

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Alaska Aviation Museum****Federal Tax ID: 92-0071852****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

Alaska Aviation Museum - Security Fencing, Completion of Merrill Field Tower Cab Project and Signage

State Funding Requested: \$100,000**House District: Statewide (1-40)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Security fencing for entire property, proper signage, and final completion of Merrill Tower

Funding Plan:

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| Total Project Cost: | \$326,000 |
| Funding Already Secured: | (\$218,000) |
| FY2015 State Funding Request: | (\$100,000) |
| Project Deficit: | \$8,000 |

Funding Details:

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| 2013, SOA Capital appropriation | \$103,700 |
| 2013, Contractor discounts/contributions | 50,000 |
| 2013, Rasmuson Foundation | 25,000 |
| 2013, Penair contribution | 40,000 |

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

This request will provide for security fencing and signage around the entire Alaska Aviation Museum Complex. Included with numerous other historic artifacts are four very historic aircraft owned by the State of Alaska, on loan to the AAM, including Gov Jay Hammond's Loening Amphibian, one of only two in existence, and the remains of a Douglas World Cruiser that the U.S. Army sent around the world in 1924. This is the only one of four that did not make it, it crashed on the Alaska Peninsula in bad weather. We are committed to making certain these irreplaceable State artifacts are protected, so need the security fencing to maintain that protection.

We are in the final phases of completing the Merrill Field Tower cab project. We used the State appropriation last year to do the necessary engineering, permitting, architectural design and putting in the foundation. The final finishing this summer will be the interior, deck, windows, and include a radio on the upper level that can be used for visitors to listen to the Int. tower talking to the planes as they take off and land on Lake Hood. This facility will be a stunning addition to the Airport complex, a beacon on the shores of Lake Hood, identifying the Aviation Museum and adding to the visitor experience of visiting Anchorage.

Project Timeline:

Engineering, permitting, design and foundation work were completed in 2013, those costs were paid from last years grant. Work will begin on finishing in April, all costs and contractor bids are in hand. All additional funds are in hand, completion of both projects will be done by October, 2014.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Alaska Aviation Museum

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No

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March 5, 2013

Sent via Email to:
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Mr. Orin Seybert
Board of Directors Member
c/o Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum
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Dear Mr. Seybert (Orin):

This letter is reiterate **Turnagain Community Council's (TCC) SUPPORT for the Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum's funding request of \$100,000 to the Alaska State Legislature for the purpose of installing a decommissioned Merrill Field Traffic Control Tower on the shores of Lake Spenard.** TCC voted to support this funding request at our February 7, 2013, meeting.

TCC appreciates the Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum's continuing efforts to preserve and display historic aircraft, artifacts and memorabilia that honor Alaska's unique aviation heritage. The museum also does a great job of fostering public interest in aviation and its history. The addition of the old Merrill Field Control Tower to the museum will enhance the museum experience for Anchorage residents as well as visitors to our community.

Thank you for the opportunity for Turnagain Community Council to support Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum's control tower installation project. Please let me know if you have any questions on the action taken at our February 7, 2013, TCC meeting, or ways TCC can further support the museum's legislative funding request.

Sincerely,



Cathy L. Gleason
Turnagain Community Council President

Cc:
Gov. Sean Parnell
Sen. Hollis French
Sen. Berta Gardner
Rep. Lindsey Holmes
Rep. Harriet Drummond
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**SUBJECT: ALASKA AVIATION MUSEUM—MERRILL FIELD AIRPORT
CONTROL TOWER CAB REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTION**

Honorable Legislators:

The Alaska Air Carriers Association (AACCA) is very thankful for the efforts of the Alaska Aviation Museum to obtain, preserve, and display the rich aviation heritage of Alaska.

We applaud their perseverance in preventing the demolition of the Merrill Field Airport control tower and in getting that control tower moved to their site on the shores of Lake Hood, the busiest seaplane base in the nation.

This frugal grant request in the amount of \$103,000 to complete this project is commendable and AACCA sincerely encourages award of an even larger grant to ensure that this piece of aviation heritage is not lost to our future generations.

The opportunity to have a public, handicapped accessible viewing platform where airport operations can be seen and heard is a profound idea and fits perfectly with visitor activities at Anchorage. One of the strong desires of the tourism trade in Anchorage is to create more opportunities for day activities immediately accessible by visitors from both the cruise industry and recreational vehicle traffic. The Museum and its continued expansion is a strong contender for a half-day activity that visitors are hungry to experience.

Please give this grant request your endorsement and reward the frugal leadership of the museum. They have shown what can truly be done with very little in funds. Their leadership has consistently recruited and nurtured volunteer time and donations, and their efforts should be rewarded.

The benefits from this small grant will far outweigh the benefits of grants asking for much larger amounts. Please make this award and increase it if possible.

Please contact us at 907 277-0071 or by email anytime if we can provide any aviation information.

Respectfully,

C. Joy Journey
AACCA Executive Director

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