

Municipality of Anchorage - Anchorage Museum of History and Art Expansion **FY2007 Request: \$2,500,000**
Reference No: 41960

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Construction
Category: Education **Recipient:** Municipality of Anchorage
Location: Anchorage Areawide **Contact:** Samuel Thomas
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2006 - 06/30/2011

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project provides additional funds for the Anchorage Museum of History and Art expansion.

Funding:	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	Total
Gen Fund	\$2,500,000						\$2,500,000
Total:	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,500,000

<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:

SLA05 CH3 P29 L31 \$5,000,000

Project Description/Justification:

The Anchorage Museum of History and Art is in the process of undergoing a historic expansion. The expansion plans include:

- The Imaginarium – Alaska's great Science Discovery Center
- The Arctic Studies Center – Alaska's home for the Smithsonian Institution, and over 2,000 artifacts. The expansion will also help safeguard precious pieces by improving storage areas and climate controls. A new laboratory for preservation work also will be added.
- Young Learners Discovery Gallery – Geared toward children 3-7 years old, it will feature touchable objects and opportunities for hands-on learning for families
- Library and Special Collections – More public access and storage space will be created for the 10,000 books and 400,000 photos used by journalists, scholars, students and historians
- Alaska Gallery – The current Alaska Gallery, home to the Museum's historical collection, will be augmented with the archaeology, cultural traditions, and scientific, industrial and economic developments in Alaska

With 70,000 additional feet, the Museum will add a new dimension to its mission – interpreting the science of the north – while remaining true to the history, art and cultural artifacts that make it one of Alaska's favorite museums. Physically, the addition will make the museum more accessible to passers-by on C Street through a new main entrance and windowed galleries that invite Alaskans and visitors to experience the new Museum.

The existing building will also be an important part of the new museum. The atrium at the heart of the current building will be maintained to continue to provide a venue for the art, music and cultural events that make Anchorage such a vibrant community. Other areas will be transformed into new galleries and improved facilities for exhibition and preservation.

Much of the museum funding is provided by private benefactors. Of the total cost of \$100 million, the museum is requesting \$15 million from the State of Alaska. \$5 million of this was provided in the State's FY06 capital budget. The late Elmer Rasmusson has provided \$50 million; a federal grant provided \$20 million; a statewide bond in 2002 provided

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\$5 million; and the museum plans to raise \$10 million privately.