

Pratt Museum Receives Strengthening Organizations Grant from the Alaska Community Foundation

Homer, Alaska (April 17, 2024) – Pratt Museum

The Pratt Museum, which is governed by The Homer Society of Natural History, Inc., is the Recipient of an \$8,000 Strengthening Organizations Grant from the Alaska Community Foundation



The Pratt Museum is incredibly grateful to be the recipient of an \$8,000 Strengthening Organizations Grant from the Alaska Community Foundation to conduct a Strategic Planning Retreat. This will be a great opportunity to bring existing and new team members together to discuss a full range of opportunity and challenges. The retreat will assist Board and Staff members in understanding our strengths and weaknesses as an organization. Sustainability not only requires sufficient funds, but talented and dedicated individuals to carve a path forward.

In 2023, the Museum underwent a transformation after facing challenges such as closures and high staff turnover. The Board of Directors hired a new Executive Director with years of experience leading arts and museum organizations. The Museum's top priority at this time is to get their house in order and take action with their new team. After investing in many of its foundational organizational elements, including by-laws and development structure(s), revisiting and revising its strategic plan to reflect the current realities and perspectives within the organization is a critical next step.

The Pratt Museum strategic plan will guide all aspects of the organization's focus and activities, from its mission, education, collections, and exhibits, to fundraising, operations, and community engagement. As such, the plan needs to reflect the full wisdom of the organization. It also needs to be readily accessible and understandable to everyone. Strategic planning will take place in person in Homer, ideally in early summer 2024.

About the Pratt Museum The mission of the Pratt Museum is to strengthen relationships between people and place through stories relevant to Kachemak Bay. It fulfills its mission by facilitating engagement between community members and strengthening understandings of our shared place. Through these activities, the unique relationship between the people and places of Kachemak Bay will be sustained far into the future. The Museum is open Tuesday-Saturday from 11am to 4pm. Beginning May 5, 2024, the Museum will be open daily from 10am – 6pm. Visit the Pratt Museum at 379 Bartlett Street in Homer. Tel (907) 235-8635. More information is available at <https://www.prattmuseum.org/>.

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