

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Project Title:****Project Type: Other**

# Anchorage - Mountain View and Russian Jack Park Vandalism Prevention Program

**State Funding Requested: \$50,000****House District: 20 / J**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Prevention of and repair to park vandalism in Mountain View and Russian Jack

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$50,000***There is no other funding needed***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

In the fall of 2009, the Anchorage Parks & Recreation Department teamed up with the Anchorage Park Foundation and community groups throughout Anchorage to produce the Anchorage Parks Report Card. In Northeast Anchorage, volunteers consistently cited graffiti as a prominent problem in their neighborhood parks. Graffiti is more than unsightly; when vulgar and inappropriate graffiti is present, parents are reluctant to bring young readers into playgrounds and athletic areas. As community members cease to use parks, this opens park use for inappropriate, unsafe and illegal activities.

Stopping graffiti and other park vandalism is the first step towards increasing park safety and community use of parks in House District 20. The Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks & Recreation Department are working with community volunteers to plan summer project work to combat graffiti, improve park safety and increase use of parks. Increasing community presence in Northeast parks will build community, give kids a healthy place to play and improve public health.

Project funds will be used to purchase supplies and plan "Graffiti Busting" events and projects (with Park Ranger, staff and volunteer work) in parks throughout Northeast Anchorage. This will include an education and outreach component to surrounding neighborhoods to encourage community participation in park improvements and ultimately increase safe use of Anchorage neighborhood parks.

**Project Timeline:**

FY2011 Funds will be expended for the duration of the grant.

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

Parks and Recreation

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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