

Agency: University of Alaska**Project Title:****Project Type:** New Construction and Land Acquisition

UAA Sports Arena

State Funding Requested: \$80,000,000**House District:** Anchorage Areawide (17-32)

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Design money was secured in FY10; additional funding is necessary to complete the University of Alaska Anchorage Sports Complex.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project:** \$95,000,000*There is no other funding needed***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Design funding was awarded to the University of Alaska Anchorage in FY10 for site planning and facility design. This request will complete construction of the facility that will be an important economic development project and community asset.

The existing sports complex, Wells Fargo Sport Complex (WFSC), is a high-demand venue for multiple groups across the city and state. In 2008, more than 18,000 people attended a non-UAA sponsored event at this location, more than 260 dates were booked for epical events, and more than 80 community groups used the facility. A new sports arena will expand high school sports and extracurricular activities, provide an additional Anchorage venue for concerts and other arts events, serve as a space for conferences, provide additional training and testing space for fire, police and other city/state organizations, serve as a space for community athletic camps, a venue for large high school athletic competitions and be the No. 1 site for graduations and assemblies.

Further, a new arena, coupled with the WFSC, will ensure adequate space for on-campus student and staff recreation, athletics, fitness, wellness and related academic courses, become an important social gathering place for students, make campus more livable and become a beacon to potential residential and commuter students and increase student success and contribute to student retention.

While the University of Alaska Board of Regents has yet to endorse this project, the Municipality of Anchorage sees it as a valuable economic development project and statewide gathering place. Additionally, we understand this project has been on UAA's campus strategic plan for six-plus years.

Project Timeline:

We understand that funding in FY11 will result in ground-breaking no later than FY13.

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

University of Alaska

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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