

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)

Grant Recipient: North Slope Borough

Project Title:

Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition

North Slope Borough - Tuzzy Library Expansion Project

State Funding Requested: \$1,000,000
One-Time Need

House District: 40 / T

Brief Project Description:

The library is planning an expansion of approximately 3,400 SF of floor space and the necessary furniture, fixtures, and equipment to make the space functional.

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$6,900,000

	<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	\$5,170,000	2009				
Local Funds	\$800,000					
Total	\$5,970,000					

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

This plan includes: 1) an expanded children's room; 2) space to meet the needs of the older children and teenagers; 3) an archival room with state-of-the-art storage for the preservation of cultural resources; 4) provides staff with work space and a staging area to support village library material processing and handling; and 5) an elder's space and quiet study area. This project will expand the current library toward Ahkovak Street and also toward North Star Street. This is of primary importance because of the current lack of space for both materials shelving and programming space for younger users of the library.

The Tuzzy Consortium Library is an integral part of the community of Barrow and the North Slope Borough. This project is being proposed to address the problems that have developed in the library since the building went into service in 1998. That year the library had 20,500 visitors. Last year nearly 50,000 visitors entered its doors. With this increased number, the library is frequently overcrowded, shelves for books and resources are full to capacity and, most importantly, space for children's programs and archive materials storage is inadequate. Access to information and culturally responsive resources are necessary for developing the information infrastructure of a modern community. The library provides essential cultural, educational and socializing environments needed for the community to continue to flourish. The need for more space is the main obstacle to providing better and improved services to the inhabitants, villages, businesses and visitors of the Borough. The information in books, periodicals, videos, audiotapes, databases, maps and photographs housed in the library are critically important for people to improve their wellbeing and educate themselves throughout their lives.

The library provides essential services. The ability of the Borough to prioritize resources and plan effectively depends on access to the vital data and cultural resources collected and cataloged by this institution. The more information available and the better organized and managed it is will allow for better decision-making and understanding.

For use by Co-chair Staff Only:

\$350,000
Approved

Project Timeline:

The project is already underway. Current estimated completion is for March 2012.

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

The North Slope Borough

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

Statewide Public Library Construction Projects 2010 Status Updates/State Assistance Funding Requests

(Ver. 01.22.2010)

Community	Project Type	Cost	Completion Date	Site Ownership	Design Phase	Current Funding	State Assistance Funding Request	Timing of Need For State Funds
Cordova	New Multi-Use Facility to Include Library	\$19.7M	2011	Yes - City	Complete with Construction Docs	\$13.5M - City, Federal, State EVOS	\$2M	2010
Kenai	Expansion	\$5.3M	2011	Yes - City	Complete with Construction Docs	\$4.67M	\$1.5M	2010
Seward	New Co-located Facility Library/ Museum	\$10M	2012	Yes - City	Schematic - 35% by February 1, 2010	\$1M Donations / \$5M Approved G.O. Bond - 2011	\$5M	2010
Petersburg	New Facility	\$6.2M	2012	Yes - City	Schematic - 35%	\$240K - State Grant, Donations	\$3.25M	2010
Barrow	Expansion Consortium Library	\$7M	2011	Yes - Borough	Concept / Project Analysis Report	\$6M - Federal, Borough	\$1M	2010
Sutton	New Facility	\$3.1M	2012	Yes - Borough	Schematic - 35% by August	\$720K Borough, FOL*	\$1.5M	2010
Anchorage	Improvements	\$4.8M	2011	Yes - Current Location	Concept	\$1.25M Grant	\$1.75M	2011
Ketchikan	New Facility	\$12.5M	2013	TBD	Concept	\$700K - City, FOL*	\$5.57M	2011
Sitka	Expansion	\$15M	2014	Yes - City	Space Needs Study	\$100K Private Contribution	\$7.5M	2011
Fairbanks/ North Pole	New Facility	\$10.9M	2012	Yes - Borough	Concept	Portion of \$10M Trust + \$550K Earnings, Bond, Revenue Funds TBD	TBD	2011
Fairbanks/ Noel Wien	Expansion	\$16.75 M	2012	Yes - Current Location	Concept	Portion of \$10M Trust + \$550K Earnings, Bond, Revenue Funds TBD	TBD	2011
Kodiak	New Facility	\$15M	2014	In Progress	Space Needs Study	Identification of Funding Opportunities in Progress	TBD	2011
Wasilla	New Facility	\$14M	2014	Yes - City	Concept	\$40K - FOL*	TBD	2012
The following Public Libraries are in early stages of planning and identifying funding opportunities. Further information will be provided as these projects evolve.								
Palmer	Expansion	TBD	TBD	Yes	Concept	Identification of Funding Opportunities in Progress	\$3M	TBD
Nome	New Co-located Facility	TBD	TBD	Yes - UAF	Concept	Identification of Funding Opportunities in Progress	TBD	TBD
Soldotna	Expansion	\$5.5M	2020	Yes - City, FOL*	Concept	Initiating Building Fund Campaign	TBD	TBD
Craig	Expansion	TBD	TBD	Yes - City	Concept in Progress	Identification of Funding Opportunities in Progress	TBD	TBD
Skagway	Expansion & Renovation	TBD	TBD	Yes - City	Concept in Progress	Initiating Building Fund Campaign	TBD	TBD
Juneau Mendenhall	New Facility	TBD	TBD	Yes-City	Space Needs Study	Identification of Funding Opportunities in Progress	TBD	TBD
Juneau Public Library	Improvements	TBD	TBD	Yes-City	Coordination w/ Engineers	Identification of Funding Opportunities in Progress	TBD	TBD
Anchor Point	New Facility	\$700K	TBD	Yes - Donation	Preliminary Ideas	Identification of Funding Opportunities in Progress	TBD	TBD

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Edward S. Itta, Mayor

February 17, 2010

The Honorable Senator Donny Olson
Alaska State Senate
State Capital Room 506
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Olson:

Thank you for your interest in the expansion project for the Tuzzy Consortium Library.

The plans for expansion of the library involve adding approximately 3,400 square feet of floor space and necessary furniture, fixtures and equipment. When finished, there will be an expanded children's room, space to meet the needs of older children and teens, a quiet study area and an archival room with state-of-the-art storage for the preservation of cultural resources. Staff will also have a good work space and staging area to support village library processing and handling.

The estimated cost for this addition is \$7,000,000. Iisagvik College is a big user of the library facility and has secured a grant from the US Department of Education for \$5,170,000 for this project. The Borough is providing \$800,000 through its voter approved bonds. I would appreciate your consideration of a \$1,000,000 general fund appropriation to help us make this project a reality. If funding becomes available we hope to complete the project by the middle of 2012.

This is an exciting project and your interest in it is appreciated. In 2009 nearly 50,000 people came through the library and with this expansion we will be able to serve more.

Thanks again for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Edward S. Itta
Mayor

cc: **Beverly Grinage, President, Iisagvik College**
Harold Curran, NSB Chief Administrative Officer
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