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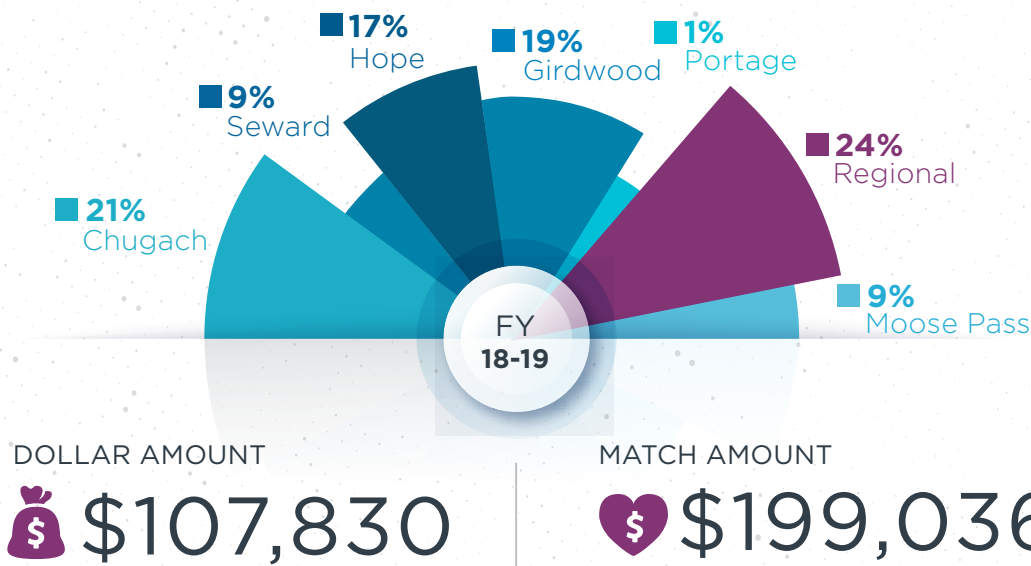
MISSION

To recognize, preserve, and interpret the historic, scenic, natural resources, and cultural landscape of the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm historic transportation corridor, and to promote and facilitate the public enjoyment of these resources.

VISION

To discover, preserve, and enable the unique relationships between the communities, resources, and landscape of the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area.

GRANTS AWARDED



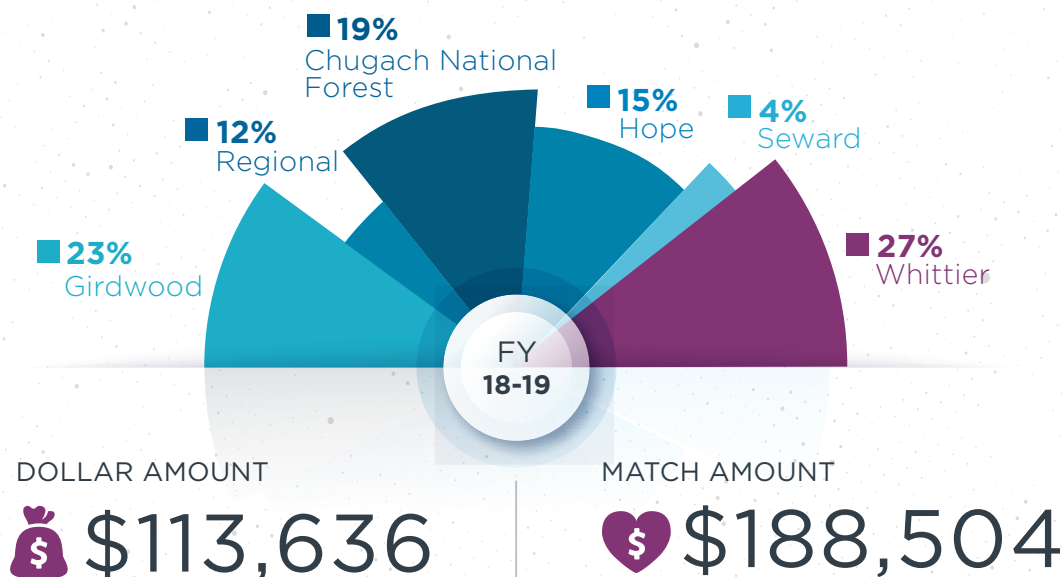
GRANT APPLICATIONS

 **24**
received

 **18**
completed

 **16**
awarded

GRANTS COMPLETED




5280FT
EXISTING TRAILS
MAINTAINED


8712FT
LENGTH OF
TRAILS COMPLETED



Our project increased public awareness and appreciation for the historic and cultural resources of the Cooper Landing area by documenting the stories of the residents for future generations to enjoy. Listening firsthand to the stories, digitizing photographs, and reading historic documents, helped give our youth an understanding of the town they live in. They now have a greater appreciation for the places they once took for granted and appreciate the stories behind them detailing the efforts of the people who came before them. Thank you KMTA for working with the town of Cooper Landing.

- *Kristine Route, Youth Group Leader and Owner, Best Route Productions*

LEARN MORE: kmtacorridor.org/cooperlanding2019/

GRANTS AWARDED BY CATEGORY

\$12,4791 IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION (12%)

\$15,010 IN SIGNAGE (14%)

\$26,060 IN EDUCATION (24%)

\$26,271 IN PUBLICATIONS (24%)

\$28,010 IN TRAILS & RECREATION (26%)



321,505

VISITORS THROUGH THE
NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA



302

YOUTH ENGAGED IN
NATIONAL HERITAGE
ACTIVITIES



KMTA's grant support has provided us with a way to engage our local youth, through our summer camps and trail renovations on the Historic Lower Iditarod National Trail, with the beauty and diversity of their backyard, and to provide them with the hands-on learning experiences that will add to their appreciation of the natural world around them.

- *Erin Leighton, Program Coordinator, Four Valleys Community School*

LEARN MORE: kmtacorridor.org/fourvalleys2019/

84 VOLUNTEERS



ENGAGED IN HERITAGE AREA PROJECTS, PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES

VALUE OF VOLUNTEER HOURS

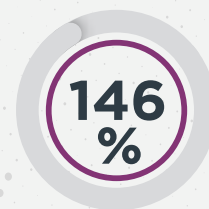
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\$101,311.47

TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS



3298



SOCIAL MEDIA
AWARENESS INCREASE



99

KMTA PARTNERS

NEW BRAND

KMTA National Heritage Area's logo and brand has undergone a significant transformation! While our core mission remains the same to preserve, protect, and promote the unique history, culture, and natural resources that make up this beautiful area, we've taken our original look and updated our brand to reflect the vibrant, rich, and welcoming characteristics of KMTA NHA.



MINESHAFT

Fifty racers in the inaugural Mineshaft Grinder struck gold last fall in the KMTA community of Hope. The Grinder was a celebration of the mining history of Hope, a fundraiser for Hope School and local National Heritage Area grants, and a broad community effort. The Mineshaft Grinder served to raise \$1,000 for Hope School, thanks to registration fees and community sponsors. KMTA caught race fever from a fortunate day and will be holding the 2nd Annual Mineshaft Grinder in August 2020. Check out the National Park Service's Blog feature to **LEARN MORE:** www.nps.gov/articles/kmta-mineshaft-grinder.htm



HELLO, WATER BOOK

This past year KMTA helped bring to life a new children's picture book *Hello, Water!* by Taylor Hoku Hayden and illustrated by Molly Trainor. With lively text and vivid illustrations, the book demonstrates the changing features of water as it appears across the landscape of KMTA Corridor. Each spread features three characters – Water, Raven, and an iconic Alaska bush plane and includes a kid-friendly map of KMTA. Many of the illustrations are in recognizable locations within the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area.



THANK YOU

Thank you to all of our partners, grantees, board members, community groups, and visitors that have made the KMTA NHA a richer and more vibrant place to recreate, learn, share, and enjoy.



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