

**Special Olympics Alaska - Facility Completion and Statewide Training**

**FY2007 Request: \$250,000**  
**Reference No: 41965**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation

**Project Type:** Construction

**Category:** Development

**Recipient:** Special Olympics Alaska

**Location:** Statewide

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**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)

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

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Funding for this project will help in the completion of an athlete center and campus for Special Olympics, Alaska. This project will also fund statewide training and competitions.

<b>Funding:</b>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$250,000						\$250,000
<b>Total:</b>	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000

<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
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

**Project Description/Justification:**

Special Olympics Alaska Inc. (SO-AK) has provided fully accredited year-round sports training and athletic competition for individuals with intellectual disabilities in Alaska since 1969. SO-AK is a private, non-profit, 501c(3) corporation with a board of Directors and 20 communities statewide, serving over 1200 athletics that are empowered by thousands of volunteers. Athletics train and compete year-round in 16 different Olympic type sports with the assistance of their volunteer coaches and Unified Sports partners. These events provide an opportunity for Alaskan athletics to Inspire Greatness by challenging themselves and each other in their favorite sports and competitions.

SO-AK presently has four full-time and two part-time contract staff to provide technical assistance to Alaskan communities. The annual budget statewide is over one million dollars in which generous Alaskans fund approximately 90% of the budget through private donations.

Total state funding requested is \$250,000:

\$125,000 is requested for the completion of the Athletic Center and Campus. The Murdock Foundation has agreed to pay a grant of \$150,000 to Special Olympics to "top off" all final debt of the building.

\$125,000 is requested to fund statewide training and competitions. SO-AK hosts four state games per year. There are approximately 300-500 athletes and coaches who participate at each event along with thousands of volunteers. The total cost, not including in-kind donations is over \$400,000.