

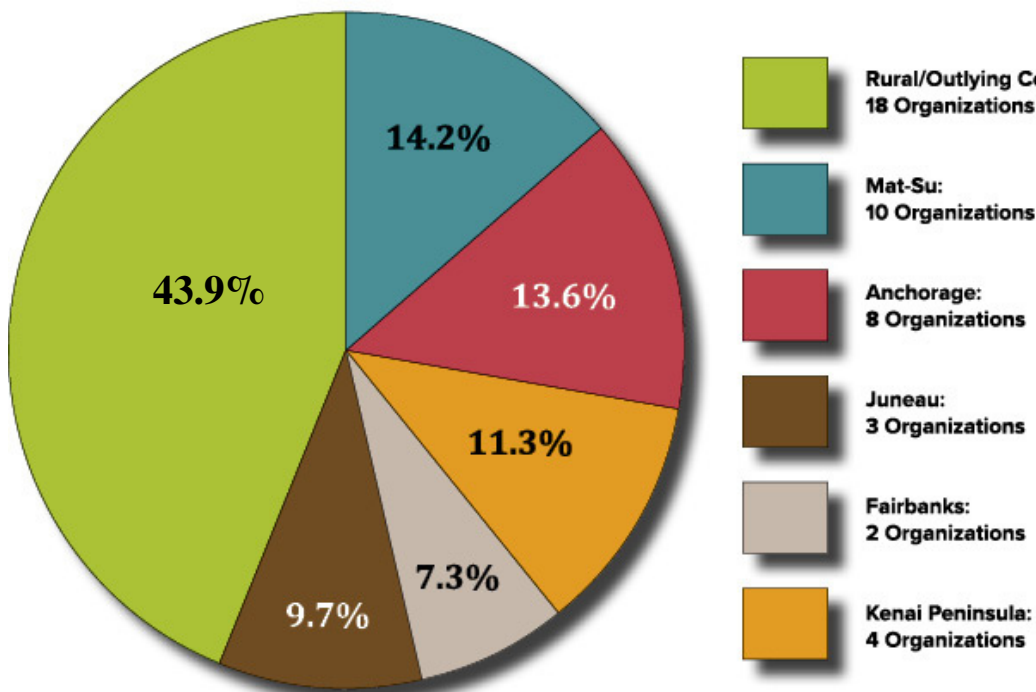
THANK YOU!

FOOD BANK INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT UPDATE



- Food Bank of Alaska was grateful to secure \$10 million for food bank infrastructure last session. This included \$6 million to grant to the statewide anti-hunger network for infrastructure and capacity building projects and \$4 million to allow us greater capacity to serve our partners through the purchase of an adjacent building. Investment in this much-needed infrastructure will help alleviate hunger across Alaska now and into the future.
- We received 81 applications totaling more than \$28 million in requests. This process identified other projects that would have a meaningful impact around the state. We formed of an external review committee with representatives from the Rasmuson Foundation, Mat-Su Health Foundation, RurAL Cap, Alaska Food Policy Council, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, and Alaska Commercial Company.

— Distribution of Grant Funds —



"We realized during the pandemic that our building was not large enough to handle the increased numbers at the pantry. We are grateful the grant money will allow us to not use all of our savings to complete the addition."
-Ola Williams, Willow Community Food Pantry

- The anti-hunger network needed storage and distribution space, additional cold and frozen storage, and equipment like forklifts, ATVs, and vehicles. Many charitable food organizations operate on shoestring budgets and struggle with a lack of adequate space and infrastructure. The pandemic highlighted these gaps and deficiencies, and the capacity challenges of these organizations became very apparent. This historic investment will help remove bottlenecks and allow for the distribution of more healthy food, while reducing overall food waste.
- Additional consideration was given to applicants serving rural areas as well as to organizations that function as food banks in providing services to other agencies or multiple communities.

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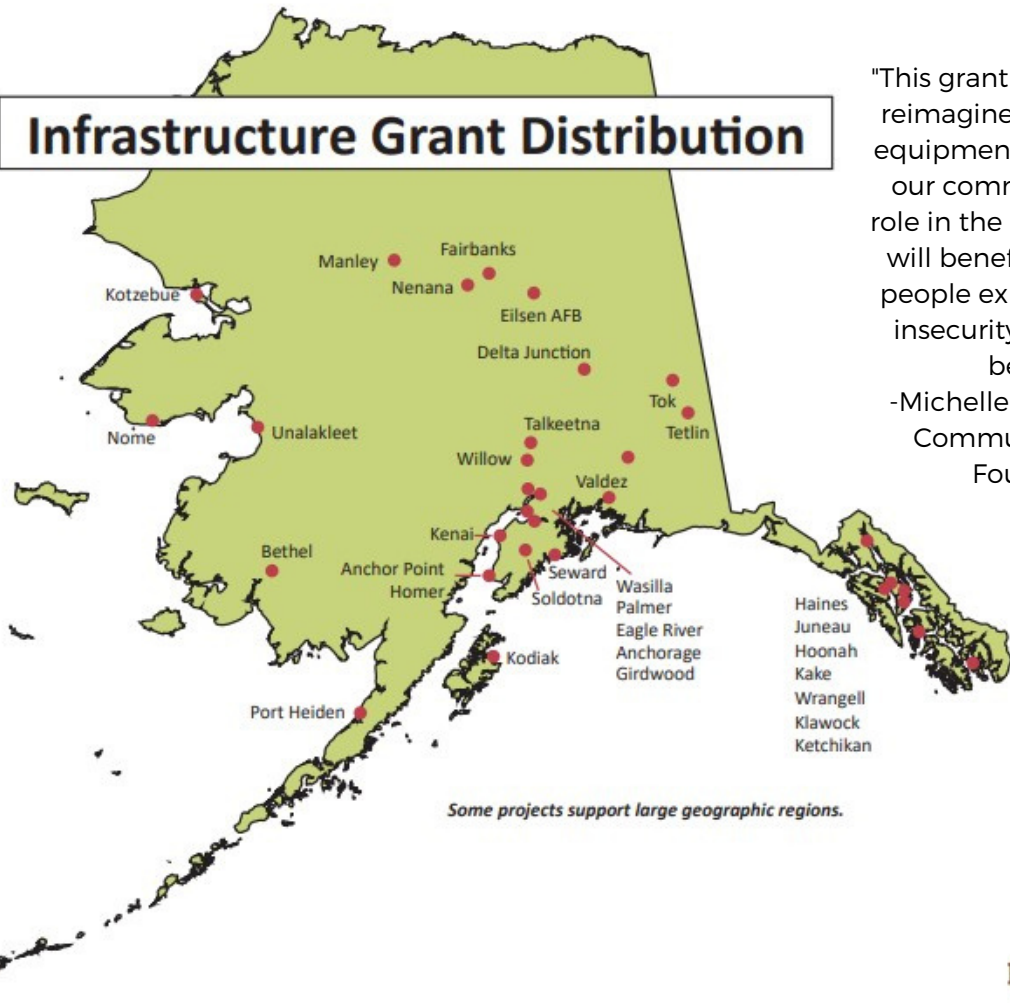
"The lasting impact of these funds will benefit our neighbors on the Kenai Peninsula for years to come."

- Greg Meyer, Kenai Peninsula Food Bank

"Hoonah Indian Association is excited to increase our food sovereignty through the first publicly accessible commercial Kitchen in Hoonah. It's capacity we've never had before."

-Ian Johnson, Hoonah Indian Association

Infrastructure Grant Distribution



"This grant is allowing us to reimagine the facility and equipment possibilities for our community and our role in the greater region. It will benefit thousands of people experiencing food insecurity in Bethel and beyond."

-Michelle DeWitt, Bethel Community Services Foundation



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Infrastructure Grant Awardees

- Anchor Point Food Pantry
- YMCA Eielson Air Force Base
- Bean's Cafe & Children's Lunchbox
- Bethel Community Services Foundation
- Blood N Fire Ministry of Alaska
- Brother Francis of Kodiak, Inc.
- Catholic Social Services
- Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska Southeast Alaska
- Chugiak Eagle River Food Pantry
- Copper River Native Association
- Downtown Soup Kitchen
- Emergency Assistance and Food Bank of Valdez
- Fairbanks Community Food Bank Fairbanks
- Five Loaves Food Pantry
- Frontline Mission Wasilla
- Girdwood Chapel Girdwood
- Helping Hands Food Bank
- Homer Community Food Pantry
- Hoonah Indian Association
- Juneau Housing First Collaborative (The Glory Hall)
- Kake Memorial Presbyterian Church
- Kawerak, Inc.
- Kenai Peninsula Food Bank
- Kids Kupboard
- Lutheran Social Services
- Maniilaq Association
- Manley Village Council
- Mat-Su Food Bank
- Mat-Su Senior Services
- Native Village of Port Heiden
- Native Village of Tetlin
- Native Village of Unalakleet
- Nenana Native Association
- Nenana Tortella Council on Aging, Inc.
- Resurrection Lutheran Church
- Seward Senior Center
- Southeast Alaska Food Bank
- The Salvation Army of Alaska
- Upper Susitna Food Pantry
- Upper Susitna Seniors
- Valdez Native Tribe Valdez
- Wasilla Area Seniors
- Willow Community Food Pantry