

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Inuit Circumpolar Council****Federal Tax ID: 920091959****Project Title:****Project Type: Planning and Research**

Inuit Circumpolar Council Alaska - Alaska's Traditional Knowledge Science Development Project

State Funding Requested: \$75,000**House District: Northwest Arctic Region (39-40)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

ICC Alaska is seeking funding to support the ICC Alaska Traditional Knowledge Science Development Project.
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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$400,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	(\$75,000)
Project Deficit:	\$325,000

Funding Details:

Attempting to raise additional money from private foundations and local Alaska companies. Requests for funding are pending.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Alaskan Inupiat from the North Slope and Northwest spearheaded the formation of ICC in 1977, and the organization has since grown in influence to the betterment of the Inuit world and the nations that encompass it - ICC is one of just six organizations with permanent participant status on the Arctic Council, and it maintains a critical presence at the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the United Nations Working Group on Indigenous Populations, and other international forums. With the changing conditions in the Arctic, these international bodies are actively engaging ICC Alaska for input on many issues both domestic and international. ICC Alaska represents the Inupiat of the North Slope, Northwest and Bering Straits areas.

This funding will assist in developing ICC's science and research capacity to effectively promote national and international policy concerning marine shipping, commercial fishing and offshore oil and gas development, and climate change. All of these issues are extremely important to the Inuit of the Northern region.

This goal is in line with ICC Alaska's recently adopted strategic plans which identifies hunting/food security rights and representing Inuit interests in economic development decisions as two major priorities for ICC Alaska. Through the project a science advisor will develop a framework for a baseline study to conduct a thorough assessment and analysis of the marine food chain with the goal of protecting traditional Inuit food resources. The framework will be developed as a model and will be shared with other ICC regions so it can serve as a larger Arctic assessment. The science advisor will also develop a plan for ICC to meaningfully engage in current and future Arctic Council activities and other research relevant to Alaskan Inuit.

Project Timeline:

The money will be expended over the the course of 2011.

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

ICC Alaska

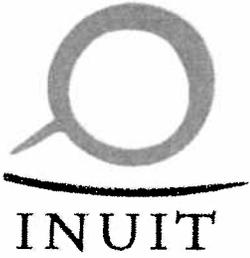
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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No

For use by Co-chair Staff Only:

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February 11, 2011

Representative Reggie Joule
State Capitol Building, Room 410
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Joule,

Inuit Circumpolar Council Alaska (ICC Alaska) seeks your assistance to help obtain funds in the amount of \$75,000 to support the ICC Alaska Traditional Knowledge (TK)/Science Development Project. This funding will assist in developing our science and research capacity to effectively promote national and international Arctic policy concerning climate change, marine shipping, commercial fishing and offshore oil and gas development.

This goal is well in line with ICC Alaska's recently adopted Strategic Plan, which identifies hunting/food security rights and representing Inuit interests in economic development decisions as two major priorities for ICC Alaska. This project is also in concert with the July 2010 ICC International Nuuk Declaration, whose directives guide the regional ICC organizations in their planning efforts for the years 2010-2014. The declaration outlines the importance of the sustainable uses of our resources, environmental stewardship, meaningful participation in decision-making, and engagement in science and research.

Identifying traditional scientific knowledge and research needs, however, is constrained due to a lack of capacity. State support would help ICC Alaska meet its objectives to hire a TK/Science advisor and complete a baseline study of the marine food chain that would then be used to help inform policy in Alaska and across the ICC regions. Additional funding support is also being sought from private foundations and we continue to build our relationship with Oceana on marine conversation issues – an area complementary to the TK/Science project we propose here.

You will see from the attached documents that our proposal will have a direct benefit for your constituents. The four ICC regions are: Southwest, Bering Straits, Northwest, and North Slope. This is a true trans-regional proposal.

Attached is a copy of our proposal, budget and a description of the TK/Science Development Project. I thank you for your consideration of this proposal and will be happy to answer any questions that you or your staff may have.

Respectfully,

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Traditional Knowledge/Science Development Project

Project Overview

Funding will proactively position Inuit to address the increased and rapid development and external activities in the Arctic by states, industry, researchers and special interests.

ICC Alaska recognizes that science and informed policy that integrates traditional knowledge is necessary to make the most appropriate decisions. Rather than relying on a scientific agenda that is not aligned with Inuit priorities and interests, we endeavor to develop our capacity in order to advance our society to ensure Inuit are proactive regarding the development in our homelands.

In this project, we will work to achieve the following primary objectives:

1. Hire a Traditional Knowledge/Science Advisor to review ICC Alaska priorities and identify TK/science research needs to develop and implementation plan, including identifying additional funding needs.
2. The TK/Science Advisor will develop a research framework for a baseline study to conduct a thorough assessment and analysis of the marine food chain with the goal of ensuring protection of traditional Inuit food resources in light of increased activity and development in the ICC Alaska regions. The framework would be developed as a model and will be shared with the other ICC regions in Canada, Greenland and Russia as well as other Alaska indigenous groups and can contribute to a larger Arctic assessment.
3. TK/Science Advisor to develop a plan for meaningful engagement in current and future Arctic Council and other research activities relevant to Alaskan Inuit.

At the end of this project, the following results and outcomes would be achieved:

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3. ICC Alaska will be better prepared and better engaged in the Arctic Council and its research and activities. ICC Alaska will be able to better serve Alaska, ensuring Alaskan Inuit interests are of high priority and taken into consideration.

Budget

The project is a 3-year project. The total 3-year project budget is \$400,000. We have submitted a proposal to a private foundation to support 50% (or \$200,000) of the project. Response is pending. We are seeking additional funding through several sources and are requesting \$75,000 from the State to support the project.

Total 3-year Project Budget: \$400,000

TK/Science Advisor Salaries: \$210,000 (\$70,000 x 3 years)

Travel: \$160,000 (Travel to the Inuit regions in Alaska and Arctic Council working groups)

Administrative/Overhead: \$30,000

In-kind support is not included in the total budget. Please note that office space, equipment and supplies will be provided as in-kind.

Organizational Overview

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ICC Alaska is governed by a thirteen member board of directors who are appointed by member organizations from four Regional Tribal non-profit organizations: Regional Alaska Native Corporations from the Arctic Slope, Bering Straits, NANA and Calista Regions; and the North Slope Borough and Northwest Arctic Borough. All board members are Inuit and represent communities served by ICC Alaska.

ICC Alaska is a member country to the Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC) and represents Inuit from Alaska at the international forum. The ICC is an international non-governmental organization that represents the interest of approximately 150,000 Inuit of the United States, Canada, Greenland and Chukotka (Russia). ICC holds Consultative Status II with the United Nations. ICC was founded in 1977 by leadership from the late Eben Hopson of Barrow, Alaska.

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