

Rasmuson Foundation

Pre-Development (Pre-D) Program

Launched: 2006

Public Partners: Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, Denali Commission, and the State of Alaska

The Pre-Development (Pre-D) Program is a service provided to nonprofits in Alaska through a partnership initiated by the Rasmuson Foundation. Pre-D's core purpose is planning sustainable capital projects. Sustainable is defined as projects that contribute to the long-term viability of the organization and the community it serves.

The Pre-D Program is based on the principle that capital projects are more likely to succeed if they are well planned, right-sized, reasonably priced, properly vetted and are affordable to operate over the long term.



Funding partners are Rasmuson Foundation (a private family foundation), the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (a state corporation), Denali Commission (an independent federal agency) and Mat-Su Health Foundation. The State of Alaska has been an intermittent funding partner. The Foraker Group operates the program.

The Funding Partners pay the annual \$1.05 million in operating costs. The three larger partners each contribute \$300,000 per year. Mat-Su Health Foundation contributes \$150,000 per year.



The Pre-D Program offers guidance and technical resources to plan new facilities and renovate or expand existing ones. The program helps nonprofit, municipal and tribal organizations determine feasibility of their projects and develop the documentation needed for funding applications. Organizations in the Pre-D Program also gain access to funders at an earlier point in the planning process.



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The foundation invests both in individuals and well-managed not-for-profit organizations dedicated to improving the quality of life for Alaskans.

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