



# 2022 Aleutian Marketplace Micro Grant

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## Aleutian Marketplace Awards Micro Grants

*Regional small business support initiative provides \$24,000 in funding*

**Anchorage, Alaska** – Eight local businesses from Sand Point to Unalaska have been selected to receive Aleutian Marketplace Micro Grant (AMMG) funding. The Aleutian Marketplace is a program that collaborates with community members, small business owners, entrepreneurs, and creative people throughout the Aleutian-Pribilof region to explore business concepts and collaborate about entrepreneurship opportunities to help develop the regional economy. The \$3,000 grant award may be used for a wide selection of items that are essential to start or assist an established privately-owned business. Grantees represent a broad spectrum of services, including fishing industry support, food service, transportation, optical services, and photography. The Aleutian/Pribilof regional grantees are listed below.

1. The Shop, Sand Point – Retail space rent and equipment upgrades for restaurant.
2. Artemie Kalmakoff, Jr., Commercial Fishing, Sand Point – Vessel electronics upgrade to include GPS and radar.
3. Precision Air Inc., Nelson Lagoon – Assistance with fuel purchase to mitigate the drastic rise in fuel prices and avoid a customer price increase.
4. CCFM Filters, King Cove – Purchase and retrofit Connex for marine filter shop near the harbor.
5. R+C Ice Cream & Bakery, King Cove – Purchase ice cream dipping cabinet, commercial blender, and additional equipment to expand.
6. Aleutian Notary, Unalaska – Electronic upgrades to support 24-hour Remote Online Notary (RON) services for the fishing fleet and community.
7. Optical Aleutians, Unalaska – Purchase Lensometer to verify glasses prescriptions and add a selection of frames to the current inventory.
8. Dave Rave Photography, Akutan – Equipment upgrades and a photo editing subscription to launch a photography business.

“We were pleased to add micro grants to the Aleutian Marketplace program this year after community members shared that one of the best ways to support entrepreneurial efforts was to provide a flexible funding source. This program continues to evolve to better serve the small businesses and foster grassroots economic growth in the region,” said APICDA’s Chief Program Officer Laura Delgado.

Lisa Huffman, Chief Administrative Officer of The Aleut Corporation added, “The Aleut Corporation has been proud to support innovative businesses to strengthen commerce in our Aleutian/Pribilof communities and help diversify the economy.”

The Aleutian Marketplace was pleased to see strong participation during the first pilot grant cycle; the final application round for this year closes June 15. In addition to micro grants, the Aleutian Marketplace offers entrepreneurial-focused monthly webinars with assistance from our sponsors, the Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association (APICDA), The Aleut Corporation (TAC), Wells Fargo, and TelAlaska. Please email [marketplace@apicda.com](mailto:marketplace@apicda.com) for more information.

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APICDA is a non-profit dedicated to strengthening local fisheries-based economies through increasing direct fisheries participation in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands, building support infrastructure, and offering programs to assist the advancement of priority initiatives in its six member communities in the Aleutian-Pribilof region of Alaska. APICDA is one of six western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) organizations whose purpose is to provide eligible western Alaska villages with the opportunity to participate and invest in fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands, alleviate poverty, and provide economic and social benefits for residents of western Alaska.

The Aleut Corporation is one of the 12 regional Alaska Native Corporations formed under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971. Based in Anchorage, Alaska, the corporation represents over 4,000 shareholders living in the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands region, the Pacific Northwest and the rest of the United States. Operating as a for-profit corporation, the Aleut family of companies offers product and service capabilities including government contracting, environmental remediation, base operations support, mechanical contracting, oil field services, real estate management and water testing to a wide range of customers and government agencies throughout the United States.

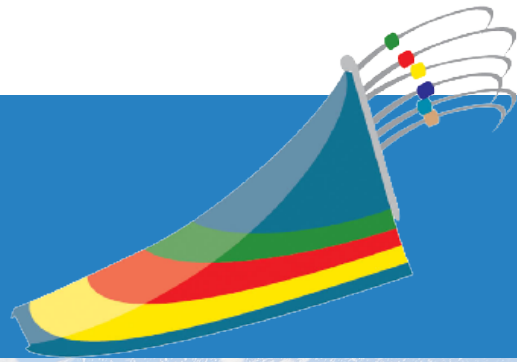
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The Aleutian Marketplace Micro Grant pilot program supports small business growth in the region and complements the existing entrepreneurial-focused monthly webinar series.

Eligible businesses can apply for grant funding up to \$3,000. Funding may be used for a wide selection of items that are essential to start or assist an established privately owned business.

Grant Cycles:  
Feb. 1 - March 15  
May 1 - June 15

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