

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage Park Foundation****Federal Tax ID: 92-0155067****Project Title:****Project Type: Other**

Anchorage Park Foundation - Nichols Park Improvements

State Funding Requested: \$35,000
One-Time Need**House District: 22 / K****Brief Project Description:**

The Airport Heights Community Council is seeking legislative support to make community-identified repairs and enhancements to Nichols Park in Airport Heights.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$35,000***There is no other funding needed***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Airport Heights Community Council is seeking legislative funds for Phase II of a multi-year project reclaiming Nichols Park. Formerly a ball field, the park had fallen out of use and into disrepair. Since 2008, the AHCC has successfully achieved dramatic improvements to the park, creating a community destination out of an Anchorage Park Foundation challenge grant of \$18,000 to accomplish the first phase of improvements, including removing the unused ball field dugouts, installing parking barriers, re-establishing turf and planting trees throughout the park.

The AHCC is now seeking legislative funding to accomplish Phase II of their plans to revitalize this neighborhood park. Phase II plans entail repairing the remaining baseball field fencing, installing walk-through gates in that fencing to improve access to the park and installing vehicle gates in the alley area to prevent unwanted vehicle intrusion in the park.

Throughout the project, the AHCC has successfully generated hundreds of volunteer hours to accomplish dramatic changes in the park. Legislative funds are necessary to complete the reinvention of Nichols Park as a green, attractive destination for the Airport Heights community.

Project Timeline:

Expenditures will occur as repairs are made in summer 2010.

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