

Alaska Public Media Receive Grants for Equipment Upgrades

Grants will fund new broadcasting equipment to better serve Alaska

ANCHORAGE, AK – August 7, 2026 – Alaska Public Media (AKPM), is pleased to announce the award of two grants.

The Rasmuson Foundation awarded AKPM \$650,000 to replace and modernize aging broadcast and information technology systems. Based in Vancouver, Washington the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust committed \$500,000 toward the purchase and installation of new broadcasting equipment that will significantly increase capabilities. The equipment upgrades modernize broadcast and technology systems while expanding access to public broadcasting and connecting more individuals to local news and educational content throughout Alaska.

"This tremendous investment in our digital and broadcast distribution systems provides significant enhancements for the statewide public media services we manage on behalf of the independent and locally controlled system of public television and radio stations across Alaska," said Ed Ulman, AKPM President & CEO. "A modern, interconnected 24/7, 365 media system helps to ensure that all Alaskans can receive potentially life-saving public safety information from Ketchikan to Utqiagvik to Unalaska and to every population center in between."

The funds will help to:

- Upgrade Core IT Network Infrastructure and audio and video automation systems,
- Add two disaster recovery systems,
- Expand KSKA's reach in Girdwood, and add coverage in Seward and Whittier

The upgrades better position Alaska Public Media to:

- Use and interface with changing technology,
- Ensure resilient and reliable communications across the state in times of emergency,
- Reach and serve even more Alaskans across the state

Alaska's size, distance and challenging geography make dependable broadcast infrastructure especially important. Alaska Public Media is committed to technology that continues to connect communities and keep information freely available on the platforms Alaskans use.

Work supported by the grants will take place in phases as equipment is purchased, installed and integrated into Alaska Public Media's existing systems.

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About Alaska Public Media

[Alaska Public Media](http://alaskapublic.org) (AKPM) is a shared Public Broadcasting System (PBS) and National Public Radio (NPR) member and a 501(c)(3) organization. Committed to meeting the needs of our community and state, AKPM produces and presents news and content that provides lifelong learning opportunities in public affairs, health and leisure, science and nature, economic and social development, civic engagement, and world events. The company is located in Southcentral Alaska and is comprised of KSKA radio, KAKM-TV, Create TV, PBS KIDS, and alaskapublic.org. Alaska Public Media also operates the Statewide News network and a shared television service with KTOO in Juneau and KYUK in Bethel.

About Rasmuson Foundation

Rasmuson Foundation is a private family foundation based in Anchorage, Alaska, with a mission to empower Alaskans to help each other. The Foundation was created in 1955 by Jenny Rasmuson, a Swedish missionary, and her son, Elmer, to honor her late husband, missionary and banker E.A. Rasmuson

About M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust

M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, created by the will of the late Melvin J. (Jack) Murdock, provides grants, programs, initiatives, and convenings for nonprofit organizations in five states of the Pacific Northwest—Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington—that seek to strengthen the region's educational, social, spiritual, and cultural base in creative and sustainable ways. www.murdocktrust.org

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