

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)

Grant Recipient: Anchorage

Project Title:

Anchorage - Mountain View Library Educational Books and Library Materials, Furnishings, and Equipment

State Funding Requested: \$ 35,000

House District: 20 - J

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Alaska's first multi-cultural library with a unique and very diverse collection of books.

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$300,000

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Federal Funds	\$390,000	2007				
State Funds	\$500,000	2005				
Other	\$800,000	2007				
Total	\$1,690,000					

Explanation of Other Funds:
Private funds that the Anchorage Library Foundation and Friends of the Library is working to raise the additional private funds to help leverage the state funds.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

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Alaska has a growing number of diverse cultures moving here. This would help the parents to translate language barriers. The library will be offering educational courses to help with the language barriers between parents and their children,

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parents and schools, and parents with any medical providers.

Project Timeline:

2009 and until funds are spent.

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

Municipality of Anchorage

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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

2008 STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

MUNICIPAL PRIORITY ISSUES

Capital Budget

Economic & Community Development

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PROJECT TYPE: Libraries

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COMMENTS:

The municipality has secured \$2,200,000 in construction funding as of December 10, 2007. These funds include a 2005 state capital grant, a \$390,000 federal grant, and \$800,000 in private funds. The construction cost is estimated at \$2,300,000 with an additional \$600,000 needed for the furnishings, collection and equipment. The Anchorage Library Foundation and Friends of the Library is working to raise the additional private funds to help leverage the state funds.

JUSTIFICATION:

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FUNDING FORECAST	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
9825 - State Grant Revenue - Direct	300	0	0	0	0	0	300
9999 - Other Sources	2,500	0	0	0	0	0	2,500
Project Total	2,800	0	0	0	0	0	2,800

Legislative District(s)

House: District 20-Mt View/Wonder Park

Community Council(s): Mountain View

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Mountain View Library Renovation

Anchorage Public Library Capital Request

The Mountain View community has been working to restore a library to the neighborhood since the original library was closed in 1988 due to budget cuts. Though a small area for a public library collection was set aside within Clark Middle School, it was never very successful. That library closed in 2007 when the school was razed. This project will restore the branch public library to its original location and add a much needed community room. The new branch will be a **modern, multi-cultural library and community room** that holds a diverse collection of books, media, and magazines, and offers community-oriented programming that reflects the neighborhood's rich cultural diversity.

This project is over 60% funded and Anchorage Public Library seeks a state capital grant to complete the project.



Proposed redesign of Mountain View Library and Community Room on the corner of Bragaw and Mountain View Drives.

Strong Community Support for the Mountain View Library and Community Center



A future patron of the Mountain View Library.

- Mountain View is Anchorage's most diverse neighborhood with over **45 distinct nationalities** represented in the area's elementary schools.
- This is the city's most economically-distressed neighborhood: 93% of the students qualify for the free/reduced lunch program and 25% of residents live below the poverty level.
- The **Library Advisory Board and Mountain View Community Council** unanimously passed resolutions calling for a new library and dedicating Community Development Block Grant funds to the project. The **Anchorage Community Land Trust, Mountain View Weed and Seed Project, and area schools** have also endorsed the project.
- The **Friends of the Library and Anchorage Library Foundation** have committed to a joint fundraising campaign with a goal of raising over \$300,000.
- The new 10,000 square foot library will include specific areas for young children and teens, a reading lounge for adults, a mobile computer lab and a 100 person capacity community room, which will be available to community groups for neighborhood events.
- The Mountain View Library will host multi-language collections, such as Spanish, Tagalog, Hmong and Samoan.

Mountain View Library and Community Room Project Budget

Project Costs

Item	Cost
Arch/eng design, bid, admin, inspections	\$236,000
Building permits	\$51,000
Building construction estimate	\$2,400,000
Furnishings, Art & Equipment	\$350,000
Community Room Furnishings & Equip.	\$50,000
Collection Enhancement	\$175,000
TOTAL COST:	\$3,262,000

Funding Sources

Source	Status	Contribution
2005 State Capital Grant	Committed	\$500,000
2008 State Capital Grant	Requested	(\$300,000)
2008 State Capital Grant	Pending	\$35,000
Community Development Block Grant	Committed	\$540,000
Local Municipal Bond Funds	Committed	\$250,000
Atwood Foundation	Committed	\$150,000
Murdock Trust	Decision pending	\$200,000
Kresge Foundation	Requested	\$75,000
BP	Committed	\$540,000
Rasmuson Foundation	Committed	\$637,000
Private Sources	\$105,000 raised to date	\$335,000
	TOTAL FUNDING:	\$3,262,000



Proposed plans for Mountain View interior.



A young participant in a 2007 summer reading event in Mountain View.