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Mission

The mission of the Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development is to promote a healthy economy and strong communities in the State of Alaska. Goals and strategies to achieve this mission are: to work with rural communities and the private sector in creating new jobs for Alaskans; marketing Alaska by selling Alaska's goods and services throughout the world; and maintaining a fair and consistent business regulatory environment in the state.

Area Served

State of Alaska

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation

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Mission

The Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) is a self-supporting public corporation with a myriad of home loan, rental and energy saving programs. Although housing is AHFC's primary mission, our diversity allows us to assist in other ways, including ensuring that schools are maintained for the next generation of Alaskans.

AHFC has three divisions. For additional information on:

- (1) Single and multifamily housing loan financing, contact Paul Kapansky;
- (2) Special needs and affordable housing grant programs, ask for Barbara Baker; and for
- (3) Rural housing and development, ask for Bob Brean.

Area Served

State of Alaska

Community Profile: Alaska

Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority

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Mission

Established in 1967 as the primary economic development financing agency of the state, the mission of Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) is to promote and advance the general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of Alaska, to relieve problems of unemployment and to create additional employment. AIDEA accomplishes its mission by providing various means of financing and by facilitating the financing of industrial, manufacturing, export and business enterprises and facilities within the state. AIDEA also has the ability to own and operate facilities which advance this goal.

Area Served

State of Alaska

Alaska Small Business Development Center

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Mission

Established in 1986, the mission of the Alaska Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is to provide small businesses with the practical assistance they need to survive, grow and prosper. The SBDC works with both established businesses and individuals who are planning to go into business and is committed to strengthening the Alaskan economy through the growth and stability of small businesses. The SBDC provides business counseling, training, a virtual manufacturing assistance program and a variety of resources for small businesses. The SBDC also provides programs in procurement, technical assistance and technology transfer.

Area Served

State of Alaska

Community Profile: Alaska

Alaska Village Initiatives

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Mission

Established in 1967, the mission of Alaska Village Initiatives is to improve the well-being of rural Alaska communities, families and individuals by embracing their cultural values and strengthening their self-reliance through training, assistance, advocacy and economic development.

Area Served

Rural areas of Alaska

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Mission

The mission of Anchorage Housing Initiatives, Inc. (AHI) is to provide access to decent, affordable, community-integrated housing in south/central Alaska for low- and moderate-income people with disabilities.

AHI systematically develops housing projects that will increase the number of accessible units within Anchorage. This includes development through new construction or acquisition and rehabilitation of properties that are accessible both in terms of physical design and affordability to people with disabilities. AHI also is involved in the establishment of home ownership financing programs for people with disabilities to increase their ability to attain home ownership. In addition, AHI has a role in educating the Anchorage community about the needs of people with disabilities regarding housing options and supportive services to allow individuals to live within the least restrictive environments.

Area Served

City of Anchorage and south/central Alaska

Community Profile: Alaska

Anchorage Mutual Housing Association

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Mission

Established in 1989, the mission of Anchorage Mutual Housing Association (AMHA) is to develop and maintain affordable housing with an emphasis in residential participation and services.

AMHA's activities include a child care center, an after-school learning program and case management services for residents of a single room occupancy facility.

Area Served

City of Anchorage

Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.

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Mission

Established in 1982, the Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.'s (ANHS) mission is to revitalize neighborhoods through the use of lending services and affordable housing strategies. ANHS is part of the NeighborWorks network and partners with local residents, business leaders and government representatives. ANHS's programs and projects provide community-based solutions to a wide variety of neighborhood revitalization issues in Anchorage.

ANHS maintains a variety of programs to help rebuild communities, including ongoing collaborative efforts with local schools and universities. ANHS developed and now manages 12 properties comprising 1,157 units, ranging from family housing developments to single room occupancy facilities. ANHS operates a revolving loan fund to support specific programs including a neighborhood business program, a micro-enterprise center for small start-up businesses, a home improvement program and an affordable homeownership program for acquisition and rehabilitation of residential property.

Area Served

City of Anchorage

Community Profile: Alaska

Arctic Development Council

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Mission

Established in 1991, the mission of Arctic Development Council (ADC) is to build a sustainable regional economy by cultivating people-centered economic development, encouraging citizen leadership and promoting healthy human and natural environments. ADC's strategy is to provide technical assistance, gap financing and low-cost temporary commercial incubator space for rent to small businesses.

Area Served

North Slope Borough

Association of Alaska Housing Authorities

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Mission

The mission of the Association of Alaska Housing Authorities (AAHA) is to serve as a vehicle to increase the production and improvement of quality affordable housing, primarily for Alaska's low- and moderate-income residents. In an effort to promote effective housing and community development statewide, AAHA provides new funding information, education, training and unified legislative and regulatory advocacy.

AAHA members include the executive directors of Alaska's 14 regional housing authorities and the executive director of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation. Associate members include Alaska lenders and housing-related agencies.

Area Served

State of Alaska

Community Profile: Alaska

The Association of Village Council Presidents Regional Housing Authority

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Mission

Established in 1974, the Association of Village Council Presidents Regional Housing Authority's (AVCP RHA) mission is to empower the tribal communities of the AVCP region through locally-developed, high quality housing and facilities. AVCP RHA is the Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE) for 39 member tribes in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta of Southwestern Alaska. AVCP RHA currently manages more than 1,100 single-family housing units in 48 villages throughout the Delta. In addition, AVCP RHA has 160 housing units in various stages of development, with plans to build 40 to 50 new units each year. AVCP RHA also operates 32 low-income apartment units and two facilities in Bethel, Alaska for low-income elderly and/or handicapped people.

Area Served

Yukon-Kuskokwim Region

Bristol Bay Housing Authority

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Mission

The Bristol Bay Housing Authority (BBHA) was established in 1974 by the Alaska State Legislature. BBHA's mission is to eliminate substandard housing conditions by developing local capacities to provide safe, decent and affordable housing opportunities for the native population of Bristol Bay.

BBHA provides affordable housing for over 400 households in the region and has 338 current homebuyers in the process of purchasing their homes. In addition, 87 families have completed the purchase process and 36 are in the closing process. BBHA maintains 54 subsidized rental units and provides rental subsidies for 40 Low-Income Housing Tax Credit apartments. BBHA also serves as property manager for a 10-unit senior housing project and is a partner with other agencies in a 10-unit assisted living facility.

Area Served

The Bristol Bay Region including:
18 villages in the Lake and Peninsula Borough;
3 villages in the Bristol Bay Borough; and
14 villages in the Dillingham Census District

Community Profile: Alaska

Bureau of Indian Affairs - Credit and Finance

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Mission

The mission of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is to encourage bank financing to assist eligible Alaska Native/Native Americans or tribes to establish new or expand existing businesses through its loan guaranty program.

BIA supplies loan guarantees for businesses including hotels, apartment complexes, bed and breakfast establishments, small retail grocery stores, bulk fuel depots and commercial fishing operations.

Area Served

State of Alaska

Copper River Basin Regional Housing Authority

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Mission

The Copper River Basin Regional Housing Authority's mission is to provide for the housing needs on Tribal lands through the development of rental and homeownership opportunities with a focus on Tribal economic development and self-sufficiency. In addition, this office works to ensure that housing needs are met, and will continue to be met, through the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996.

Area Served

Copper River Basin

Community Profile: Alaska

Fairbanks Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.

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Mission

Established in 1992, Fairbanks Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. (FNHS) is a grassroots organization of neighborhood residents, government officials and business leaders working together to revitalize neighborhoods and preserve and develop affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families and for all residents of designated neighborhoods.

FNHS accomplishes its mission through revitalization programs such as a housing rehabilitation loan program and Project Paint, as well as owner-occupancy programs such as the Campaign for Home Ownership and Full Cycle Lending. FNHS's programs include mutual housing, resident councils, community policing, and youth employment and training programs. In pursuing its objectives, FNHS creates partnerships with residents, local and state government representatives, business people and community groups. FNHS is affiliated with the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation and Neighborhood Housing Services of America, Inc.

Area Served

City of Fairbank and the Fairbank Northstar Borough

Fairbanks Rehabilitation Foundation

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Mission

Founded in 1971, Fairbanks Rehabilitation Foundation (FRF) is a private non-profit corporation established to own and manage properties for the sole benefit of Fairbanks Resource Agency (FRA). FRA, established in 1967, offers services to persons with disabilities and their families. The FRF provides loans for land acquisition, pre-development, construction and bridge financing. The FRF also provides permanent multifamily financing and makes rehabilitation loans.

Area Served

Interior Alaska

Community Profile: Alaska

Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle

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Mission

Established in 1932, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle expands housing and economic development opportunities in the region by providing funding and other banking services essential to community-based financial institutions. One of 12 Federal Home Loan Banks in the nation, the Seattle bank serves financial institutions in Alaska, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. The Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle is privately owned.

Area Served

Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming and the Territory of Guam

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Mission

Established in 1992, Habitat for Humanity - Anchorage (Habitat) is an ecumenical, non-profit housing ministry dedicated to providing decent housing to very low-income people who lack adequate shelter and who also lack the resources to improve their living situations. This mission is accomplished through a self-help homeownership program that brings together volunteers from the community and low-income people as a team to build and renovate housing for purchase and occupancy. Homes are sold to qualified low-income applicants at no-profit prices and are financed by no-interest mortgages through Habitat. Mortgage payments replenish a revolving loan fund, which is used to help other low-income people acquire simple, decent places to live through the same process.

Prospective homeowners are qualified through an application process that considers the following three criteria:

- (1) Current housing need, based upon the safety, cleanliness and dimensions of their current living environment;
- (2) Income stability and sufficiency to meet mortgage, tax and utility payments, but not so large as to qualify for other loan programs; and
- (3) A willingness to commit up to 500 hours of home construction work.

Area Served

Anchorage, including primarily the neighborhoods of Mountain View, Fairview and Muldoon

Community Profile: Alaska

Habitat for Humanity - Mat Su

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Mission

Established in 1995, Habitat for Humanity Mat Su is an ecumenical Christian housing ministry dedicated to building simple, affordable homes for low-income families. Volunteers and homebuyers work together in a spirit of community to build lives as well as houses.

Area Served

Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Housing First, Inc.

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Mission

Established in 1993, Housing First, Inc.'s mission is to promote affordable housing for individuals and families in the City and Borough of Juneau and Southeast Alaska. Housing First furnishes provides consulting services, community education and training, and constructs and manages housing.

Housing First, Inc.'s strategy is to elect active board members who bring either expertise in the housing industry or a unique perspective. Board members are responsible for setting the direction of the organization by identifying and pursuing new projects. The board has one part-time staff person who acts as liaison to other groups, applies for training grants and assists the board on new projects.

Area Served

City and Borough of Juneau

Community Profile: Alaska

Institute for Affordable Housing Education & Research

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Mission

The Institute for Affordable Housing Education & Research (The Institute) is a non-profit corporation that oversees the Affordable Housing Specialist (AHS) designation program. The program was developed in partnership with over 30 lenders and real estate professionals. The AHS program is an intensive two-day study program designed to provide important information on affordable housing development strategies to community development professionals. Currently under the umbrella of the Sacramento Home Loan Counseling Center, the Institute provides consistent, quality information and services to the affordable housing professional.

Financial institutions are encouraged to send affordable housing lenders and community development lending professionals to the AHS designation program to further develop their CRA products and services and to work more effectively with low- and moderate-income, inner-city and non-English speaking potential home buyers. With the tools provided through the Institute, financial institutions can develop new avenues of service with qualified buyers.

Area Served

Available nationwide with a focus on the western United States, including California, Nevada, Arizona, Texas, Utah, Washington and Oregon

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Mission

The Juneau Economic Development Council (JEDC) provides Southeast Alaska with economic research, comprehensive small business services and a revolving loan fund. JEDC administers a statewide investment matching service. Since its formation in 1987, JEDC has been active in attracting new businesses to the area, gathering and publishing economic information and increasing the general economic awareness of the citizens of Southeast Alaska. Under its Business Assistance Program, the JEDC administers a micro-enterprise demonstration project and participates in the Wood Utilization Center in Sitka. Through these programs, the JEDC provides one-on-one counseling and technical assistance to small businesses for planning, management, marketing and capitalization issues.

Area Served

Southeast Alaska

Community Profile: Alaska

Kenai Peninsula Borough Economic Development District, Inc.

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Mission

Established in 1988, the mission of Kenai Peninsula Borough Economic Development District, Inc. (KPBEDD) is to service Kenai Peninsula Borough residents by enhancing the quality of life through responsible and sustainable economic development.

KPBEDD supports three divisions: Business Assistance, Policy and Information Management and Industrial Development. The goal of the Business Assistance Division is to stimulate the growth of small business by providing value-added services and expanding access to capital for small businesses. The goal of the Policy and Information Management Division is to develop and manage a technically advanced information management system to assist stakeholders in making economic decisions. The goal of the Industrial Development Division is to stimulate strategic creation, expansion and recruitment of economic development activities.

Area Served

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Kenai Peninsula Housing Initiatives

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Mission

Established in 1997, the mission of Kenai Peninsula Housing Initiatives, Inc. is to promote, encourage and support development of affordable and appropriate housing for very-low, low- and moderate-income persons with disabilities in the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

Area Served

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Community Profile: Alaska

Kodiak Island Housing Authority

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Mission

Established in 1976, the mission of Kodiak Island Housing Authority (KIHA) is to ensure safe, decent and affordable housing and to create opportunities for resident self-sufficiency and economic independence. KIHA achieves its mission through: recognizing the residents as its ultimate customers; monitoring KIHA management and service delivery efforts through oversight and assistance by results-oriented personnel; problem-solving partnerships with residents, community and government leaders; and efficiently administering Department of Housing and Urban Development resources by assuring fiscal integrity by all program participants.

Area Served

Kodiak Island

Kuigpagmiut Community Development Corporation

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Mission

Established in 1995 by the Kuigpagmiut Consortium of Tribes, the mission of Kuigpagmiut Community Development Corporation (KCDC) is to take the challenges of its service area and turn them into opportunities for its people.

KCDC's challenges include a service area which is one of America's 200 poorest counties. Other challenges include high fuel costs and a non-existent housing equity market. KCDC serves the Kuigpagmiut Consortium of Tribes, which consists of the Marshall, Andreafsk, Pitka's Point and Mountain Village Tribes. Other communities in the Wade Hampton Census District may join KCDC by passing a local resolution.

Area Served

The Wade Hampton Census Area of Alaska, including the Yup'ik Eskimo communities of Alakanuk, Andreafski, Chevak, Emmonak, Hooper Bay, Kotlik, Marshall, Mountain Village, Pilot Station, Pitkas Point, Russian Mission, Saint Mary's, Scammon Bay and Nunum Equa (Sheldon's Point).

Community Profile: Alaska

Lutheran Social Services of Alaska

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Mission

Established in 1991, Lutheran Social Services of Alaska's mission is to serve the people of Alaska through programs that seek to prevent homelessness and assist in the attainment of housing. The organization also provides emergency services and housing.

Area Served

City of Anchorage

Mat-Su Small Business Development Center

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Mission

Established in 1992, the Mat-Su Small Business Development Center's (SBDC) mission is to provide management assistance to current and prospective small business owners. The SBDC offers one-stop assistance to small businesses by providing a wide variety of information and guidance. The SBDC provides counseling, training and technical assistance in all aspects of business management.

Area Served

Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Community Profile: Alaska

Muldoon Community Development Corporation

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Mission

The Muldoon Community Development Corporation (MCDC) was incorporated in 1997 by representatives of several community organizations and individuals to pursue four primary goals:

- (1) To provide a neighborhood-based service center to promote innovative grassroots endeavors of East Anchorage lower-income neighborhoods through partnerships with businesses, public agencies and schools;
- (2) To serve as an advocate to make existing public services more accessible and responsive to neighborhood needs and to enlist or provide supplemental services needed in these areas;
- (3) To serve as a catalyst to encourage job development, entrepreneurial activity, homeownership and other housing opportunities for lower-income persons and other community development activity at the neighborhood level; and
- (4) To build and sustain a community-wide coalition to support the mission and activities of MCDC and to seek sources of funding to implement its objectives.

Area Served

Muldoon neighborhood in Anchorage

Municipality of Anchorage Community Development Division

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Mission

The mission of the Municipality of Anchorage Community Development Division is to promote decent housing, quality living environments and economic opportunity for residents of Anchorage.

Area Served

City of Anchorage

Community Profile: Alaska

North Pacific Rim Housing Authority

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Mission

Established in 1977, North Pacific Rim Housing Authority's mission is to: provide safe, sanitary and affordable housing for tribal members and members of the Native Community; promote responsible home ownership, rental units, transient housing, elder housing and other special needs housing and community programs; and develop and manage housing based upon the needs of our local communities.

Area Served

Chugach Alaska Region

Tagiugmiullu Nunamiulla Housing Authority

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Mission

The Tagiugmiullu Nunamiulla Housing Authority's (TNHA) mission is to provide, maintain and support decent, safe and sanitary housing for residents of low- and moderate-income areas in the communities that comprise the North Slope Borough. TNHA's mission, as a non-profit organization and Indian housing authority, places an emphasis on serving Alaska Native and American Indian populations. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is the primary source of funding for TNHA's activities, and creates many of the regulations that guide the organization. TNHA also receives program funding and regulatory oversight from Alaska Housing Finance Corporation.

Area Served

North Slope Borough

Community Profile: Alaska

U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development - Alaska

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Mission

The mission of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development (RD) is to enhance the ability of rural communities to develop, to grow and to improve quality of life by targeting financial and technical resources in areas of greatest need through activities of greatest potential.

RD provides: water and waste loans and grants to communities of 10,000 persons or less; community facility-type loans to communities of 20,000 persons or less; business- and industry-guaranteed loans to communities of 50,000 people or less; rural housing loans and grants to communities of 20,000 people or less; home buyer workshops on becoming a successful home owner; and assistance with the development of community plans for sustainable growth.

Area Served

State of Alaska

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Indian Community Development Block Grant

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Mission

The primary objective of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Indian Community Development Block Grant Program is to provide community development, housing and economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons on reservations. Single purpose grants are administered through the Office of Native American Programs to tribal governments on an annual competitive basis. Grant projects eligible for funding include: (1) infrastructure projects such as water, sewer, electric line extensions, bridges and roads; (2) community buildings such as clinics and recreational facilities; (3) economic development projects such as shopping centers, restaurants, RV parks, convenience stores and agriculture; (4) land for new housing, housing rehabilitation and interim housing repairs; and (5) new housing for tribes without Native American housing authorities, carried out through a tribal sub-recipient.

Area Served

All federally recognized Indian tribes

Community Profile: Alaska

U.S. Small Business Administration - Alaska District Office

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Mission

Established by Congress in 1953, the mission of the Small Business Administration (SBA) is to maintain and strengthen the nation's economy by aiding, counseling, assisting and protecting the interests of small businesses and by helping businesses and families recover from disasters.

The strategic goals of the SBA are to:

- (1) Increase access to capital and credit;
- (2) Expand small business procurement opportunities;
- (3) Enhance entrepreneurial development assistance;
- (4) Transform SBA into a 21st century leading edge financial institution;
- (5) Help businesses and families recover from disasters;
- (6) Lead small business participation in welfare-to-work programs; and
- (7) Serve as the voice of America's small businesses.

Area Served

State of Alaska

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Mission

Established in 1986, the University of Alaska – Fairbanks, Small Business Development Center's (SBDC) mission is to provide high quality technical assistance to the small business community through one-on-one counseling, workshops and a business library.

Area Served

Interior of Alaska, primarily the cities of Fairbanks and North Pole

Community Profile: Alaska

WOMEN\$fund

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Mission

Established as a program of the YWCA in 1995 and fully implemented in spring 1996, WOMEN\$fund is a micro-enterprise training and lending program for women entrepreneurs in Anchorage. The YWCA's mission is to empower women and girls, eliminate racism, and promote independence, knowledge and self-esteem, especially for low-income and minority women.

WOMEN\$fund's mission is to secure financial independence for women through the provision of capital and technical assistance. By providing training classes in entrepreneurship and technical assistance, as well as individual mentoring and seed money for women-owned small businesses, WOMEN\$fund seeks to empower and provide economic self-sufficiency for low- and moderate-income, single-parent and minority women in Anchorage and the surrounding communities.

Since 1998, WOMEN\$fund has been designated Alaska's only women's business center by the U.S. Small Business Administration. With its online training and support programs for micro-business development at www.alaskabizbuilders.org, WOMEN\$fund is expanding its impact to address the needs of both male and female entrepreneurs throughout the state.

Area Served

State of Alaska
