



Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is GTAP?

This Grant Technical Assistance Program (GTAP) is a statewide program aimed to build the capacity of Alaskans to more competitively apply for federal and foundation grants. There are many GTAP programs around the country, all organized and structured differently. This GTAP opportunity is the flagship GTAP for the State of Alaska, offering any Alaska-based organization an opportunity to receive support in applying for federal and foundation funding.

2. What is the Blue Economy Center?

The Alaska Blue Economy Center (ABEC) was established in 2019 by Chancellor Dan White at the University of Alaska Fairbanks who recognized that the disparate communities with livelihoods rooted in Alaskan waterways did not have a platform to connect across all sectors. ABEC was created to serve as a platform to better connect Alaskans to relevant resources, expertise, and best practices both across and outside of the state. Through collaborative partnerships, ABEC is focused on sustainability and amplifying community benefits. ABEC seeks to:

- Serve as a platform to connect existing resources in Alaska across the blue economy sectors.
- Generate new funding for the State.
- Tell the story of our blue communities.

3. What information will I get from the GTAP workshop?

The GTAP workshop will cover the following: Introduction to the GTAP Program, an overview of current and projected grant opportunities, and grant preparation 101. The GTAP program will offer between five to one hundred hours of professional grant writing support services for up to twenty selected Alaskan organizations pursuing federal and foundation funding programs.

There are two sessions available to attend virtually, and at least once will be recorded. All applicants to GTAP must attend and/or watch the recording of a GTAP workshop to qualify. The content alone will help organizations improve future grant searches and applications.

4. Where is funding for this GTAP funding for Round 1 coming from?

The \$125,000 allocated to GTAP Round 1 is coming through the State of Alaska's grant to the Alaska Blue Economy Center, supplemented with additional University of Alaska Fairbanks funding from its Center for Energy and Power (ACEP) and the Center for Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Commercialization (Center ICE).

5. How can I apply for this opportunity?

A link to the application form will go live on our website on Monday, January 22nd, 2024. This form will ask questions about your organization, partners, project plan, budget, and the funding opportunity you would like to apply to (if identified). It should take 30-60 minutes to complete.

6. How much support might I get through GTAP?

LEVEL 0: INITIAL CONSULTATION

Initial Consultation (1 hour)

All applicants to GTAP will receive 1 hour of initial consulting with GMA to answer specific applicant questions, review the grant opportunity(ies) that the applicant is considering, or to discuss grant and organizational readiness and next steps.

LEVEL 1: FUNDING RESEARCH

Upfront Consulting - strategy and approach to what grants would be most applicable (~2 hours)

1-2 Months of research, prepare matrix (~10 hours)

Client meetings to discuss opportunities (~3 hours)

TOTAL TA = ~15 hours of GMA support (~\$3,375 value)

LEVEL 2: APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT OR ORGANIZATIONAL READINESS

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Upfront Consulting - strategy and approach (~2 hours)

Mid-point review and feedback - review and feedback on narrative, scope, budget, etc. (~8 hours)

Final review and feedback - 1 week before submission (~8 hrs)

Project Management (~2 hours)

TOTAL = ~20 hours of GMA support (~\$4,500 value)

ORGANIZATIONAL READINESS

Upfront Consulting - strategy and approach (~2 hours)

Systems Development and Implementation (~8 hours)

Policy & Procedure Development, Staffing (~8 hours)

Project Management (~2 hours)

TOTAL = ~20 hours of GMA support (~\$4,500 value)

LEVEL 3: APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT OR ORGANIZATIONAL READINESS

APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT

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Upfront Consulting - strategy and approach (~3 hours)

Mid-point review and feedback - review and feedback on narrative, scope, budget, etc. (~12 hours)

Final review and feedback - 1 week before submission (~10 hrs)

Project Management (~3 hours)

TOTAL = ~28 hours of GMA support (~\$6,300 value)

ORGANIZATIONAL READINESS

Upfront Consulting - strategy and approach (~3 hours)

Systems Development and Implementation (~12 hours)

Policy & Procedure Development, Staffing (~10 hours)

Project Management (~3 hours)

TOTAL = ~28 hours of GMA support (~\$6,300 value)

LEVEL 4: APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT

Upfront Consulting - strategy and approach (~5 hours)
Scope of Work Development (~4 hours)
Narrative Outline Development (~4 hours)
Mid-point review and feedback (~10 hours)
Editing (~8 hours)
Final review and feedback (~10 hours)
Project Management (~4 hours)
TOTAL TA = ~45 hours of GMA support (~\$10,125 value)

LEVEL 5 TA: APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT

Upfront Consulting (~6 hours)
Scope of Work Development (~5 hours)
Narrative Outline Development (~4 hours)
Narrative Writing and Editing (~20 hours)
Mid-point review and feedback (~12 hours)
Editing (~12 hours)
Final review and feedback (~12 hours)
Project Management (~6 hours)
TOTAL TA = ~77 hours (~\$17,325 value)

LEVEL 6 TA: APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT

Upfront Consulting (~6 hours)
Scope of Work Development (~8 hours)
Narrative Outline Development (~4 hours)
Narrative Writing and Editing (~34 hours)
Mid-point review and feedback (~20 hours)
Editing (~10 hours)
Final review and feedback (~12 hours)
Project Management (~6 hours)
TOTAL TA = ~100 hours (~\$22,500 value)

7. How will GTAP applications be evaluated?

The GTAP evaluation team consists of UAF staff from ABEC, Center ICE, and ACEP as well as GMA staff. Applications will be evaluated by:

- Merit Criteria: The strength or innovation of your proposed project or technology and its potential impacts and benefits, team and readiness to proceed, availability of information, alignment with the solicitation

- Need Criteria: How much support you need in order to prepare a competitive application.
- Relative Value: Impact of the TA support to advance the enterprise, technology or mariculture industry relative to the other applicants.

7. Who can apply to this opportunity?

Any Alaska-based organizations can apply for this opportunity.