

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Alaska Native Heritage Center****Federal Tax ID:****Project Title:****Project Type:** Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

# Alaska Native Heritage Center - Parking Expansion Project 2011

**State Funding Requested: \$421,065****House District:** Anchorage Areawide (17-32)

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Expansion of the existing parking capacity from 187 spaces to 235 spaces, as well as a culvert, stairs to provide access and lighting, to accommodate increasing amounts of visitors and the 10th Anniversary of ANHC in 2009.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$421,065***There is no other funding needed**Explanation of Other Funds:*

*SB 75: Sec. 4. The following appropriation items are for capital projects to upgrade commercial passenger vessel services and watercraft infrastructure, enhance passenger safety and support cruise ship visitor activities from the Commercial Vessel Passenger Tax Account (AS 43.52.230) as set out in section 5 of this Act to the agencies named for the purposes expressed 5 and lapse under AS 37.25.020, unless otherwise noted.*

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:****Overview**

The Alaska Native Heritage Center is a facility unique to Alaska and the nation, an education and cultural center featuring historic village sites and a series of programs focusing on Alaska Native cultures. An important part of fulfilling our mission is to provide a gathering place that feature vice village sites that accurately represent all of Alaska's regions. As many as 100,000 individuals visit the Center every year, with summer programs oriented to Alaska's summer tourism season and international guests, while winter months focus on local program and events planned around the academic year - school visits, weekend cultural educational and art classes, diversity workshops, professional development classes for educators, and an award winning, for-credit high school program.

**Project Description**

The Alaska Native Heritage Center (ANHC) parking capacity is a total of 187 spaces. For a year round facility that hosts at times thousands of visitors each day our current parking lot does not meet the facility needs. ANHC plans to add spaces for roughly 48 vehicles, as well as a culvert and stairs through an existing berm that will provide access to the new parking lot. Lighting for safety is also part of this parking project request. The existing site is a mix of paved areas, trails, natural vegetation along with interpretive structures including the main facility. The specific location will be northeast of the existing main facility at the top of a shallow sloped hill. The site slopes to a central pond that is the focal point of the trail system and village sites. The site is bordered on the south by an embankment (directly adjacent to the existing parking lot) down to a

dirt road, which is directly adjacent to the embankment of the Glenn Highway.

Access to the site is from an existing paved road to the west, which serves the main facility from oilwell Road/North Muldoon. The road is used heavily in the summer and winter as a destination for tourists and tour buses.

Successful planning for this project has been completed and costs have been identified.

Parking Lot Construction:	\$196,065
Parking Lot Design:	\$15,000
Lighting for Personal Safety:	\$85,000
Paving:	\$125,000
Total:	\$421,065

The addition of a parking area is an important next step in providing full access to the public, increased safety of our visitors, and the sustainability of the Center as a museum, gathering place and award-winning cultural and educational facility.

### Project Timeline:

As soon as funds are secured. To be completed in 2010.

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

Alaska Native Heritage Center

### Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Name: Annette Evans Smith  
 Address: 8800 Heritage Center Drive  
 Anchorage, AK 99504  
 Phone Number: (907)330-8059  
 Email:

Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority?  Yes  No