

Alaska Municipal League Grant Writing Services and Experience

“Think like a Grant writer!”

Introductions

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A quick walkthrough of common features in a grant application

The NOFO and the grant application

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Definitions

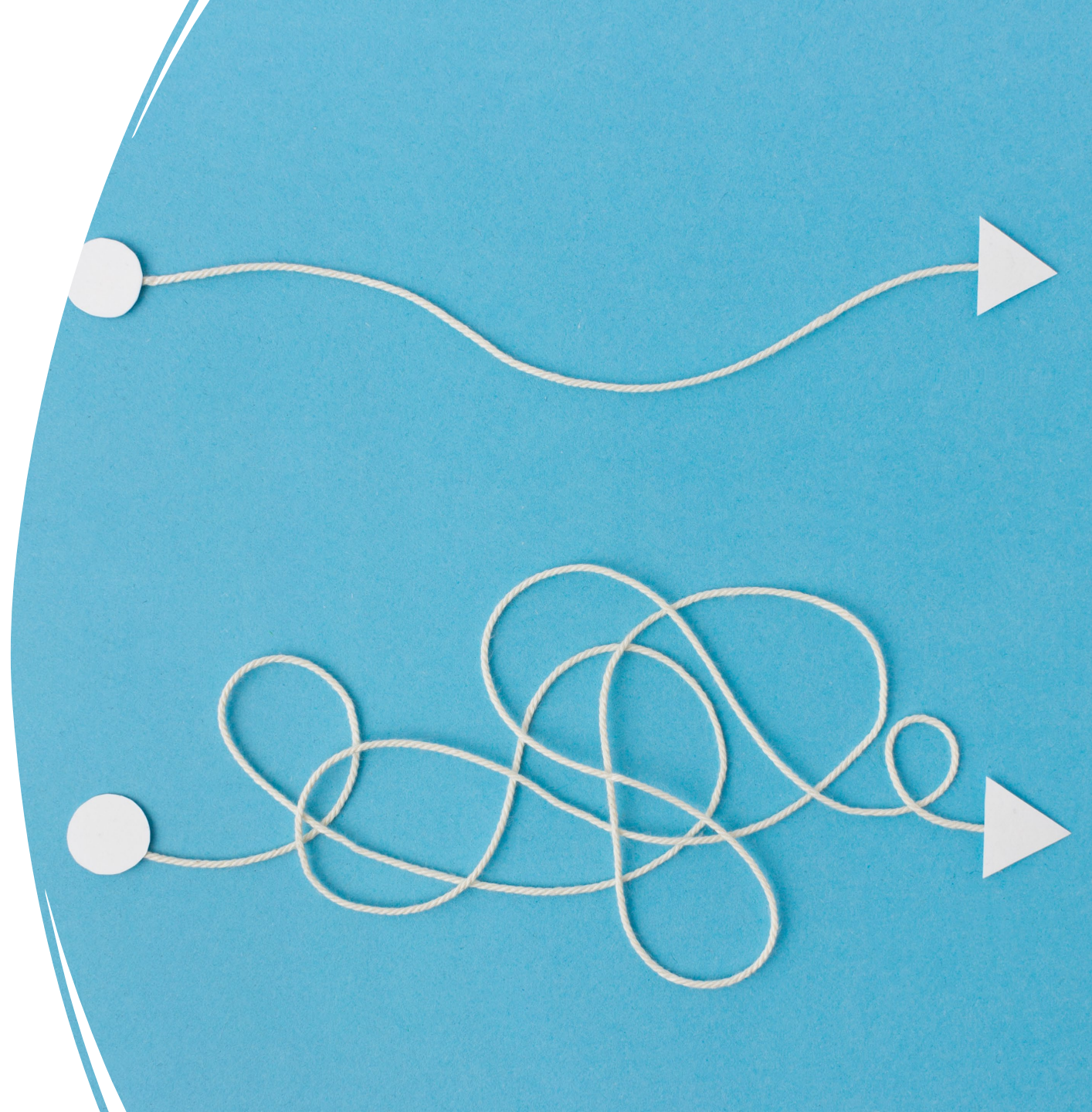
- NOFO—Notice of Funding Opportunity
- CFDA#—Catalog of Domestic Federal Assistance Number
- RFP – Request for Proposal
- FOA – Funding Opportunity Announcement
- NOFA – Notice of Funding Announcement
-and the list goes on...

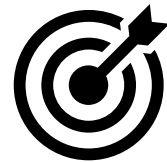
Reviewing a NOFO

Identifying the Leading
Questions

Let's untangle it!

- We want grant applications to be straight forward like the top string. But let's face it, sometimes it's more like the bottom string!
- Today we'll look at some common features of an opportunity, and grant processes that will help you untangle the next grant you tackle.





Find the high-level information

TIP–Think: WHO, WHAT, WHERE, HOW MUCH? The program specifically targets **WHICH COMMUNITIES?** The grant is open to **WHICH TYPES OF ORGANIZATIONS?**

At a glance:	<i>Sample answers</i>
Title	<i>FY 2024 Grant for Great Things that Sound Totally Useful</i>
Funder	<i>Megabuxxx Foundation for Worthy Projects</i>
Deadline	<i>Jan 30, 2024</i>
Funding Opportunity Description	<i>Awards made under this NOFO will support projects XXXX and XXXX to support XXXX and XXX in XXX population/region.</i>
Period of Performance	<i>September 2024 through September 2026</i>
Grant amount	<i>\$3.1415926535 million</i>
Matching share	<i>Will be part of the Phase II evaluation</i>
Eligible organizations	<i>Community-led projects, municipalities, Alaska Native Tribes, general nonprofits...</i>
Application instructions	<i>For XYZ Grant, see pages XX & XX of the original document; for Strategic Plan, see pages XX & XX</i>

Who can apply?

- Organization eligibility requirements
- Type of organization
- Regional ties for the organization



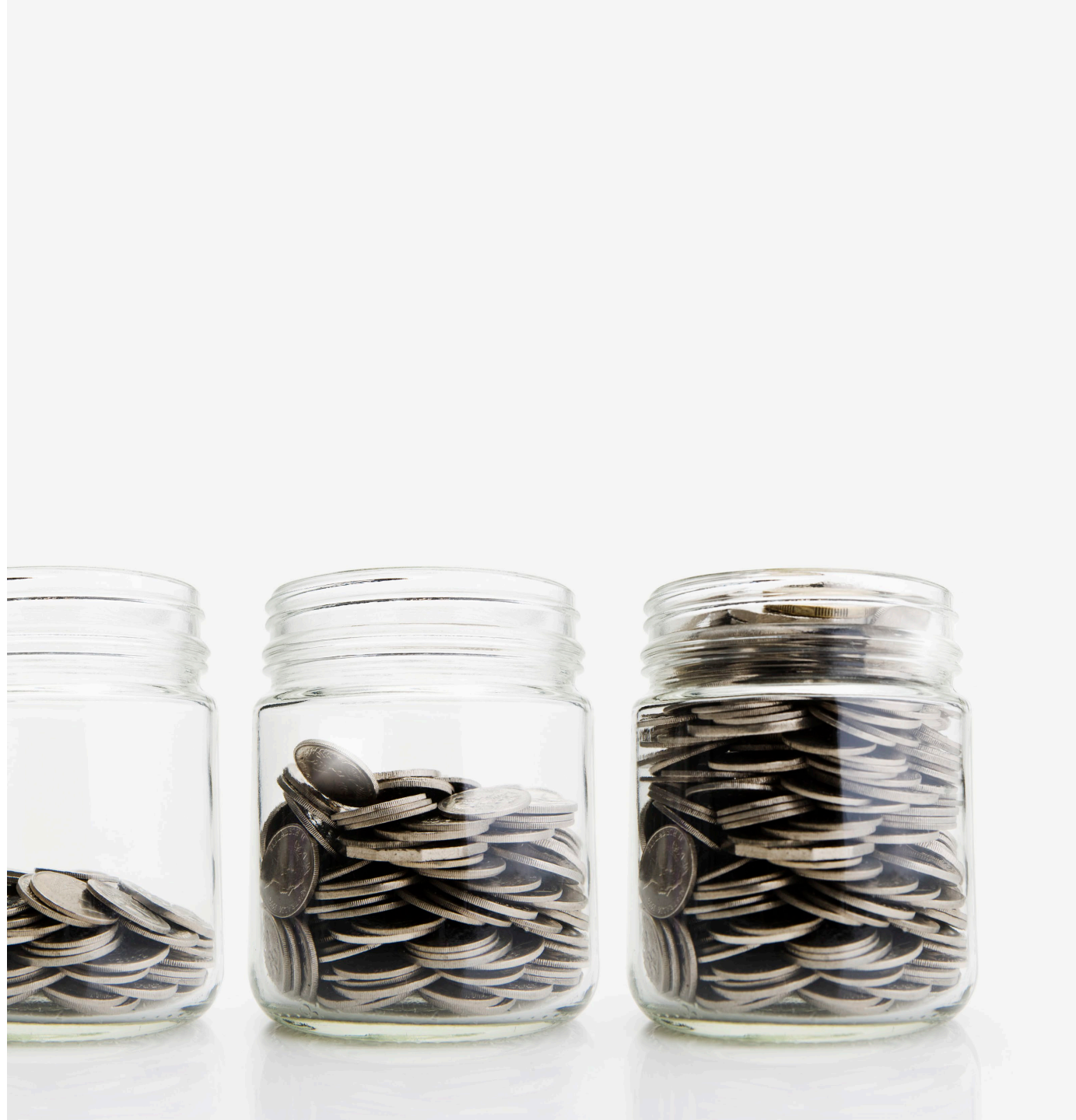
What support
is being
offered?



- Award amount
- Are matching funds required?
- What is the disbursement schedule?

What is the grant for?

- Purpose of the funding
- What government house bill is it under?
- Population served (demographic signifiers)
- Region served



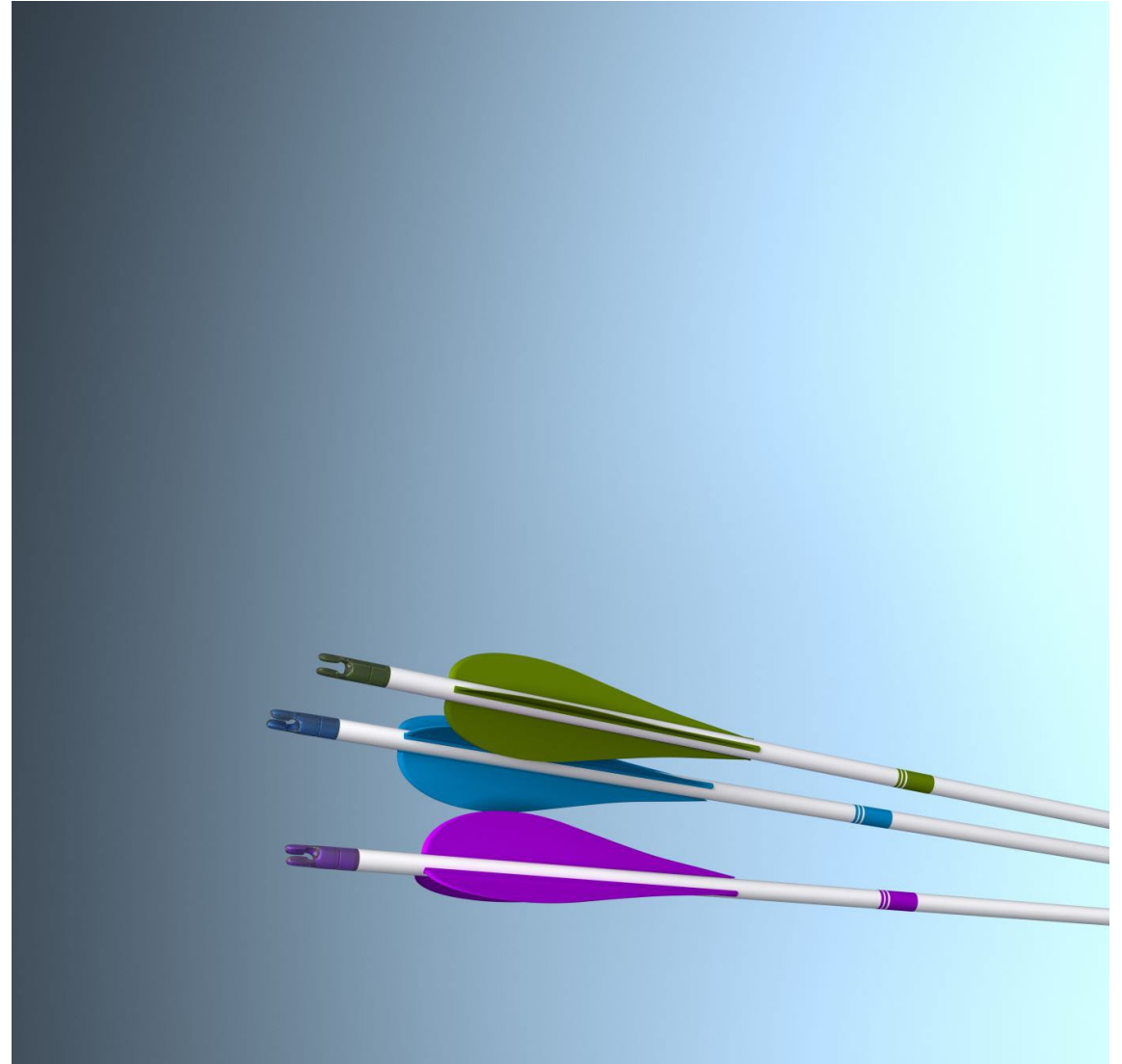


What types of projects are eligible?

- Project eligibility requirements
- What is the mission of the grant, and what are the project (and reporting) requirements?

Who is the funder?

EDA – Economic
Development Agency
USDA – US Department of
Agriculture
EPA – Environmental
Protection Agency
DOT – Dept of Transportation



What are the application requirements?

- What forms are needed for the application?
- Are there templates or specific length or formatting requirements for the narratives?
- Is a budget document needed? What format?
- Is staffing information needed?
- Are there program description requirements?
- Are there timeline requirements?
- Are MOUs required?
- Are there post-reward requirements?
- Are there any ineligibilities? (Costs that can't be covered, etc.)



Practice

Use the checklist to challenge yourselves in your next review of a NOFO

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