest capital or equipment purchases that directly support program delivery

What We Cannot Fund*

501(c)4 Organizations	Civic leagues, social welfare organizations, local employee organizations
501(c)6 Organizations	Business leagues, chambers of commerce
501(c)7 Organizations	Social clubs (e.g., hunting, sports, recreation)
Religious Programming	Faith-based organizations may apply for funding to support secular community activities, programs
Overhead, Debt, Past Expenses	General operating or administrative expenses, deficit reduction, debt repayment, expenses already incurred

* Projects that support partisan political activity or discriminate on the basis of protected categories (e.g., race, gender, orientation, age, disability) will not be considered for funding.

Eligibility Requirement: 501(c)3 Status

How do I know what type of charitable organization my nonprofit is?

Options to Check On Your Own:

Review your “**IRS Determination Letter**,” to confirm your organization’s status.

Search the IRS database:

<https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/>

- **If you know your EIN**, select “Determination Letters” to locate your IRS Determination Letter.
- **If you don’t know your EIN**, select “Search All” and you can search by organization name.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
DISTRICT DIRECTOR
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: SEP 05 1997

Employer Identification Number: 84-1386759
DLN: 17053132002007

MAPLETON HOME ASSOCIATION
2635 MAPLETON #14
BOULDER, CO 80304

Contact Person: EO CUSTOMER SERVICE
Contact Telephone Number: (213) 894-2289

Accounting Period Ending: December 31

Foundation Status Classification: 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

Advance Ruling Period Begins: May 13, 1996

Advance Ruling Period Ends: December 31, 2000

Addendum Applies: No

Dear Applicant:

Based on information you supplied, and assuming your operations will be conducted in accordance with the purposes stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined that your organization is exempt from federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3).

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Tax Exempt Organization Search

Select Database ?

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Search All

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Auto-Revocation List

Determination Letters

Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

Copies of Returns (990, 990-EZ, 990-PF, 990-T)

RESET SEARCH Search Tips

Search By ?

Employer Identification Number (EIN)

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Search Term ?

Enter EIN Number

Country

United States

No luck?

Contact the project team,
we’re happy to help!

Scoring and Selection Process

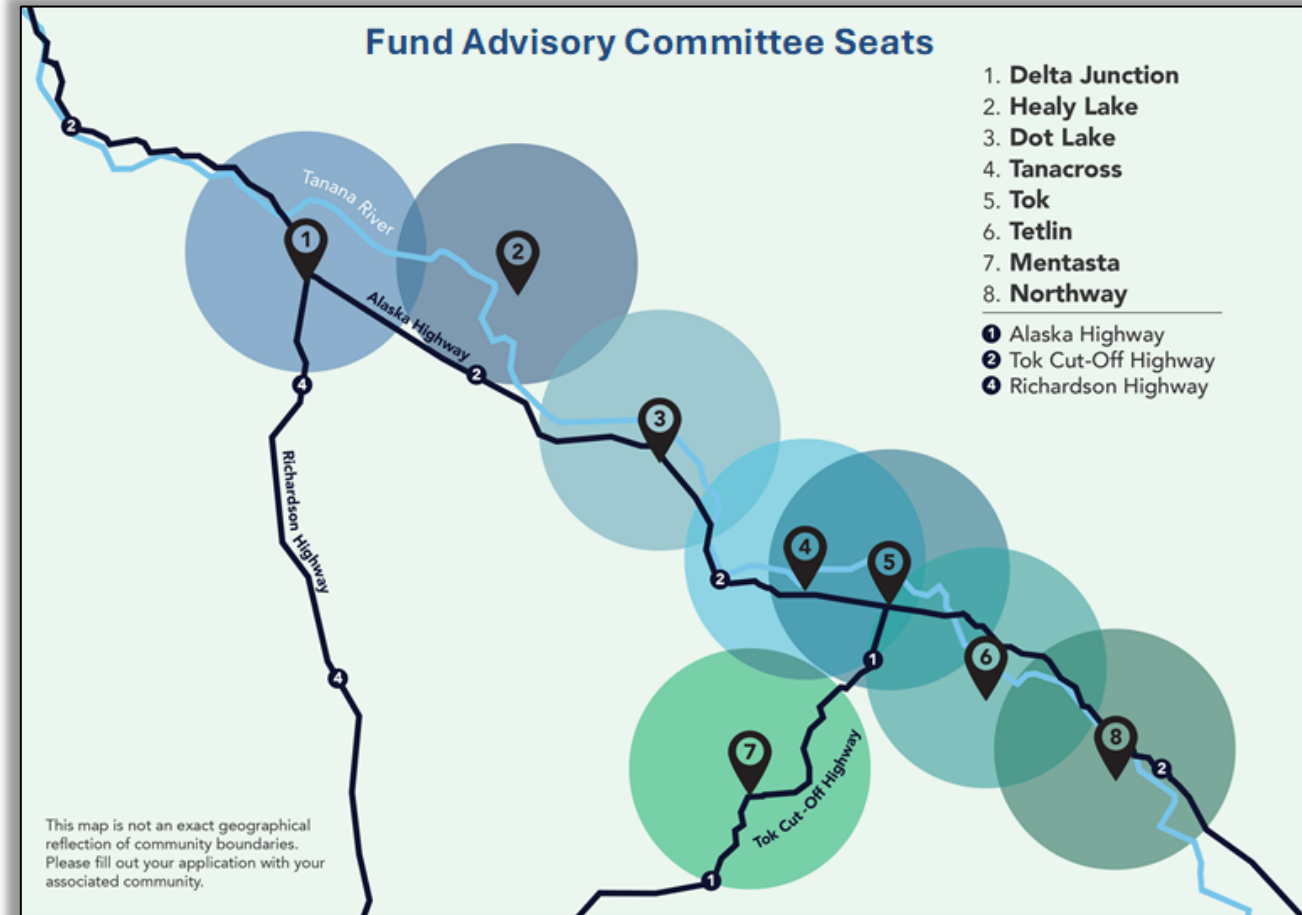
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Fund Advisory Committee (FAC)

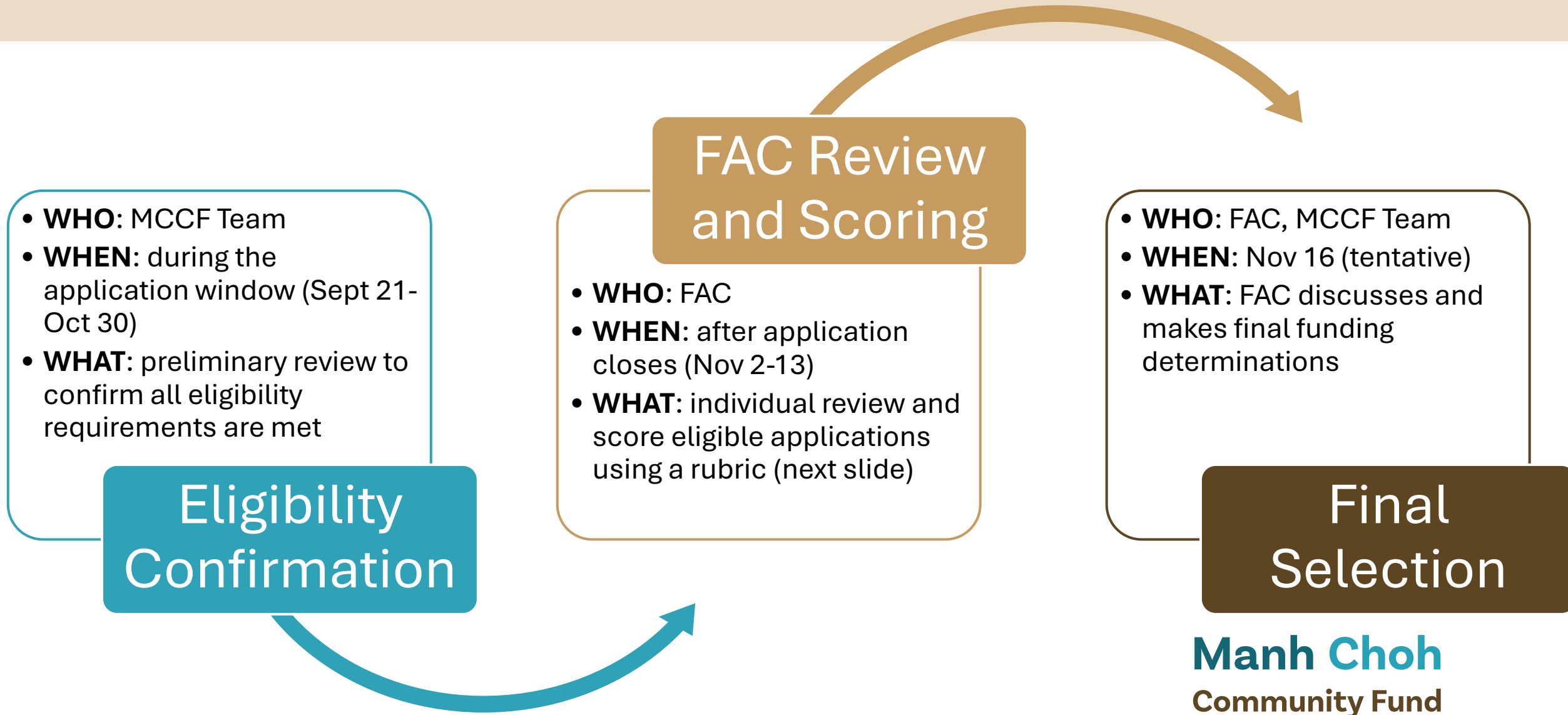
The FAC guides MCCF's grantmaking process to ensure decisions are fair, transparent, responsive to community priorities, and aligned with the Fund's mission and guiding principles.

- ★ Review and score grant applications.
- ★ Participate in FAC discussions about applications and community benefit.
- ★ Recommend grant awards.
- ★ Consider needs, opportunities, and benefits of projects across the entire footprint (not just the area the member represents).
- ★ Apply evaluation criteria consistently, fairly, and objectively.

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Selection Process Summary



FAC Scoring Rubric

#	Scoring Category	1 Low	2	3 Mid	4	5 High	Score										
1	Project Description and Clarity Does the applicant clearly describe the project/program, including goals, activities, and purpose?	1 ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	4 ☐	5 ☐	SCORE _____										
2	Community Benefit and Relevance ("Why Now?") Which communities will benefit, and why is this important?	1 ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	4 ☐	5 ☐	SCORE _____										
3	Alignment with Fund Priorities (Focus Areas) Does the project align with one or more of the Fund's focus areas?	1 ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	4 ☐	5 ☐	SCORE _____										
4	Lasting Impact and Sustainability Is this a one-time event or an ongoing initiative? Will there be a lasting impact?	1 ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	4 ☐	5 ☐	SCORE _____										
5	Collaboration and Support Are there partnerships or outside funding? Could this project be funded by others?	1 ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	4 ☐	5 ☐	SCORE _____										
6	Feasibility and Readiness Is the project realistic and ready to move forward? Is the budget reasonable?	1 ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	4 ☐	5 ☐	SCORE _____										
TOTAL SCORE (Maximum: 30)							_____										
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Applications are reviewed and given a score of 1-5 in each of six categories for a total of up to 30 points.

- ★ **Individual FAC Scoring Rubric:** FAC Members review applications and score them according to these criteria.
- ★ **Individual FAC Funding Recommendation:** Based on both the Total Score and the Category Scores, FAC Members make a funding recommendation.

Final Selection Meeting

Applications Summary

MCCF team summarizes and packages application details to inform the Selection Discussion.

Averaged Scores

MCCF team averages scores from individual FAC Score Sheets to generate preliminary ranking.

FAC Discussion

FAC reviews scores and preliminary ranking and discusses key topics to reach consensus on final application ranking.

Funding Recommendation

The FAC discusses how best to allocate funds and makes final funding recommendation.

Example Discussion Topics from Spring 2026 Cycle

- Funding for repeat applicants
- Funding for organizations with operations outside MCCF footprint
- Partial funding for projects with requests that exceed the \$5,000 maximum

Funding Recommendation

At the Final Selection meeting, the FAC discusses preliminary ranking of applicants and recommends funding decisions:

- Full funding
- Partial funding
- Defer to future round
- Decline



Nearly all applicants were recommended for funding in the Spring 2026 Cycle, for a total of \$99,956 in funding allocated.

Tier Ranking	Funding Recommendations
Tier 1: Strong Fund Candidates <i>(average score ≥ 23)</i>	• Recommended for full funding. • May be recommended for partial funding if request exceeds funding cap (\$5,000 in Fall 2026 Cycle).
Tier 2: Fund / Partial Fund Candidates <i>(average score 20-22.9)</i>	• Considered for full funding. • Applicants with lower scores may be recommended for partial funding if funds are running low from Tier 1 and stronger Tier 2 applicants.
Tier 3: Consider with Caution <i>(average score 15-19.9)</i>	• Applicants with higher scores may be considered for full or partial funding. • May be deferred to future funding round if funds fully allocated in Tiers 1-3.
Tier 4: Low Scores / Significant Concerns <i>(average score <15)</i>	• May be deferred to future funding round if funds fully allocated in Tiers 1-3. • May be declined if application receives a very low score.
Automatic Decline	• Applicants that do not meet eligibility criteria will be declined.

Communications and Expectations



Notification of Award – *by November 20, 2026*

- **MCCF Team** will email the point of contact for each application with final decision – full funding, partial funding, deferral, or decline.
- **Applicant point of contact** should acknowledge receipt of this communication.



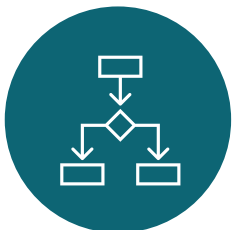
Funding Distribution – *about 2 weeks from executed Grant Agreement*

- **Grantees** sign Grant Agreements and confirm payment information.
- Funding check is cut by ACF and mailed to Grantee.



Implementation and Performance Period – *kicks off with funding*

- **Grantee** implements project and tracks outcomes and impact.
- Significant changes to intended use of funds must be requested in writing by the **Grantee** and approved by **MCCF Team**.



Grant Reporting – *one year from funding*

- **Grantee** submits brief summary of how funds were used.
- Include description of project outcomes and community impact.

Spring 2026 Cycle Grantee

SPOTLIGHT

Tok Wolverine Trap

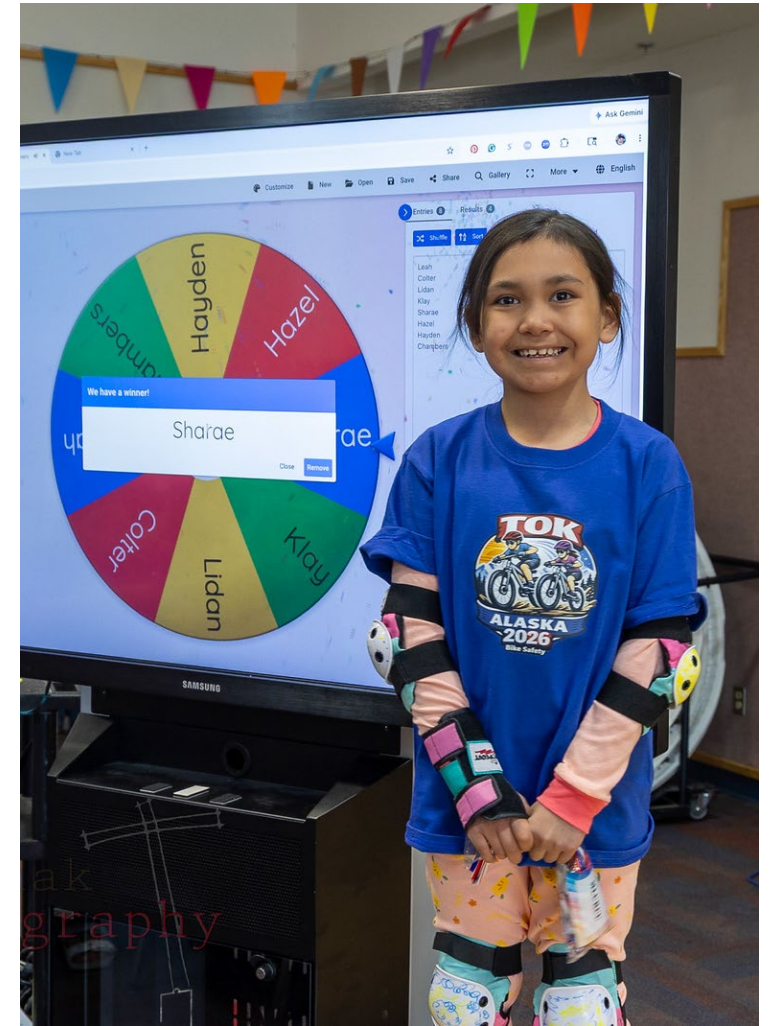


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Bike Safety Rodeo / Tok Wolverine Trap Kitchen

FUNDING AMOUNT | \$2,600

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. Complete **Trap Connex Kitchen** to serve hot meals and snacks for students in after school program.
2. Purchase bikes for annual **Bike Safety Rodeo** that children can enter to win after participating in the program.

IMPORTANCE TO COMMUNITY

1. The **Trap Kitchen** project represents a **one-time investment with a lasting and meaningful impact** on both the Tok Wolverine Trap Team and the wider community.
2. The **Bike Safety Rodeo** is a program we've had over many years. Our goal is to **help keep our youth safe** as they ride the highways and byways over the summer months.

” Thanks to the generous support of Kinross and many others, we have a warm, welcoming 45' x 9' heated and foam-insulated clubhouse that includes a 10' x 9' storage area, a fully equipped 10' x 9' kitchen, and a 25-foot meeting and warm-up area for our youth.



Before ...



... After

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Thank you!

Q&A: What questions do you have?

The MCCF Team is available to answer questions throughout the Fall 2026 Grant Cycle:

Shelly Wade

grants@manhchohcommunityfund.org

907-242-5326 (call or text)

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