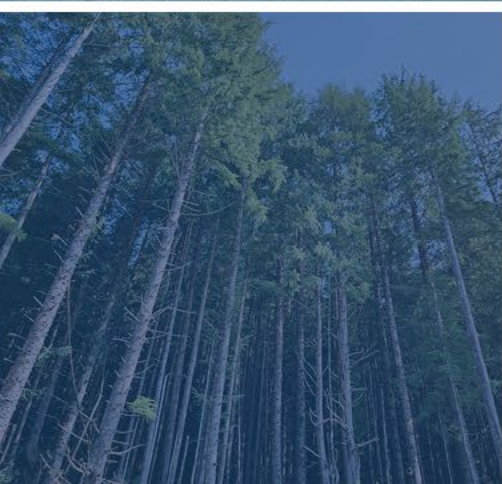
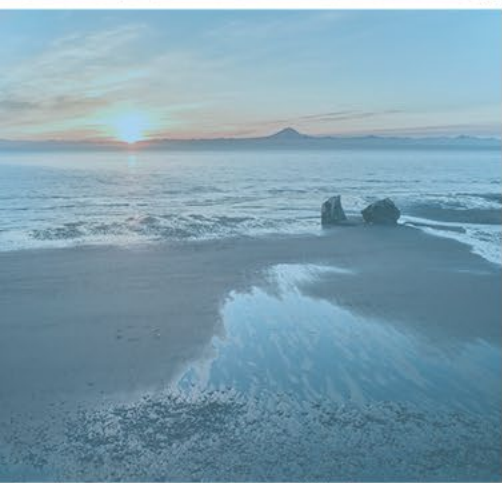




Grants Application Process

October 15, 2025



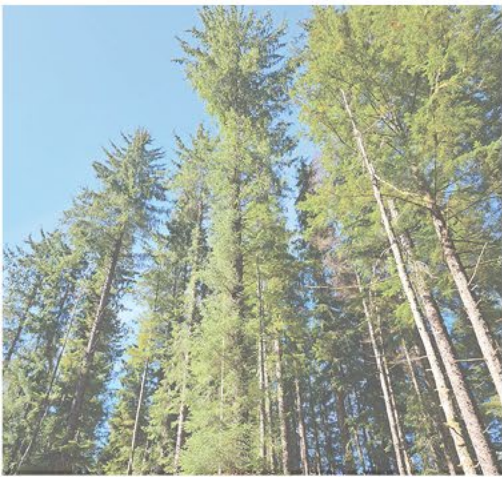
Overview

- Quarterly application cycle: Key dates and submission process changes
- New portal experience: Streamlined submission and tracking system
- Application review: How Program Officers evaluate and engage with applicants
- Due diligence & risk assessment: Ensuring alignment, compliance, and sustainability
- Technical assistance: Supporting agencies for stronger proposals and lasting impact
- Regulatory framework: Governing rules and grant purposes
- Grant decisions & appeals: What to expect post-submission
- Contacts and resources: Where to get help and stay informed

Quarterly Application Cycle

- Deadlines: Feb. 15, May 15, Aug. 15, Nov. 15
- Applications submitted through the updated portal
- Application cycle change: Monthly → Quarterly (eff. March 2025)





Application Portal Updates (March 2025)

- Moved from monthly to quarterly submissions
- New user accounts required for updated portal
- Centralized portal for submission and tracking

How to Apply

APPLY HERE

NOTE: Our grant portal has been updated 2/15/2025 and a new account must be created to access it. **The log-in information that was previously used, prior to 2/15/2025, will not work to access this new portal.** Existing users who previously had a grant from the Trust, you will need to register for a new account.

Helpful links:

- Trust Partnership Grant Application
- Applicant Portal Help Center
- How To Create Your GrantsConnect Account
- How to Start New Grant Applications

Contact

If you have any questions, please email:
Lucas Lind, Grants Administrator, Lucas.Lind@alaska.gov

Start New Grant Applications

Note: On October 6, YourCause NPOconnect becomes the Blackbaud Verified Network to bring you more connected experiences with no changes to your account or donation process. Keep an eye on [What's New](#) for more details.

You can create or start new applications and apply to programs in the Applicant Portal of GrantsConnect.

Tip: You must have a **direct link to the program** or have been **invited to apply via email**. There is no way to search for eligible programs in the portal.

- ✓ Step 1 - Open the application in GrantsConnect
- ✓ Step 2 - Select your organization (optional)
- ✓ Step 3 - Complete your application
- ✓ Step 4 - Submit your application for review

As your application is reviewed, a Grant Manager or administrator of the organization hosting the program may reach out to you to complete additional forms or request more information via a [Revision Request](#).

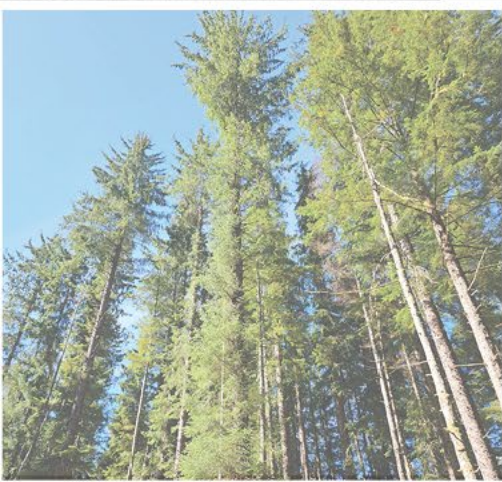
Warning: It is important to note that **the forms and questions you need to complete are unique to the program you are applying to**. Because of this, we cannot offer guidance on specific application questions. Please reach out to the organization or your Grant Manager directly if you need assistance.

For questions about your account or applications, contact [GrantsConnect Support](#).



Application Collection & Review

- Applications collected via portal and sent to Program Team
- Each application is assigned to Program staff
- Program staff have 15 days to review and engage agency



Due Diligence

- Verify alignment with Trust Grant Guidelines, statute and regulation, as well as the Comp Plan
- Review agency grant compliance history and funding record
- Ensure alignment with statewide priorities, avoiding ad hoc projects
- Confirm agency legitimacy
- Recommendations
 - Proceed as submitted
 - Request revisions from the agency / technical assistance
 - Decline



Technical Assistance Support

The Trust provides technical assistance to help agencies enhance their organizational planning.

Key Points:

- Provided via Trust staff as well as through contracted support, as needed.
- Ensures an organization's expansion and sustainability efforts are practical.
- Helps confirm that each agency's growth pathway is viable, realistic, and aligned with Trust priorities.



Grants Cycle Summary

May 15, 2025

- **32 applications received**
- 10 grants recommended for Trustee consideration
- 3 requests referred to Chief Communications Officer ($\leq$ \$2,500 sponsorships)
- 19 requests declined

August 15, 2025

- **37 applications received**
- 22 grants recommended for Trustee consideration
- 3 requests referred to Chief Communications Officer ($\leq$ \$2,500 sponsorships)
- 2 grants referred for technical assistance
- 5 grants held for further staff review
- 5 grants declined



Regulatory Authority Summary

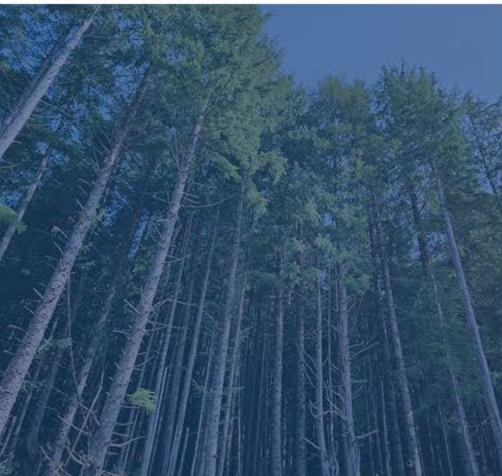
- Governing Regulation: 20 AAC 40.200 - 20 AAC 40.990
- The primary purpose is to strengthen statewide systems of care.
- Uses include:
 - Leveraging funds
 - Capacity building
 - Technical assistance
 - Beneficiary-focused research
 - Policy/systems changes
- Trustees approve recipients, terms, grant conditions, and project budgets.



Grant Compliance & Administration

- Budget monitoring and grant reporting are required with prior approval needed for changes
- Records must be kept for 6+ years
- Payments per grant terms; unspent funds must be returned
- Suspension/termination possible for noncompliance





Grant Decisions & Appeals

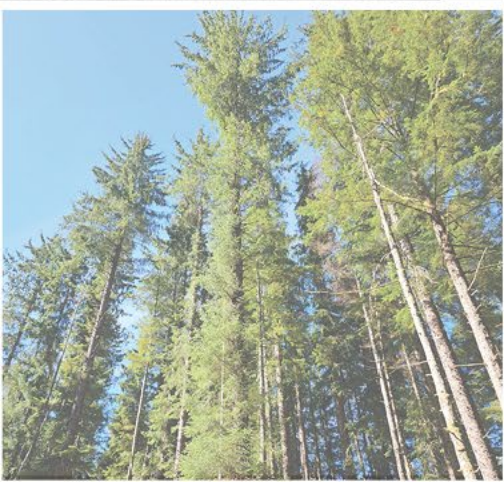
- Applicants can use formal grant protest procedures outlined in regulations.
- To be considered, a protest must claim that the grant decision was:
 - Based on a material factual error by the authority.
 - Made without following the required procedures.
 - Contrary to applicable laws or regulations.

Ref: 20 AAC 40.900 Grant Protest Procedures

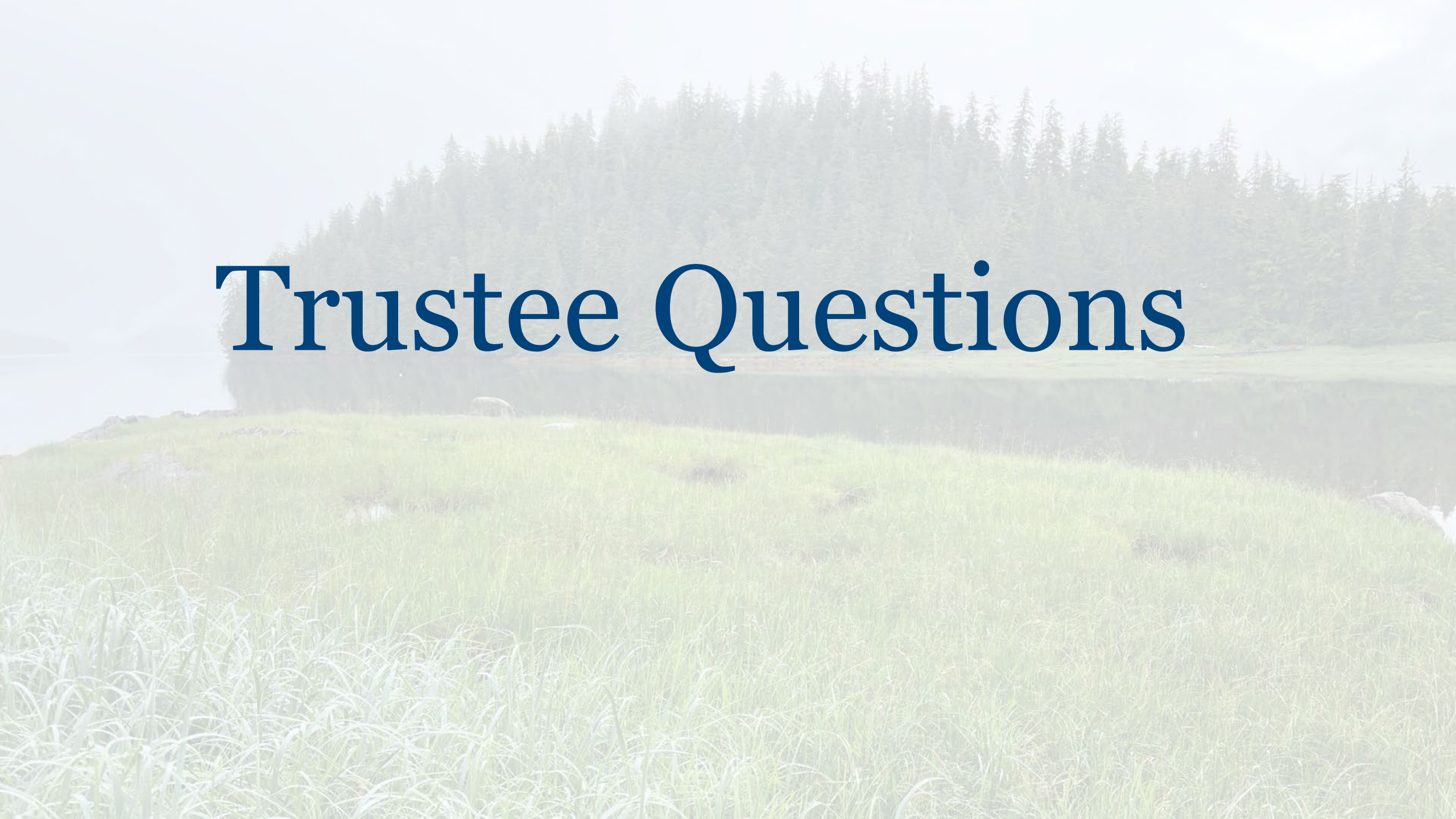


Contacts & Resources

- Lucas Lind - Grants Administrator
- Carrie Predeger - Grants Accountability Manager



Trustee Questions

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