

Alaska Women's Giving Circle Fund Supports RAIS

Alaska Women's Giving Circle Fund at the Alaska Community Foundation recently made a grant to support a revolving loan fund for the Refugee Assistance and Immigration Services program (RAIS). Giving Circles support a process where donors combine their charitable contributions and decide as a group which nonprofits to support, achieving greater impact through their pooled resources.

The Alaska Women's Giving Circle selected the RAIS project for a grant in part because of its approach to further economic development of individual families. RAIS has funds available for targeted micro-loans that help families with security and utility deposits or other means to achieve stability. Once families are secure, they are encouraged to "pay back" the loan so the funds will be available to others.

The Alaska Women's Giving Circle saw this opportunity as a way to generate significant impact for many individuals and contribute to the economic fabric of Alaska. The grant to the RAIS loan fund will continue to give for years to come.

