

City and Borough of Sitka

ANNUAL GRANTS FROM GENERAL FUND

SUMMARY SHEET

Name of Organization: **Sitka Fastpitch Softball Club**

Alaska State Business License Number (if applicable): **1063624**

Name of Contact Person: **Nicole Balovich**

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Mailing address: [REDACTED]

Grant Category (check either annual or special emergency grant, and check type of services for annual grant):



Annual Grant:



Human Services or



Cultural and Educational Services or



Community Development



Special Emergency Grant

Dollars Requested: **\$10,000**

Match Dollars Committed: **\$10,000**

Percentage: **100%**

Sources of Matched Dollars: **Fundraising**

Brief Description of the Purpose of the Grant: **Sitka Fastpitch Softball Club is requesting \$10,000 to help cover operational costs. This will help us put other funds towards more opportunities for Sitka's young female athletes.**

I, **Nicole Balovich**, do hereby certify that all information provided for this grant application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Name: **Nicole Balovich**

Title: **President & Founder**

Date: **08/12/2025**



Sitka Fastpitch Softball Club

Physical Address: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Website: sitkafastpitchsoftball.org

To Whom It May Concern,

Sitka Fastpitch Softball Club would like to be considered as a community grant recipient for the 2026 City of Sitka's Annual General Fund Grant for Nonprofit organizations.

Background:

We are a nonprofit youth sports club that was established in 2017. Our club provides a year-round softball program to over 60 female athletes ages 5-18 years old, and we continue to grow every year. We provide the youth in our community professional softball clinics and training, competitive travel opportunities both within the state of Alaska as well as tournaments, and clinics out-of-state.

In 2019 Sitka Fastpitch Softball Club opened a 2,400 square foot indoor turf facility. This is the only one of its kind in Sitka and is available to all of Sitka and other user groups for rentals.

Operations and Project Overview:

Sitka Fastpitch operates solely on sponsors, grants, donations, member fees and fundraising.

Sitka Fastpitch is requesting a Community Development Grant in the amount of \$10,000.

The funds received from this grant application will go towards our annual operational costs:

- space rental fees
- field rental costs
- utilities
- heating fuel
- insurance
- purchasing safe and reliable equipment for girls of all ages and sizes
- scholarships

As with many programs, there are expenses that fall outside the Club's ability to fund, which are passed on to participating families. Through this grant, we strive to reduce the financial burden put on families by covering more of our operating costs upfront, providing scholarships to families who are in need, as well as being able to offer training and cage time at lower costs to all of our club members.

Funding from the Community Development Grant will allow us to address the needs above while also expanding travel opportunities for the girls. These experiences enrich player development, team building, enhanced life and interpersonal skills, as well as numerous additional long term benefits.

If granted, these funds will be used over our next Fiscal Year (2026) at the discretion of our Board Members; making sure that the funds are used in a way that provides a maximum benefit to all of our players.

Our dedicated team of volunteer board members, coaches, and families are committed to the continued success of our program. Sitka Fastpitch proudly serves the youth of Sitka by providing a safe, encouraging, consistent year-round activity. We welcome players of all skill levels and actively encourage new members. As our space is unique, and there is nothing else like it in town, we are proud to make it available for a variety of groups- ranging from birthday party rentals to senior exercise classes held by our health and wellness subtenant.

We did receive a CBS General Fund Grant in 2022. Sitka Fastpitch would be profoundly grateful as funding from sources like this alleviate the pressure of securing local sponsors, who are so generous, yet often spread so thin from excessive fundraising. These funds would also allow the girls and the club to direct their fundraising efforts toward a wider variety of opportunities beyond reliable equipment or operating costs.

Growth and Expected Outcomes:

Measuring success for our club comes in many forms. Our continued growth in new softball players and families joining our club grows each year. In 2017 we started with 10 girls and have continued to rise each year with as many as 60 girls in our program. In 2025 we took 32 players to Juneau for an indoor tournament. It is a weekend long tournament but a player favorite as it focuses on batting and fielding. We also took 28 girls to Oregon for 2 weekends of tournaments, camps, clinics, pick up games, a vast amount of growth, and a lot of fun. By the end of the 10 days the girls have played anywhere from 12-18 games. The amount of game time experience the players get is unmatched. In 2025 we welcomed a local health and wellness business into our facility, creating new opportunities to support an even wider age of community members. Our subtenant uses our facility for a variety of purposes to include physical therapy, wellness classes, and senior exercise classes. As our program grows the usage, and resulting wear and tear on our facility increases greatly, which in turn increases our operating costs.

Our board meetings include setting yearly goals within our schedule for the year, taking feedback from previous years and focusing on getting the most of what limited resources we have in Sitka. With inflation and the high cost of living in Sitka, any amount of funds we get is felt by our members and the community.

Tangible benefits include lower fees for families, offering more scholarships to those in need, not being so dependent on the businesses of Sitka for sponsors or the non-stop fundraising.

Intangible benefits include greater operational flexibility, higher quality and quantity of equipment, more opportunities for clinics and training, and increased participation in tournaments. Together these factors contribute to the satisfaction and engagement of our players, families and volunteers.

Benchmarks for us may look different than a normal project. Sitka Fastpitch has successfully guided Sitka girls to elite levels of competition in Softball! Athletes from our program are on teams that have won multiple High School State Championships, college ball teams, and international teams! Currently we have Sitka Fastpitch alumni coaching and traveling with our younger teams, passing on traditions, skill development, and a love of the game! This is success! With each season, we try to offer more opportunities for all age groups. This year we will have an 8u, 10u, 12u, and 14/16u groups in the Fall and Spring/Summer seasons. In turn, our numbers increase as we see our program light fires in Sitka's young female population who are mentored by healthy, positive female role models. This is increasing confidence and self-esteem in our young athletes- these are qualities that money cannot put a value on. However, funding plays a crucial role in providing access to the resources and opportunities that foster this growth.

Statement of Need:

In the most recent 2023 Youth Risk Behavior Survey:

- 33% admitted to using marijuana
- 17% of adolescents are using vapes
- 19% attempted suicide
- 43% felt sad and/or hopeless for a significant amount of time
- Although regular physical activity can reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression, fewer than one in five (18%) adolescents got the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity per day in 2023

Community development begins at the lowest level, and our next generation is shaped by the support of individuals within our community. Our program along with other youth sports initiatives in Sika fills a vital role in the lives of local children. Sitka Fastpitch strives to create a "second family" atmosphere for these girls, providing a safe and supportive environment that helps prevent negative outcomes. This is particularly important given Alaska's high rates of youth pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, domestic violence, suicide, and substance abuse.

There are currently positive trends happening in women's sports, particularly in terms of media visibility and fan interest. More needs to be done to ensure girls and women have equal access and opportunities to participate, train, and excel in athletics at all ages. Sitka Fastpitch is an accessible avenue for all young girls in our community and our program strives to provide a safe and healthy physical activity for girls to build strong foundational habits and routines for healthy living. We also foster friendships, teamwork, self-confidence, problem solving skills, and leadership skill building.

Organizational Capacity:

Our Board is made up of 5 volunteers. We meet monthly or more frequently depending on what all we have planned or need to discuss. We are currently seeking more Board members based on the number of programs and girls we have signing up this year.

Playing a small role in shaping the lives of our youth is a meaningful success. Funding from this request will drive our growth and sustainability, enabling Sitka Fastpitch to continue providing valuable opportunities for the youth in Sitka.

Every financial milestone achieved by our nonprofit inspires greater ambition to enhance and expand our program, in turn our members become more motivated to engage in fundraising, and our community remains steadfast in its ongoing support. Sitka Fastpitch owes our progress to the generosity of numerous local business and organizations to include the Elks, who have played a crucial role in facilitating fundraising opportunities.

In closing we would like to thank you for your time and consideration. We are excited to share in our continued growth as a club and our passion for softball with families in Sitka.

Kind Regards,

Board Members:

Nikki Balovich- President/Treasurer

Jael McCarty- Vice President

Maggie White- Secretary

Mindy Barry- Board Representative

Heather Branch - Board Representative

Budget:***Sitka Fastpitch Softball Club Financial Statement***

2024	
Expenses	
Annual Fees	\$2,306.57
Club Expenses	\$30,014.00
Travel Team	\$30,503.74
Total	\$62,824.31
Income	
Member Fees	\$28,731.00
Sponsors	\$9,345.00
Fundraising	\$18,313.75
Grants	\$820.32
Total	\$57,210.07

2025 (Jan - July)	
Exepnses	
Annual Fees	\$2,072.41
Club Expenses	\$17,513.00
Travel Team	\$35,656.84
Total	\$55,242.25
Income	
Member Fees	\$24,240.00
Sponsors	\$8,550.00
Fundraising	\$27,370.50
Grants	\$1,000.00
Total	\$61,160.50

Projected 2026 Budget	
Annual Fees	\$2,100.00
Insurance	\$1,950.00
Domain	\$150.00
Club Expenses	\$28,650.00
Equipment	\$2,000.00
Electric -City of Sitka	\$4,500.00
Fuel - Petro	\$3,000.00
Rent	\$18,900.00
Taxes	\$250.00
Travel & Clinics	\$40,000.00
Juneau	\$2,500.00
Oregon	\$35,000.00
Clinics	\$2,500.00
Total	\$70,500.00

Assets	
Cash	\$18,000.00
Pitching Machine	\$4,000.00
Turf	\$3,500.00
Netting	\$2,400.00
Equipment	\$7,500.00
TOTAL:	\$35,400.00



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Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing
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AK Entity #: 10074039
Date Filed: 05/15/2025
State of Alaska, DCCED

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2025 Biennial Report
For the period ending June 30, 2025

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Due Date: This report along with its fees are due by July 2, 2025

Fees: If postmarked before August 2, 2025, the fee is \$25.00.

If postmarked on or after August 2, 2025 then this report is delinquent and the fee is \$30.00.

Entity Name: Sitka Fastpitch Softball Club

Entity Number: 10074039

Home Country: UNITED STATES

Home State/Prov.: ALASKA

Physical Address: [REDACTED]
SITKA, AK 99835

Mailing Address: [REDACTED] SITKA, AK 99835

Registered Agent information cannot be changed on this form. Per Alaska Statutes, to update or change the Registered Agent information this entity must submit the Statement of Change form for this entity type along with its filing fee.

Name: Nicole Balovich

Physical Address: [REDACTED], SITKA, AK 99835

Mailing Address: [REDACTED] SITKA, AK 99835

Officials: The following is a complete list of officials who will be on record as a result of this filing.

- **Provide all officials and required information. Use only the titles provided.**
- **Four (4) Mandatory Officers, who must be individuals:** this entity must have a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Two or more offices may be held by the same individual, except the offices of President and Secretary cannot be the same individual.
- **Three (3) Mandatory Directors, who must be individuals.** The number of directors must be at least three (3).

Full Legal Name	Complete Mailing Address	Assistant Secretary	Assistant Treasurer	Director	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Vice President
Nicole Balovich	[REDACTED], SITKA, AK 99835			X	X		X	
Jael McCarty	[REDACTED], Sitka, AK 99835			X				X
Margaret White	[REDACTED], Sitka, AK 99835			X		X		
Heather Branch	[REDACTED] Sitka, AK 99835			X				

If necessary, attach a list of additional officers on a separate 8.5 X 11 sheet of paper.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: JUN 05 2019

SITKA FASTPITCH SOFTBALL CLUB

SITKA, AK 99835-0000

Employer Identification Number:

DLN:

Contact Person:

CUSTOMER SERVICE

ID#

Contact Telephone Number:

(877) 829-5500

Accounting Period Ending:

December 31

Public Charity Status:

509(a)(2)

Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:

Yes

Effective Date of Exemption:

December 18, 2017

Contribution Deductibility:

Yes

Addendum Applies:

No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

SITKA FASTPITCH SOFTBALL CLUB

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin

Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing

PO Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806

This is to certify that

SITKA FASTPITCH SOFTBALL CLUB

[REDACTED] SITKA, AK 99835

owned by

SITKA FASTPITCH SOFTBALL CLUB

is licensed by the department to conduct business for the period

October 7, 2024 to December 31, 2026
for the following line(s) of business:

71 - Arts, Entertainment and Recreation



This license shall not be taken as permission to do business in the state without having complied with the other requirements of the laws of the State or of the United States.

This license must be posted in a conspicuous place at the business location.
It is not transferable or assignable.

Julie Sande
Commissioner

for Fiscal Year 2026

CBS Liabilities Form

Complete and submit this form with your Non-Profit Grant Application.

Organization Name: Sitka Fastpitch Softball Club

- Property Tax

Justin Harris
Justin Harris, Supervisory Senior Accountant
747-1853

- Sales Tax

Justin Harris
Justin Harris, Supervisory Senior Accountant
747-1853

- Municipal Leases

Tori Fleming
Tori Fleming, Procurement Specialist
747-1845

- Loan/Promissory Note

Amanda Diehl 8/13/2025
Amanda Diehl, Controller
747-1801

- Utilities

Chelsey Dumag
Chelsey Dumag, Utility/Harbor Billing Clerk
747-1843

CBS Department signatures must be complete to verify your organization is current on all CBS liabilities.