

Voices of Polynesian Islanders In Alaska - Polynesian Cultural Center

FY2007 Request: \$500,000
Reference No: 41957

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Education

Project Type: Planning
Recipient: Voices of Polynesian Islanders in Alaska

Location: Anchorage Areawide

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2006 - 06/30/2011

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project will provide funds to purchase a Cultural Center for the Samoan, Tongan and Fijian community. This project contributes to the Department's mission of promoting strong communities.

Funding:	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$500,000						\$500,000
Total:	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input 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	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Project Description/Justification:

Voices of Polynesian Islanders in Alaska is requesting state funds to purchase a Cultural Center for its community, the Samoans, Tongans, and Fijians. The Cultural Center is needed to facilitate educational classes. The Cultural Center will offer tutoring; language arts for Samoans, Tongans and Fijians; traditional singing, dancing and music classes; daily activities for senior citizens; family night luaus, wedding receptions and fellowship; educational computer classes for all ages; and a childcare facility with a large playground.

Property has been found that can fulfill all of the Polynesian Islanders community needs. Under consideration is a residence that was previously a successful day care center. The asking price is \$658,000. The 10,226 square foot building, complete with sprinkler and security systems, is located on an 18,750 square feet of land.