



# Seward Community Foundation

*An Affiliate of The Alaska Community Foundation*

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## A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



The first time I learned about creating a Community Foundation in Seward was in 2008, and I was hooked! Since that time, SCF has had a lot of firsts, and 2021 was no exception. We've added two new funds—the Ralph and Anne Hatch Family Arts, Music

and Education Fund, and the Seavey Family Fund for Outdoor Education and Recreation. We launched SCF's Heartstrings Podcast, started our Good News email letter, and created our Business Partnership Program. Our most exciting first this year was reaching the milestone of awarding \$1,000,000 in grants to local nonprofits! In September, we celebrated with the community to thank our donors and the organizations working to improve the quality of life in Seward and Moose Pass. This accomplishment reflects the caring and generosity of our community. Please include the Seward Community Foundation in your end-of-the-year giving. First and foremost, it is your gifts that make all of this possible, and we thank you for your support. SCF is looking forward to the coming year, and we wish you the best.

— Kim Reiersen, SCF President

## KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS EVERYTHING?



Gift in Honor

A Living Treasury gift shows your appreciation to your friend or loved one by donating to local causes that they support. Not only do you get the warm feeling that you are contributing to the

good work done by local nonprofits, SCF will send a special occasion card to your honoree letting them know of your gift. We'll also list their name on our website!

Make a gift before December 31<sup>st</sup> and your gift is eligible for a match by the Rasmuson Foundation in partnership with the Alaska Community Foundation.

Giving a Living Treasury Gift is easy. Go to the SCF website ([sewardcf.org](http://sewardcf.org)) and click on GIVE. A drop down menu will appear, click on Living Treasury Gift and follow the directions. What a fun and unique way to gift!

Which organization would you choose to grant \$1,000?

**WIN A GRANT FOR YOUR FAVORITE CHARITY!**

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Make your donation to SCF's Unrestricted Fund by December 20th and be entered to win a grant to gift to your favorite local charity!

## GRANT HIGHLIGHT



The Seward Community Library and Museum received a \$597 mini-grant to develop Discovery Kits to provide children the opportunity to explore STEAM concepts through reading, creativity, and hands-on activities. The kits allow

families to learn, explore and play at home to foster a lifelong interest and understanding of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) concepts.

The Discovery STEAM kits are divided into general categories of physical science, life science, arts & music, and technology. Each kit will contain at least two books, hands-on exploration supplies, a brochure, a lesson plan/instructions/worksheet, a notebook to record tips or comments for future users, and a short survey, all stored in a convenient clear plastic bin.

Libraries across the country are adding STEM, STEAM, or Discovery-style kits to their collections, including the Anchorage Public Library, which has 88 STEM kits. With the funds granted, the Seward Community Library and Museum was able to add ten kits covering topics such as Dinosaurs and Fossils, Animal Tracks, Origami, Rocks & Minerals, and even Robots! They have plans to create and add 40 more kits in the future.



SCF wishes to express gratitude to the staff and volunteers of area nonprofits. We honor your commitment to positively lifting others and striving to make the Seward area a more beautiful, healthy, supported, and thriving community to live. Your work is the reason we exist! Here's to a new year, new experiences, new adventures, new growth, new opportunities, new safe-havens, and a better quality of life in 2022!

## \$119,060 IN GRANTS MADE POSSIBLE BY OUR DONORS!

\$4,383	He Will Provide Foodbank, Inc.	Refrigerator Upgrade
\$1,000	Seward Nordic Ski Club	Ski grooming equipment support
\$1,249	Seward Prevention Coalition	HYPER's Children's Museum
\$12,771	Moose Pass Volunteer Fire Company	Emergency Radios
\$8,000	Qutekcak Native Tribe	Alaska Native Art Program
\$4,600	Seward Arts Council	Seward Artists In Schools
\$8,799	Seward Nordic Ski Club	Triumphant Trails
\$11,000	Seward Senior Center	Seward Intra Transit SIT
\$1,000	Seward Little League	Purchase of New Bats
\$1,000	Qutekcak Native Tribe	QNT Office Equipment
\$349	Seward Area Hospice Inc.	Hike for Hospice
\$7,000	Seward Prevention Coalition Community	Outdoor Basketball Court
\$720	Seward Sports Association, Inc	Support for Website Expenses
\$1,000	Seward PTSA	Support for Graduates
\$9,420	Seward PTSA	Kids to Slopes 2022
\$500	Boy Scouts	Rocket into Scouting
\$4,000	Independent Living Center	TRAILS Support FY22
\$1,000	Seward High School	Greenhouse Committee
\$861	Seward Prevention Coalition - HYPER	Children Museum Pop Up Exhibit Storage Unit and Website
\$3,000	Seward Senior Center	Wellness through grooming 100 GC for haircuts and shaves
\$7,500	Seward Senior Center	American Legion Support for Kitchen Upgrades
\$1,000	Seward High School	Greenhouse Committee
\$1,000	Seward Arts Council	Award winner from Million Dollar Celebration
\$1,000	Seward Pride Alliance	Award winner from Million Dollar Celebration
\$1,000	Cooper Landing Emergency Services	Handtevy Pediatric Medical Equipment Purchase
\$989	Seward Sea Otters 4-H Club	Horse Study Kit
\$420	Seward Prevention Coalition	Educational Resources Strategic Planning Session
\$7,500	Kenai Mountains Public Media, Inc.	Access to Local Public Broadcasting and Emergency Alerts
\$1,000	Moose Pass Public Library	Bookcases for Alaska Gold Collection
\$500	Independent Living Center	Winner of the SCF's annual guess the amount to grant in 2021.
\$500	Port City Players	Winner of the SCF's annual guess the amount to grant in 2021.
\$999	Bear Creek Volunteer Fire Department	Swift Water Rescue Boots & Gloves
\$1,000	University Alaska Fairbanks	National Ocean Sciences Tsunami Bowl

We've almost hit our 2021 goal! Every donation up to \$30,000 will be matched by the Rasmuson Foundation. Double your gift and feel good knowing your gift will make a genuine and lasting change.

