

## **Project Abstract**

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Arctic Slope Community Foundation, Inc. (ASCF) is a Regional Alaska Non-profit Organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life among the people of the Arctic Slope. Through a partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of Southcentral Alaska (BGCAK), the Foundation's traditional Iñupiat values of dedication, hard work, culture, elders and youth will be shared with 605 youth at 18 Boys & Girls Clubs sites, in 13 school districts, across 32 schools throughout Alaska via *Project Learn: Academic & Cultural Enrichment with Alaska Native Youth*. Through *Project Learn* students will show statistically significant increases academic proficiency in reading, math, and science, as measured by PEAKS, Alaska's student based assessment. *Project Learn* is an academic and cultural enrichment program that includes academic goal setting, academic coaching, high-yield literacy activities, and STEM activities in a way that supports the unique cultural and educational needs of Alaska Native students. Students are engaged in dynamic learning centers through youth voice and leadership, seeking to meet their strengths, interests, and needs. Parents, family, Elders and other tradition bearers, and schools are all engaged in the process, breaking down the dichotomy often perceived between Alaska Native values, language, and culture and academic standards expressed through educational institutions. *Project Learn* will help students meet individualized goals for specific academic subjects, show gains in confidence with stronger cultural awareness and engagement, and prepare them for successful transition to high school, college and/or career. ASCF and BGCAK will maintain *Project Learn* fidelity and employ quality improvement strategies through staff professional development, support, and supervision that includes both in-person training as well as distance support strategies given issues of geography, distance, and a wide range of skills staff bring to the project from all over Alaska. *Project Learn* will serve 605 Alaska Native youth

grades 2 – 8 at 18 Boys & Girls Club sites, including: 75 youth in Barrow, North Slope Borough School District (SD); 75 in Kotzebue, 25 in Kivalina, 40 in Noorvik, and 25 in Selawik, Northwest Arctic Borough SD; 50 in Nome, Nome Public Schools; 25 in Emmonak and 25 in Mountain Village, Lower Yukon SD; 20 in Saint Mary's, Saint Mary's SD; 20 in Togiak, Southwest Region SD; 15 in Naknek, Bristol Bay SD; 15 in Sand Point, Aleutians East SD; 20 in Tyonek, Kenai Peninsula Borough SD; 40 in Kake, Kake City SD; 45 in Klawock, Klawock City SD; 20 in Ketchikan and 20 in Saxman, Ketchikan Gateway Borough SD; and, 50 in Metlakatla, Annette Islands SD.

Arctic Slope Community Foundation, Inc. (ASCF) is a Regional Alaska 501 (c)(3) Non-profit Organization, see IRS Determination Letter in *Other Attachments* (AO), pp. 7-8.

Assurance of Sanction by Federally Recognized Alaska Native Tribes, Experience Operating Programs that Fulfill the Purpose of the Alaska Native Education Program, and Governing Board Documentation are found in AO, pp. 9-10. Tribal Resolutions sanctioning ASCF to apply for funding are found in AO, pp. 13-31. Tribal Letters of Support are found in AO, pp. 32-33. The partnership between ASCF and Boys & Girls Clubs of Southcentral Alaska includes a Memorandum of Agreement found in AO, pp. 34-35.

Discussion of mandatory activities regarding the plans, methods, strategies, and activities to improve the educational outcomes of Alaska Natives, including *how* the applicant will develop and implement them is found in throughout the entire *Project Narrative* and *Budget Narrative*, and *Other Attachments*. Discussion of mandatory activities for applicant data collection and assistance in evaluation of ANE program, the ANE program, and required performance measures is in the *Project Narrative* evaluation discussion, on p. 23, *Quality of Management Plan*, pp. 26-30, (d) *Adequacy of Resources*, p. 30, and in the *Budget Narrative*, p. 24.