

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**

**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)**

**Grant Recipient: American Bald Eagle Foundation**

**Federal Tax ID: 22-2542783**

**Project Title:**

**Project Type:** Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

# American Bald Eagle Foundation - Raptor Center Completion

**State Funding Requested: \$269,750**

**House District: 5 / C**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Complete the Interior of the New Live Raptor Center to Open Summer of 2010

**Funding Plan:**

<b>Total Cost of Project: \$677,049</b>						
	<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>
State Funds	\$375,000	2008			\$269,750	2010
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$375,000</b>				<b>\$269,750</b>	

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Today we received a list of the cost to complete the new building. We have however found ourselves short of funds to complete the Live Raptor Center which is a addition to our existing building. Based on the cost of materials and contract quotes plus adding shipping cost to Haines for the materials our estimated cost to complete the Building is \$269,750.00 maximum. The cost include Plumbing, Heating, Electrical service, Fireprotection, Interior Walls with Sheet rocking, Flooring, Carpeting, Cabinets, Painting of the exterior shell and the interior sheet rocking, light fixtures, stairwell, phone lines, Suspended ceiling, Doors, Insulation, Sewer lines, and Appliances to care for and feed the live birds. We have completed the exterior shell of the raptor center and had it erected in time to host the 15th Alaska Bald Eagle Festival November 11th-15th. Our goal is to have Interior of the Mew, Flight Enclosure, and upper & lower level of the addition substantially complete before the first cruise ship to Haines arrives in May. Completion of the interior work will continue throughout 2010 as funding permits.

We are asking once again for your help if at all possible. If the there is a way the State could possibly provide us with the funds to complete, then it is very likely we can complete the building with the \$269,750.00 by this spring to have a "Grand Opening" of the building for the summer tourist and cruise ships.

Tourism is a very important part of our facility. Cruise ship passengers come from all over the world as well as the Independent travelers to see the Bald Eagles. The American Bald Eagle Foundation is located in the Valley of the Eagles so we are working diligently with tour operators, and the Cruise ship Industry to bring independent travelers, and cruise ship patrons to Haines and our Facility. Currently the ABEF has entered into contractual agreements to provide local tour operators with Raptor presentations beginning May 2010. These tour operators in turn have secured official approval and acceptance into the cruise ship tour program for 2010. Additionally the cruise ships have tentatively agreed to extend the

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program into 2011 , 2012 and beyond if it is successful as currently projected. This significant increase to ABEF visitation brings with it an inherent increase in revenues for The ABEF. In addition also to Haines. Higher revenues allow the ABEF to provide more jobs, research projects, and educational programs in the community as well. Increased visitor spending and tax revenues further benefit the local economy which ultimately leads to more services and programs for the community and its citizens. Our tours have with live bird presentations brought additional guest from the Skagway cruise ships. These guest took the Fast Ferry over to tour the Natural Museum and to see our Live Bird Pressenations. In 2009 we had a Red Tail hawk and a gyr Falcon, in 2010 upon completion of the Live Raptor Center, these guest will have the opportunity to see the "Live Eagle" Presentations. We annticipate this will bring additional guest to our facility and Haines.

The Raptor Center will generate much needed revenue and new employment opportunities in the Haines Borough. An abundance of bald eagles is a tremendous resource owned by all Alaskans and unique to only Alaska. Once finished,our facility will be self-sustaining from increased admissions, increased visitation, increased sponsorship, increased research and new educational programs.

The greatest asset the ABEF has is its location. No other facility in the world can make the claim it is located less than 20 miles from the largest gathering of bald eagles on earth. Keeping this in mind, we envision this facility becoming a major tourist attraction in Alaska.

The addition to the raptor center will be a substantial economic contribution to our local Haines economy. We hope construction bids will be awarded to local contractors who will employ many of our Haines residents this winter and spring. We are currently writing grants to secure start-up funds to employ several local residents in our new facility. Employee salaries will be supported by increased tour sales and new programs at the American Bald Eagle Foundation. We are working on many new bird programs and projects to further our mission.

Our dedicated trustees and staff at the Foundation have worked for many years both planning and fundraising for the raptor center. By finacially supporting this project you will have a direct impact on the lives of not only the raptors involved, but also the local citizens, businesses and organizations such as our. "The American Bald Eagle Foundation" sincerely hopes you will find this project worthy of your intrest and support. Thank you for your critical role in helping us to achieve our goals and build the facility of our dreams! We invite you to come and tour the building at your convenience anytime.

### Executive Summary

#### American Bald Eagle Foundation Raptor Center

The American Bald Eagle Foundation (ABEF) was founded in 1982 by Dave Olerud of Haines, Alaska. Dave created the Foundation to share the miracle of nature in the Chilkat Valley. Coincidentally, the nearby Alaska Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve was created the same year. By 1987, enough funds had been raised to construct the natural history museum. During construction, a major support wall collapsed on Dave Olerud, breaking his back and causing permanent paralysis from the waist down. Construction was halted until 1994 while Dave struggled though extensive therapy. The original 3,000 square foot museum opened its doors to the public July 14, 1994. A second addition in 1999 enlarged the museum to 7,000 square feet. Today over 200 displays educate and entertain tour groups, Alaskan residents and independent travelers.

The American Bald Eagle Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit educational and research organization dedicated to the conservation of the American Bald Eagle and its natural habitat. Located only a few miles from the world's largest bald eagle preserve, we strive to educate many thousands of visitors each year to southeast Alaska through our educational programs at our natural history museum and Foundation headquarters in Haines. Our museum has significantly contributed to the local economy through increased visitation, especially through organizing and hosting the Alaska Bald Eagle Festival

every November. This year will be the 16th Festival.

We are currently in the process of making several major changes to our physical facilities in preparation for an expanded mission over the next few years. We have been raising funds for about four years to construct a raptor center to include eagle mews and a flight enclosure with a viewing area for three bald eagles that are unable to return to the wild. We have obtained the necessary federal permits for the eagles. These educational birds will be the cornerstone of our educational bird programs currently being developed. Within a short time, we expect to offer bird programs throughout Alaska. The ABEF currently provides a number of services to our local Haines community, to visitors passing through town, to area researchers and students, and to the nation as a whole in our efforts to promote greater understanding of our nation's symbol.

In the year 2000, the Foundation established a prototype student intern program with Georgia Southern University that continues to prosper and has now expanded into additional programs with multiple universities in both the United States and Canada. Additionally, the ABEF has established a trusting and mutually respectful relationship with our Tlingit community. The ABEF's positive interaction with Native Alaskans and the inclusion of Native history, culture and subsistence in our educational presentations has established a role model for others to emulate. The ABEF has a stellar national and international reputation for excellence among natural history and conservation groups, birders, wildlife photographers and artists – particularly with those who attend our Alaska Bald Eagle Festival each year. We feel any improvement to our facilities and program offerings will have a positive influence on not only Haines and its citizens, but also to the state of Alaska.

The American Bald Eagle Foundation has already raised over \$400,000 from both cash donations and from a \$375,000 legislative appropriation approved by Governor Palin late this spring to construct a raptor center with eagle mews. In addition to the \$400,000 raised for the raptor center, we have received several substantial In-Kind donations of steel and free freight on shipping several tons of steel from Alabama to Haines to construct the building. Much of the steel is already in Haines. The rest will be shipped later this month. The new facility will be an addition to our existing museum. We currently own the property and do not have a single loan.

The money we have raised to date has covered the costs of the site preparation, materials and labor to complete the exterior shell of the raptor center, including power, sewer and water stubbed to the new facility. Unfortunately, given the tremendous recent increases in material costs and the requirement to pay Davis Bacon wages on top of substantial administrative overhead to comply with state and borough procurement regulations, the legislative appropriation will not cover the cost to complete the inside of the building or flight enclosure. Thus, we are kindly requesting \$269,750.00 from the State to complete the inside of the raptor center and landscape the flight enclosure. This will provide us with funds to complete a turn-key facility that exceeds \$678,000 in actual costs, not including In-Kind donations.

It is expected that the addition will be erected and insulated and complete before May 15th. We will be soliciting and training local volunteers this fall, winter and spring to handle injured birds and raptors in order to help conduct tours in the raptor center next summer. It is hoped the ABEF will receive funds to complete the interior of the raptor center by late May in order to have the raptor center finished for the first cruise ship to arrive in Haines this May.

The raptor center will generate much needed revenue and new employment opportunities in the Haines Borough. An abundance of bald eagles is a tremendous resource owned by all Alaskans and unique to only Alaska. Once built, our

facility will be self-sustaining from increased admissions, increased visitation, increased sponsorship, increased research and new educational programs. The American Bald Eagle Foundation is located in the Valley of the Eagles – could there be a better location for a raptor center with eagle mews?

Project administration is being handled by the ABEF Director, Cheryl McRoberts, who has several years experience with office management and has overseen the new construction of multiple homes. Harold Williams, one of the ABEF Trustees, has directed the construction design phase and has worked closely with the architects who created the engineered drawings and building specifications. Dr. Williams is a retired professor from Auburn University in Alabama where he taught building construction for over 20 years.

**Project Timeline:**

Started in August of 2008 and to be completed by May 2011  
Expenditures will occur from Feb 2010 till completed. Target date May 15th 2011

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

David Olerud, Founder and Exec.Trustee, Cheryl McRoberts, Director of Operations

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

Name: David Olerud  
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Haines, AK 99827  
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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

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**115 Haines Highway PO Box 49**  
**Haines, AK 99827**

## **Materials List to Finish Raptor Center**

### **Framing**

1x4x12	Spruce	122 pcs
1x4x10	Spruce	80 pcs
1x4x16	Spruce	108 pcs
1x4x6	Spruce	34 pcs
2x6x10	Spruce	107 pcs
2x6x10	Spruce	377 pcs
2x6x16	Spruce	60 pcs
2x8x12	Spruce	14 pcs
2x12x8	Spruce	8pcs
2x12x10	Spruce	3 pcs
2x12x12	Spruce	20 pcs

### **Plywood**

3/8" CDX 4x6	40 pcs
3/4 T&G	60 pcs

### **I Joist**

30' Long with 12" panel web	50 pcs
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### **Fiber glass Insulation**

6' 24" R-19 with paper backing	5000 Sg Ft.
12"x24" R-30 Unfaced Batts	4000 Sg Ft

### **Sheet Rock 1/2 "**

4'x12'	165 pcs
4'x10'	55pcs
4'x8'	84 pcs
4'x8' Moisture Resistant	45 pcs
Pre-Mix Taping Compound	10-4 1/2 Gallons
Metal Corners	
8'	4 pcs
10'	6pcs
12'	9pcs
Sheet Rock Tape	20 Rolls
Sheetrock Screws 1" Galv.29#Box	4 Boxes
Zip Beads 10' white	50 pcs

### **Stairs**

3'x10" Oak Treads w/bull nose	16 pcs
13'lin ft. Oak Hand Rails	1Pc
10' Lin ft. Oak Hand Rails	1 Pc

### **Vinyl Base**

6"Gray	620 Lin Ft.
Glue	4 Gallons

## Mew Walls

1/4 " Tempered masonite 4'x8' 120 pcs

## Gravel For Mews

30 Cubic yards of washed River Gravel

## Interior Door Units

30"x71" metal Doors, 3 hinge with 6" wood Jambs

6-3 x 7'-1' No Glass, key in knob with dead bolts

2- 28x7'-1' 1/2 Glass. Key in knob with Dead bolts

## Trim

2 1/4' Three step with no finger joints 500 Lin ft.

## Armstrong Suspended Ceiling

Ceiling Tile 2x2. school Zone Fine figured.Lay-in 61 Boxes

Grid Main Tees 12' 82 pcs.

Grid Tees 4' 490 pcs

Grid Tees 2' 490 pcs

Mold 40 pcs

Eye Lag Screws 500 pcs

Hanger wire 500 pcs

## Paint

Interior Walls and Sheet Rock Ceilings

Latex Primer 30 Gal.

Latex Top Coat 75 Gal.

## Interior Trim

Latex primer 2 Gal.

Latex Semi gloss Enamel 3 Gal.

## Exterior

Metal Primer Red Oxide 4 Gal

Industrial urethane 5 Gal.

## Floors

Raptor Center

Two Part Epoxy 14 Gal.

## Cabinets

1st Floor Oak All Wood See Plans

2cnd Floor Oak All Wood See Plans

## Light Fixtures

### First Floor

2'x 4' 4 Light Lay in Troffer with lamps and whip 21 pcs

2'x 4' 2 Light Lay in Troffer with lamps and whip 2pcs

3' Under Cabinet Strip Light with Bulbs 2pcs

### Second Floor

2'x 4' 4 Light Lay in Troffer with lamps and whip 25 pcs

2'x 4' 2 Light Lay in Troffer with lamps and whip 3pcs

33" T5 Under cabinet Strip Light with Bulb 2 pcs

## Raptor Mew

Lithonia TE 460 ME 17M-TB-SCWA LPI 8Pcs  
Canopy Flood Lights  
2'x4' ceiling Mount Recessed, weather Proof 2pcs  
Wall Mount, metal Halide flood light 400 watt 4 Pcs  
mount with brackets, T+R pam TA-TB SCWA LPI FLO

## Lithonia

Pendant Power Hook HRM 8 Pcs

## Entry

Trace Life TL102 Wall Mount 2 pcs  
42 watt Fluorescent Wall Hooks

## Stairwell

Cooper Lighting Metalux VT3-232 1 Pcs  
2 Lamp ceiling Mount

## Contracts-labor and Materials

**Slab** under canopy 6" concrete 22'-0 x 12'9"  
2 3/4" fall from Building to drip line

## Electrical & fire Warning System Extension

**Sewer Line** -Building to property line &  
existing sewer on Third Avenue

## Foam Insulation 3" closed cell foam

Roof Area 2000 sq. ft.  
Wall area 3760 sq. ft.

## Telephone Lines and Internet

## TV Cable

## Plumbing

2 Handicapped Half Baths, comode, Lav, Handrails, Rough-in with vents under roof

## Heating

Rough-in for baseboard heat on 2cnd floor, Install base-board units, connect manifolds for First and 2cnd Floor

## Painting

Paint existing building, pressure wash, scrape, prime, two topcoats, stain to match metal building walls & Trim. \$14,084.00

## Labor estimate

Labor- carpentry, sheetrock wiremesh, painting new construction \$62,200.00

## Appliances To care For Live Birds

2-15 cu.ft chest freezers (not frost Free) White  
1- 18/2 Cu. Ft. refrig-freezer(Frost Free) White  
2-50" Flat Screen TV' with ceiling mounts Sony or Equal  
2- 1/1 cu. Ft. Microwave. White

**Commercial carpet** for 2cnd floor 220 sq. yds

Based on the cost of materials and contract quotes in the Auburn area: Adding shipping cost to Haines. We estimate cost to complete the building is \$269,750.00 Maximum





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February 10, 2010

Representative William Thomas  
State Capitol, Room 434  
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Alaska Bald Eagle Foundation Legislative Appropriation Request

Dear Representative Thomas:

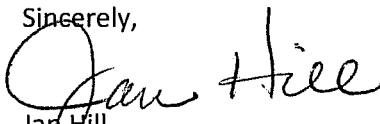
I write today in support of the Alaska Bald Eagle Foundation FY11 Capital Improvements Project request.

For more than 18 years, this group has worked diligently to toward their ever expanding mission of education, research and conservation of the American Bald Eagle and its natural habitat. The Borough supports the Alaska Bald Eagle Foundation in their efforts to expand their mission both physically and educationally, by finishing the interior of a raptor center.

With the addition of a raptor center with eagle mews, this organization will not only generate self-sustaining revenues and new employment opportunities in the Haines Borough, but will also provide visitors an opportunity to view and learn about bald eagles in a life-like setting. Your support for this capital improvement project will further the physical and educational aspects of the Alaska Bald Eagle Foundation benefitting all who reside in and visit our community as well as those involved in the Foundation's many educational programs worldwide.

I urge you to favorably consider Alaska Bald Eagle Foundation's request for funding through the legislative appropriation process.

Sincerely,

  
Jan Hill  
Mayor