



DISCRETIONARY FUND COMMITTEE
 MEETING MINUTES, DECEMBER 3, 2025, AT 12:00 PM
 HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE AND AT
 FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA



The Discretionary Fund Committee convened at 11:59 A.M. on the above date to conduct a Distribution Meeting at the City Council Chambers, 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska, and via Zoom with Council Member **Lonny Marney (Seat F)** presiding and with the following members in attendance:

Members Present: Karen Blackburn, Seat A
 Thomas Alexander, Seat B
 Samantha Kirstein, Seat C
 Traci Gatewood, Seat D
 Victoria Dowling, Seat E (remotely)

Also Present: Diana Hebel, Licensing Clerk / Cashier
 D. Danyelle Snider, City Clerk (remotely)
 Sarah Fuerst, Grants Administrator

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Announcement of Discretionary Fund Award Recommendations for 2026 Distribution

Members read their respective recommendations into the record one at a time in the following order: Blackburn, Alexander, Gatewood, Kirstein, Dowling, and Marney.

It was verified that the award amount could not exceed the organization’s request. Since one of the award amounts required correction, there was a pause during the announcement of individual allocations so that Ms. Fuerst could recalculate the average for that organization.

Organization Name	Recommended Amount
Fairbanks Litter Patrol	\$ 13,833
Alaska Songbird Institute	9,192
Alaska International Senior Games, Inc.	15,000
Tanana Yukon Historical Society	10,340
Pioneer Memorial Park, Inc. LLC dba Fairbanks Pioneer Museum	16,000
World Ice Art Championships dba Ice Alaska	28,877
Fairbanks Community Band	11,167
Georgeson Botanical Garden Friends	13,417
Alaska Dog Mushers Association	20,167
Nordic Ski Club of Fairbanks	12,167

Cold Steel Pan Orchestra	3,067
Friends of Creamer's Field	14,750
Fairbanks Children's Museum	13,917
Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce	15,417
Clay Street Cemetery (Commission)	11,876
Festival Fairbanks	24,833
Downtown Association of Fairbanks Community Services	11,048
Literacy Council of Alaska	9,481
Fairbanks Community Museum	18,667
Fairbanks Curling Club	13,500
Alaska Goldpanner Baseball, Inc	27,167
The World Eskimo – Indian Olympics	23,333
Fairbanks Arts Association	43,701
UA Museum of the North	7,288
Golden Heart Consulting	4,879
Museums Alaska	6,916
TOTAL	\$400,000

NEXT MEETING

The committee scheduled the wrap-up meeting for Friday, January 9, at 12:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Kirstein, seconded by **Mr. Alexander**, moved to ADJOURN the meeting.

Hearing no objection, **Chair Marney** declared the meeting ADJOURNED at 12:26 P.M.



 Lonny Marney, Chair



 Diana Hebel, Licensing Clerk / Cashier

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