

Alaska Statehood Gallery**FY2006 Request: \$1,400,000****Reference No: 40044****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Planning**Category:** University**Location:** Fairbanks Areawide**Contact:** Pat Pitney**House District:** Fairbanks Areawide (HD 7-11)**Contact Phone:** (907)474-5889**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2005 - 06/30/2010**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project proposes an addition to the University of Alaska Museum of the North which would include an Alaska Statehood Gallery, a full service cafe and dining area, and museum collections management space (total 11,000 GSF) at an estimated cost of \$6 million. The funding source(s) for this addition are planned to be totally private and not to require state or university foundation money.

Funding:	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	Total
Univ Rcpt	\$1,400,000						\$1,400,000
Total:	\$1,400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,400,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required	<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill		

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

In 2004, UA received \$5 million in Receipt Authority under the title Alaska Congressional Public Center.

Project Description/Justification:

During the early part of CY 2002, the idea surfaced to archive the official records and documents from the offices of US Representative Don Young and (former) US Senator Frank Murkowski on or near the campus property of University of Alaska Fairbanks. In addition to the records and official documents, it was also proposed to house their collected memorabilia and to construct replicas of their Washington DC offices. UA Statewide administration requested that UAF Facilities Services perform a preliminary concept study to include sketches, narratives, and cost estimates.

The charge was to investigate alternative site and design scenarios that would incorporate the Young-Murkowski (Y-M) programmatic needs with other related campus functions that would together have an overall benefit to the University. The project was unofficially titled "The Public Policy Building." The University studied numerous possible sites and building configurations and presented thirteen varied scenarios to the UAF Master Planning Committee (UMC) for consideration. These were eventually narrowed down to two alternatives that were acceptable to the campus: The Taku Parking Lot site and the Loftus/Geist Road site. The Taku site proposed a five-level parking garage (31,500 GSF) combined with a two-floor building on levels six and seven to house the Y-M space, meeting rooms, and a one-stop student registrar/welcome center (26,700 GSF) at an estimated cost of \$23.3 million. The Loftus/Geist Road site proposed a one-story facility that would house the Y-M space as well as the campus' KUAC broadcasting station (27,600 GSF) at an estimated cost of \$12.6 million.

During this period of concept study, it was decided to separate the official senatorial and congressional records and documents from the memorabilia and replica offices. The records and documents, much of which are currently in custody in a local warehouse, hold significant value as research material. Arrangements are being made to relocate them into a

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permanent official archives area at the University library. A more publicly accessible venue was sought to erect and display the more historically significant memorabilia and replica offices. The funding source(s) for this Public Policy Building were to be totally private and not require any state or university foundation money. It was suggested by the Young camp that its non-profit entity take the lead in the fundraising. It was further suggested that the Murkowski non-profit entity merge with Young's in this effort. It was also established that the project would proceed in phases — concept study, design, construction — and that no phase would begin until it was fully funded by the Y-M foundation.

In February 2004, the newly hired Associate Vice President for Facilities (AVPF) took executive leadership of the project at the state-wide level. He met with both Congressman Young and Governor Murkowski to glean an understanding of their visions of this facility. Likewise, he interviewed Congressman Young's foundation executives to gain a sense of their understanding of the scope and breadth of the fundraising needs. It became clear to the AVPF that the high estimated costs of the two campus-proposed sites were beyond the ability of the Y-M fundraising and inconsistent with their collective vision. Hence, a third scenario was envisioned: an addition to the University of Alaska Museum of the North.