

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

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

**Grant Recipient: Anchorage Park Foundation**

**Federal Tax ID: 920155067**

**Project Title:**

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

# Anchorage Park Foundation - Carlson Park Repairs

**State Funding Requested: \$60,700**  
One-Time Need

**House District: 24 / L**

**Brief Project Description:**

The Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks & Recreation Department are working together to make community-identified fixes in Carlson Park in Rogers Park.

**Funding Plan:**

**Total Cost of Project: \$85,700**

	<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>
Other Funds	\$25,000	2007				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>					

*Explanation of Other Funds:*  
The Anchorage Park Foundation is the proud recipient of a multi-year gift from the Rasmuson Foundation to rehabilitate Anchorage parks.

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks & Recreation Department are working together to address the fix-its in neighborhood parks throughout the city, using the Anchorage Parks Report Card to identify priority repairs. More than 1,000 community volunteers evaluated 53 neighborhood parks based on cleanliness, safety, structure, appearance, and function.

We're working hard with community park committees comprising Community Council members, user groups and park neighbors to prioritize the Fix-It lists, build volunteer support and plan Fix-Its in 2010 and 2011.

This neighborhood park bordering on Lake Otis in the Rogers Park area was donated to the city in 1959. Report Card participants expressed concern that the Carlson Park playground has unsafe features and needs updating. Respondents also expressed concern about poor drainage in lawn areas and inadequate signage.

We plan to combine public and private funding with volunteer efforts to make a difference in Carlson Park in summer 2011. Please join us.

**Project Timeline:**

If funding becomes available, the Carlson Park Fix-It project and related expenditures will take place between May - September 2011. Anchorage Park Foundation investments will be matched by volunteer contributions.

\$60,700  
Approved

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

Anchorage Parks & Recreation Department

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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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Members of the Alaska State Legislature:

On behalf of the Anchorage Park Foundation, I would like to voice my strong support for the request for legislative funding for the rehabilitation and renovation of **Carlson Park**.

Neighborhood parks provide close-to-home recreation opportunities for Anchorage residents, including areas for children to play, families to picnic and for neighbors to meet. Anchorage neighborhood parks are a gateway to our Big Wild Life, giving our neighborhoods a sense of identity and introducing our children to healthy outdoor recreation. The Anchorage Park Foundation is investing in neighborhood parks to ensure that they provide safe, healthy and secure places for families and children.

The Anchorage Park Foundation is the proud recipient of a five-year grant from the Rasmuson Foundation to rehabilitate Anchorage parks. We are using that grant to leverage public and private contributions and volunteer support to attack the Fix-Its in Anchorage neighborhood parks.

In the fall of 2008, the Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks & Recreation Department implemented the Anchorage Parks Report Card project, in which community volunteers evaluated 53 neighborhood parks and created comprehensive "Fix It Lists" for repairs and improvements. In summer 2009, the Anchorage Park Foundation partnered with the Parks & Recreation Department to engage volunteers and a variety of funding sources to rehabilitate 14 neighborhood parks. We are eagerly seeking funds for 2010 and 2011 improvements to parks in your districts, including this request for \$60,700 for Carlson Park in the Rogers Park neighborhood.

Planned improvements include adding new signs, dog stations, trash containers, benches and picnic tables; repairing or replacing the play equipment as funds permit; removing the dead plants and pruning trees; improving drainage in the play field; and restoring trails and pathways.

In summer 2009, the APF and Parks & Recreation Department engaged hundreds of volunteers in contributing more than 5,000 hours of their time and energy to revitalizing neighborhood parks. We plan to achieve equal or greater volunteer involvement in our projects over the next two years, and we look forward to inviting you to join us to revitalize your neighborhood park.

We are honored to be a part of this partnership, and we look forward to working with the Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks & Recreation Department to seek private funds to match legislative contributions.

Sincerely,

Beth Nordlund  
Executive Director

Victor Mollozzi • Jeff Clarke • David Wight • Eleanor Andrews  
Janie Leask • Stewart Osgood • Ernie Hall • Matt Carle