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LOCAL DOLLARS, MATCHED FOR GREATER IMPACT

At Tongass FCU, we work hard to identify real needs in our communities and help meet them. This year, we had an opportunity to do that in a bigger way.

Through the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines Member Impact Fund, Tongass FCU was able to secure matching grant funds for local organizations doing important work across Southeast. By identifying community needs, contributing our own funding, and applying for matching grants, we helped bring over $250k in new money to our region.

Tongass FCU provided $105,000 in funding to three organizations—Southeast Conference, Alaska Business Week, and SAIL (Southeast Alaska Independent Living)—which was matched with an additional $262,500 from FHLB Des Moines, bringing total donations to $367,500.

- **Southeast Conference:** We know housing is a struggle across Southeast, and families, employers, and communities all feel the impact when people cannot find safe, stable, affordable places to live. Housing affects whether families can stay in the community, whether businesses can hire and keep staff, and whether our towns and villages can stay strong. This year, Tongass FCU is trying to help address housing in several ways, including this grant support for Southeast Conference. Tongass FCU contributed $100,000, FHLB Des Moines matched it with $250,000, and together that provides $350,000 to help communities and tribes take the next steps on local housing projects. Sometimes a housing project is ready in concept, but it gets stuck because the early work still needs to be done. That might include planning, figuring out project costs, coordinating with partners, or getting expert help before a project can move forward. These micro-grants are meant to help cover those early needs. The funding will also help create a shared resource library, so communities can learn from each other, find helpful examples, and build on what is already working in Southeast.
- **Alaska Business Week:** Tongass FCU contributed $2,500, FHLB Des Moines matched it with $6,250, and together that provides $8,750 to help more high school students take part in hands-on business education. Alaska Business Week gives students a chance to learn by doing, with support from working professionals who teach the basics of business, leadership, teamwork, and decision-making. Programs like this help students build confidence and see new possibilities for their future.
- **SAIL:** Tongass FCU contributed $2,500, FHLB Des Moines matched it with $6,250, and together that provides $8,750 to support school-based job readiness services for youth with disabilities. Through SAIL's Pre-Employment Transition Services, students can explore different kinds of jobs, learn workplace skills, and practice speaking up for themselves. This support helps students prepare for work, independence, and life after high school.

We are proud to support this work and help bring more resources home to Southeast.

OUR CARD UPGRADE IS HERE!

We've been working on an upgrade to our Tongass FCU debit and credit cards, and we're excited to finally share it with you!

The new cards have an updated design and include contactless tap-to-pay. They can also be added to your mobile wallet, giving you another option for everyday purchases. There is no required card change, and your current card will keep working unless it expires, needs to be replaced, or you decide you would like one of the new cards.

Want a new card? Through the end of the year, you can stop by a branch/microsite or call us to request an updated card, and we will waive the normal reissue fee!

UPCOMING CLOSURES

July 3, Friday, Independence Day

September 7, Monday, Labor Day

CONGRATULATIONS!

Tongass FCU is proud to celebrate our 2026 Jump Start Your Life Scholarship winners:

- Tyrone Carlson of Hydaburg
- Lydia Chang of Kake
- John Davis of Haines
- Natalee Bertagnoli of Petersburg
- Vincent Milligrock of Metlakatla
- Marina Marley of Sitka
- David Cook of Ketchikan
- Rylee Kadake of Kake
- Davin Hamby of Thorne Bay
- Seth Howell of Naukati
- Jacielynn Simpson of Craig

Each student completed a one-on-one financial wellness session. They also shared a personal essay about the challenges they have faced and the perseverance it took to reach graduation. The $1,500 award honors that resilience and can be used for whatever helps them take their next step, from school and supplies to housing needs.

Congratulations to these students and all 2026 Southeast graduates!

Today, tomorrow, *together*.

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