

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)

Grant Recipient: Anchorage

Project Title:

Project Type: Maintenance and Repairs

Anchorage - Loussac Library

State Funding Requested: \$4,650,000
One-Time Need

House District: Anchorage Areawide (17-32)

Brief Project Description:

This project will construct "deferred maintenance" and safety upgrades to the Loussac Library.

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$7,150,000

	<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>
Rasmuson Foundation			\$2,500,000	FY2011		
Total			<u>\$2,500,000</u>			

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Loussac Library has served more than 10 million visitors since opening in 1986 and the aging building is suffering from cumulative wear and tear as well as limitations of outdated technology. Additionally, a structural analysis was conducted in September 2007 that identified several high priority structural and safety concerns.

This grant, in conjunction with anticipated Rasmuson Foundation grants, will be used to address deferred maintenance and safety improvements expected to include a)removal of deteriorating staircase and patio, b)construction of a new ground floor entrance, c) priority interior renovations, and d) phase I of HVAC upgrades.

Loussac Library is the heart of our community. It serves hundreds of people everyday, which has created enormous wear on the building during the last 20 years. Loussac is used by Anchorage residents and by visitors from across the state and outside Alaska. Loussac provides services to other libraries in the state, such as interlibrary loan, early learning reading kits and community literacy projects.

Project Timeline:

Improvements funded with the 2010 grant are expected to occur primarily in 2010 and 2011.

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

Municipality of Anchorage

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**\$4,650,000
Approved**

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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