

ABOUT THE FUND

This fund is made from contributions by AOC members to address unmet needs of Sitka youth and families. These funds are to provide for short-term needs for young people 21 years of age or younger.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Once a request is received, it will be forwarded to the AOC Flexible Fund Committee. The committee is made up of representatives from the agencies that have contributed to the fund. You will receive a notice whether it has been approved or not.

! The application must be completed by a service professional - someone who is working personally with the intended recipient of the fund.

! All funding requests are paid directly to vendors of goods and services and will not be distributed directly to the applicant.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any youth (up to age 21) or family living in Sitka requiring assistance in areas that are not covered by other funding programs in the community.

Advancing Our Community (AOC) is a coalition of Sitka non-profit agencies, youth-serving organizations, and community members who work to make Sitka as healthy as possible for youth and families. In 1999, the following organizations began to contribute money to a common Flexible Funding account in order to fill gaps in services in our community.

- Sitka School District
- SEARHC Clinic II, Haa Toowoo Naakw Hit
- Sitka Tribe of Alaska Social Services
- Sitka Counseling and Prevention Services
- Youth Advocates of Sitka
- Sitkans Against Family Violence
- Alaska Department of Juvenile Justice
- Alaska Office of Childrens' Services
- Sitka Police Department

For more information
about AOC, visit
www.sitkaaoc.org



FLEXIBLE FUNDING ACCOUNT

HELPING SITKANS
ACCESS MONEY
FOR NEEDED
GOODS AND
SERVICES.

APPLYING FOR FUNDING

I The application must be completed on-line. Go to **www.sitkaaoc.org** and look for the Flexible Funding button to submit an application.

- The application is very short - the questions you will be asked are shown on the right.
- Your request is confidential.
- You will receive an email to tell you that the application has been received.
- You may be contacted if further information is required.
- You will receive notice when a decision has been reached.
- If funds are awarded, you may receive a follow-up contact so we can learn if the assistance was effective.

YOU MUST APPLY FOR THE FUNDS ON-LINE.

GO TO WWW.SITKAAOC.ORG AND CLICK THE FLEXIBLE FUNDING BUTTON.

HAVE THIS INFORMATION READY WHEN YOU GO ON-LINE.

Sponsoring agency:

Requested by (sponsor's name):

Phone number:

email address:

Requested amount:

Name of person who will receive service:

Name of business or organization that will provide the service:

Summary of service to be provided:

Summary of efforts to provide this service from other resources:

List prior Flexible Funding requests for this person:

PLEASE CHECK ANY SERVICES USED THIS PAST YEAR:

- School counseling services
- Office of Children's Services (OCS)
- SEARHC Clinic II or other SEARHC services
- SAFV (Sitkans Against Family Violence) Shelter
- Public Assistance
- SCPS (Sitka Counseling & Prevention Services)
- Center for Community
- STA (Sitka Tribe of Alaska)
- Youth Advocates of Sitka
- Salvation Army
- Faith community social services

Other: _____

CRITERIA(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

- Youth is 21 years of age or younger.
- Youth resides in Sitka.
- Funding request is a last resort. Youth and/or their family have sought assistance from other programs or organizations within Sitka. They have made an effort to provide some portion of the funds needed on their own.
- Funds are not for court or legal fees, or related court orders, assessments, classes, etc.
- Funds are not for in-patient or outpatient fees at a medical hospital or treatment facility.
- School activity requests have gone through the school's counseling office first.
- There are no OTHER current community resources to pay for this service.