



Arctic Funders Collaborative Quick Facts

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Members: 11

Arctic Regions Supported:

- Alaska
- Canada
- Greenland
- Sweden
- Finland
- Norway
- Russia

Focus Areas Supported:

- Marine Stewardship
- Land and Fresh Water Stewardship
- Leadership Development and Capacity Building
- Community and Cultural Resilience
- Sustainable Livelihoods

Questions & Answers – AFC Statement

What is the Arctic Funders Collaborative?

The Arctic Funders Collaborative (AFC) is a small network of eleven philanthropic funders. While each funder supports different types of initiatives in different regions of the Arctic, the AFC supports collaboration amongst the funders so that they can be more strategic, effective and responsible in their grantmaking approach.

Where is the \$27 million of announced funding coming from?

All of the \$27 million of funding announced in the [AFC Statement](#) recently included in the [Executive Order that established the Northern Bering Sea Resilience Area on December 9, 2016](#) originates wholly from philanthropic funding and will be managed by eight

individual funders according to their own granting and administrative processes. The AFC does not manage or administer any government funding.

What will the \$27 million of funding go towards?

Each of the funders manage their own granting programs according to their own unique priorities and interest areas. The \$27 million represents funding from eight different funders for a diverse range of initiatives all across the Arctic, which fall within the priorities outlined in the [AFC Statement](#):

1. community-led planning and monitoring initiatives that foster adaptation and resilience to a changing climate and ocean
2. low-impact shipping corridors in Arctic Alaska and Canada, including improved communication systems between local communities and large vessel traffic
3. Northern-led policy development informed by indigenous knowledge and science
4. fostering connections between Northern priorities and social finance institutions in ways that support culture, community resilience and sustainable economic opportunities
5. building in-region capacity of indigenous-led organizations and emerging leaders across the Arctic

For example, some funders support marine stewardship in Alaska and others support leadership development in Nunavut.

Who set the priorities for how the funding will be used?

Each individual funder has their own unique priorities set by their organization's board of directors or trustees to govern their Arctic granting program. The AFC supports collaboration amongst the funders so that they can coordinate their different priorities to work together to better support Northern-led initiatives.

Do the funders consult or engage with local and Indigenous communities?

Each of the funders has their own internal process and approach for managing their relations with Northern and Indigenous communities. Many AFC members have developed strong relationships with Indigenous communities all across the Arctic. As a best practice we encourage our members to build strong relationships with community partners, develop a deep understanding of the cultural, social, political, and environmental context of the North, and support Northern and Indigenous-led priorities.

Who will be managing the funding and how can we access it?

The funding is managed by individual funders and administered according to their own internal grantmaking process. The AFC Office does not have access to or any control over any of our members' funding. If you would like to learn if your initiative might be a good fit for any of the individual funding programs, we encourage to explore our members' websites. Links can be found on the AFC website at: <http://arcticfunders.com/afc-members/>. If you have any further questions you may contact the AFC's Executive Director, Itoah Scott-Enns, at director@arcticfunders.com.

Can we send proposals to the AFC?

The AFC Office will not accept proposals for the funding as we do not have access to or hold any decision making authority over how individual AFC members administer their grants. However, if you would like to get in touch to share about your work, the AFC staff

are always keen to learn about what is happening across the Arctic and you are encouraged to contact us at director@arcticfunders.com.

Other Questions?

If you have any additional inquiries, please contact the AFC's Executive Director, Itoah Scott-Enns, at director@arcticfunders.com.