



The Chugach Park Fund was established in 2016 to enable Alaskans to enjoy the beauty of Chugach State Park by enhancing trails and facilities. The Fund's priority is supporting trail projects through philanthropy and partnerships.

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# How does the Chugach Park Fund achieve its purpose?

- The Chugach State Park Citizen's Advisory Board (CAB) entered into an agreement with the Alaska Community Foundation to establish the Chugach Park Fund (June, 2016);
- This allows the fund's advisors, who are appointed by the CAB, to focus their work on fundraising rather than on establishing and administering a non-profit organization;
- Currently there are six volunteers who work collaboratively with each other and our partners to further CPF's mission: Judy Caminer, Haley Johnston, John Quinley, Charlotte Levy, Matt Worden and me;
- We work with park staff to select projects to focus our fundraising efforts on then we go out and raise money from individuals, foundations and businesses;
- Once we have enough to get a project started we again work with park staff as well as with Alaska Trails, to get the projects up and running.



## Rasmuson Tier II Grant

Proposal submitted for:

- South Fork Eagle River Trail Project
- Volunteer events
- Trail crew to address 'hotspots'

**Total cost: \$230,000**

Rasmuson committed \$115,000 to Chugach Park Fund in June, 2022 on condition that the CPF raise \$115,000 from other sources.

Match was met December, 2022

Project agreement signed with Alaska Trails in March 2023 with work to begin as soon as conditions allow.

# Rasmuson Foundation Grants

## Tier I

- Capital projects of \$25,000 or less
- Average award: \$16,700
- Applications received on rolling basis

## Tier II

- Capital projects >\$25,000
- Open to organizations who have successfully completed a Tier I grant
- Prepare a Letter of Interest and submit anytime (up to 90 days review)
- If Rasmuson Foundation is interested, organization receives invite to submit a full proposal for consideration at one of two annual board meetings, typically in June and November

*Since 2018, Rasmuson Foundation has awarded \$6.2 million for recreation and sports projects (total of 22 grants)*



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