

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: The Institute Of The North****Federal Tax ID: 75-3155877****Project Title:****Project Type: Other**

## Institute of The North - Emerging Leaders Program

**State Funding Requested: \$150,000**  
One-Time Need**House District: Statewide (1-40)****Brief Project Description:**

Civic education and engagement is a vital component of Alaska's democracy and, for emerging leaders, an instrumental vehicle for encouraging involvement in the state's future. The Institute of the North will build on its Alaska Dialogue series to include dialogue with emerging leaders across the state, communicating to them the obligations of citizenship.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$250,000**

	<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					\$50,000	11
Denali Commission	\$10,000	10	\$10,000	11		
Local Funds	\$90,000	10	\$90,000	11		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>		<b>\$100,000</b>		<b>\$50,000</b>	

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Civic education and engagement is a vital component of Alaska's democracy and, for emerging leaders, an instrumental vehicle for encouraging involvement in the state's future. The Institute of the North will build on its Alaska Dialogue series to include dialogue with emerging leaders across the state, communicating to them the obligations of citizenship.

The Institute of the North has a legacy in Alaska of providing established leaders an opportunity to engage with one another to address critical public policy issues. Since its inception in 2000, the Alaska Dialogue has been a forum where Alaska's leaders put Alaska first, working together to sustain and strengthen the state and its communities. More recently, the Institute developed an emerging leaders program that focuses on communicating to the next generation of Alaska's leaders their responsibilities to each other and the state. We express this in terms of the obligations of ownership - Alaskans must understand the issues facing the state, the history of Alaska and its unique laws, even as they engage with one another to address the state's challenges and provide new opportunities. Building upon the Institute's seminal curriculum for the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980 (ANILCA), the Emerging Leaders Dialogue incorporates civic education and engagement. Modeled from the Alaska Dialogue, this is a dynamic venue for young leaders from across the state to come together, develop relationships and lead by example. Additionally, throughout the year Institute staff work with emerging leaders to find new and different ways of becoming involved in the civic process. This has meant meeting with emerging leader groups in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Petersburg and Barrow. Invitations to Valdez, Ketchikan, Nome, Kotzebue, Dillingham, Bethel and Kenai still need to be fulfilled. Alaska's future rests on the state's ability to retain its young leaders as well as attract new ones. Alaska's future leaders must have a firm understanding of their responsibilities. The

Institute of the North is committed to educating, engaging and empowering Alaska's emerging leaders in this process.

**Project Timeline:**

This project will take place in FY11. Travel to, and dialogue in, communities across the state will take place throughout the year. The Alaska Dialogue occurs in September and the Emerging Leaders Dialogue in May.

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

The Institute of the North

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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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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February 11, 2010

Nils Andreassen  
Institute of the North  
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Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Nils --

I am in full support of the Institute of the North's Civic Education and Engagement for Alaska's Emerging Leaders program.

The Institute has made a very good initial start in that direction, demonstrating that young Alaskans will respond enthusiastically when exposed to emerging leadership training and opportunities. Putting the program on a solid footing will make for a stronger, more independent Alaska in the future.

It has been my privilege to participate in the Institute of the North, as well as First Alaskans' and the University's, leadership programs. All have been inspirational and highly productive. It's always great to watch the individual growth, and the awareness and the realization of our state's potential, that emerge from these programs.

Thanks for pursuing this important program. I hope the Legislature will provide full support.

Victor Fischer, Professor of Public Affairs  
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10 February 2010

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Re: Support for the Institute of the North's Program – Civic Education and Engagement for Alaska's Emerging Leaders

Dear Mr. Andreassen:

Beyond Borders agrees that civic education and engagement is a vital component of Alaska's democracy and, for emerging leaders, an instrumental vehicle for encouraging involvement in the state's future.

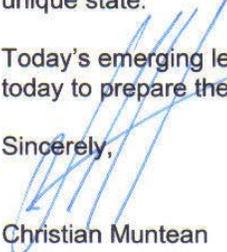
As a committed program partner, Beyond Borders commits to working with the Institute as it communicates to the next generation of Alaska's leaders their responsibilities to each other and the state. Alaskans must understand the issues facing the state, the history of Alaska and its unique laws, even as they engage with one another to address the state's challenges and provide new opportunities.

Beyond Borders has participated in the Institute's programs in the past and is committed to doing so into the future. The Emerging Leaders Dialogue, specifically, has been a fantastic opportunity for young leaders to come together, develop relationships and lead by example.

The work of the Institute is grounded firmly in supporting Alaska's communities and is dedicated to informing and educating Alaskans about their roles as citizens in this unique state.

Today's emerging leaders are tomorrow's decision makers. This means that we must act today to prepare them for their future.

Sincerely,

  
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February 12, 2010

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Re: Support for the Institute of the North's Program – Civic Education and Engagement for Alaska's Emerging Leaders

Dear Mr. Andreassen:

I have long held that civic education and engagement is a vital component of Alaska's democracy and, for emerging leaders, an instrumental vehicle for encouraging involvement in the state's future.

I am committed to working with the Institute as it communicates to the next generation of Alaska's leaders their responsibilities to each other and the state. I've always said that young Alaskans must understand the obligations of ownership, and I believe that the Institute of the North is conveying this message. Alaskans must understand the issues facing the state, the history of Alaska and its unique laws, even as they engage with one another to address the state's challenges and provide new opportunities.

I've been very impressed with the Institute's ability to bring Alaskans, and individuals from across the Arctic, to the table to address hard issues. Much of this is grounded in civic duty.

The work of the Institute is grounded firmly in supporting Alaska's communities and is dedicated to informing and educating Alaskans about their roles as citizens in this unique state.

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Sincerely,



Governor Walter J. Hickel



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Re: Support for the Institute of the North's Program – Civic Education and Engagement for Alaska's Emerging Leaders

Dear Mr. <sup>*Nils*</sup> Andreassen:

The Anchorage School District agrees that civic education and engagement is a vital component of Alaska's democracy and, for emerging leaders, an instrumental vehicle for encouraging involvement in the state's future.

As a committed program partner, ASD commits to working with the Institute as it communicates to the next generation of Alaska's leaders their responsibilities to each other and the state. Alaskans must understand the issues facing the state, the history of Alaska and its unique laws, even as they engage with one another to address the state's challenges and provide new opportunities. This work is more important now as civil discourse seems to be deteriorating at all levels – federal, state, and local.

The Anchorage School District has participated in the Institute's programs in the past and is committed to doing so into the future. The Emerging Leaders Dialogue, specifically, has been a tremendous opportunity for young leaders to come together, develop relationships and lead by example. I have enjoyed the opportunity to participate with them.

The work of the Institute is grounded firmly in supporting Alaska's communities and is dedicated to informing and educating Alaskans about their roles as citizens in this unique state.

Today's emerging leaders are tomorrow's decision makers. This means that we must act today to prepare them for their future.

Sincerely,

Carol Comeau  
Superintendent



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February 18, 2010

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Re: Support for the Institute of the North's Program – Civic Education and Engagement for Alaska's Emerging Leaders

Dear Mr. Andreassen:

The Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC) agrees that civic education and engagement is a vital component of Alaska's democracy and, for emerging leaders, an instrumental vehicle for encouraging involvement in the state's future.

As a program partner, SWAMC commits to working with the Institute as it communicates to the next generation of Alaska's leaders their responsibilities to each other and the state. Alaskans must understand the issues facing the state, the history of Alaska and its unique laws, even as they engage with one another to address the state's challenges and provide new opportunities.

SWAMC has participated in the Institute's programs in the past and is committed to doing so into the future. The Emerging Leaders Dialogue, specifically, has been a fantastic opportunity for young leaders to come together, develop relationships and lead by example.

The work of the Institute is grounded firmly in supporting Alaska's communities and is dedicated to informing and educating Alaskans about their roles as citizens in this unique state.

Today's emerging leaders are tomorrow's decision makers. This means that we must act today to prepare them for their future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Varner", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Andy Varner, Executive Director  
SWAMC

*ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ADVOCACY FOR SOUTHWEST ALASKA  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) AND ALASKA REGIONAL  
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