

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Alaska Humanities Forum****Federal Tax ID: 920042123****Project Title:****Project Type: Other**

Alaska Humanities Forum - Education, Economy, and Workforce Development Programs

State Funding Requested: \$465,000**House District: Statewide (1-40)**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Support for the Alaska History and Culture online curriculum, National Endowment for the Humanities grant match, and base budget support for Alaska's state humanities council (NEH analogue to State Arts Council).

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$3,178,304
Funding Already Secured:	(\$2,613,304)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$465,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$100,000

Funding Details:

NEH base budget support to state humanities councils, \$586,000 (multiple years/annual); USDOE grants (Rose Urban Rural Exchange, Take Wing Alaska Postsecondary prep. program, rural Alaska teacher cultural immersion program, \$1.6 million (annual/multiple years); private, corporate, foundation, & other federal grants (annual/multiple years); State of Alaska, DCED, \$40,000/FY2010).

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Who we are:

The Alaska Humanities Forum is one of fifty-six state and territorial humanities councils, a federal-state partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

What we do:

NEH Re grants. Provide competitive humanities grants to individuals and groups across the state (over \$165,000 in 2009 and millions since 1972). We fund historical research, oral histories, publications, web-based learning, cultural conferences, and other projects that enrich Alaskans and foster cultural tourism. FROM 2007-2010 AWARDED \$1.5 MILLION THAT LEVERAGED \$4.95 MILLION FOR ALASKAN COMMUNITIES.

Rose Urban Rural Exchange. Now in its eleventh year, with over 1,200 participants, RURE promotes educational competency, statewide understanding, and workforce development by pairing rural and urban middle and high schools for student and teacher exchanges. Additionally, each summer 25 urban teachers (including Title I schools) attend Alaska Native culture camps that facilitate better teaching for students coming in from the villages. EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS AND

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

Take Wing Alaska. The statewide success of RURE led to the creation of this cultural exchange program funded by a \$1.62 million competitive federal grant in 2009. Take Wing focuses on rural student success transitioning from high school to postsecondary study, partnering with Alaska Job Corps and UAA. EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

Alaska History and Culture Curriculum. Since 2004, AKHF developed Alaska's only comprehensive web-based Alaska studies course curriculum and summer Teachers Institutes, funded by a federal grant that just expired. In 2009, competency in Alaska studies became a graduation requirement, yet the State of Alaska does not provide any funding. This website receives over 3 million hits and 200,000 web sessions a year, USED BY EVERY ALASKAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT FOR ALASKA STUDIES REQUIREMENT AND A DRIVER OF CULTURAL TOURISM TO THE STATE.

Leadership Anchorage. Now in its 14th year, this award-winning civic leadership development program is a model for the state and has aided the start up of similar programs in Fairbanks and Juneau.

Other Programs and Initiatives. AKHF was instrumental in starting up Best Beginnings: Alaska's Early Learning Investment. We brought "New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music," the first traveling Smithsonian exhibition designed for small museums to the state in 2009. We partnered with Rasmuson Foundation in "Alaska's Statehood Experience," a grant program that distributed \$1 million across the state for legacy projects and activities commemorating Alaska's 50th statehood anniversary. These and scores of other partnerships add cultural, educational, and economic benefits to Alaska.

What we need:

Until last year, the Alaska Humanities Forum was one of only five councils that receive no state support. Awarded \$40,000 last year (peer states in top 10 average over \$1 million/year).

To continue to provide high-quality humanities education and workforce development for all Alaskans we respectfully submit the following modest request:

\$200,000 to continue the Alaska History and Cultural Studies curriculum

\$165,000 to match the NEH grant funds that go directly to communities and leverage \$3.33 for every \$1 granted.

\$100,000 to support base budget operations and other programs

Project Timeline:

Programs operate throughout the fiscal year and funds are expended in due course. Grant program operates with deadlines in May and October.

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

Alaska Humanities Forum

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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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**Alaska Humanities Forum Re grants Funding by District
2007-2011**

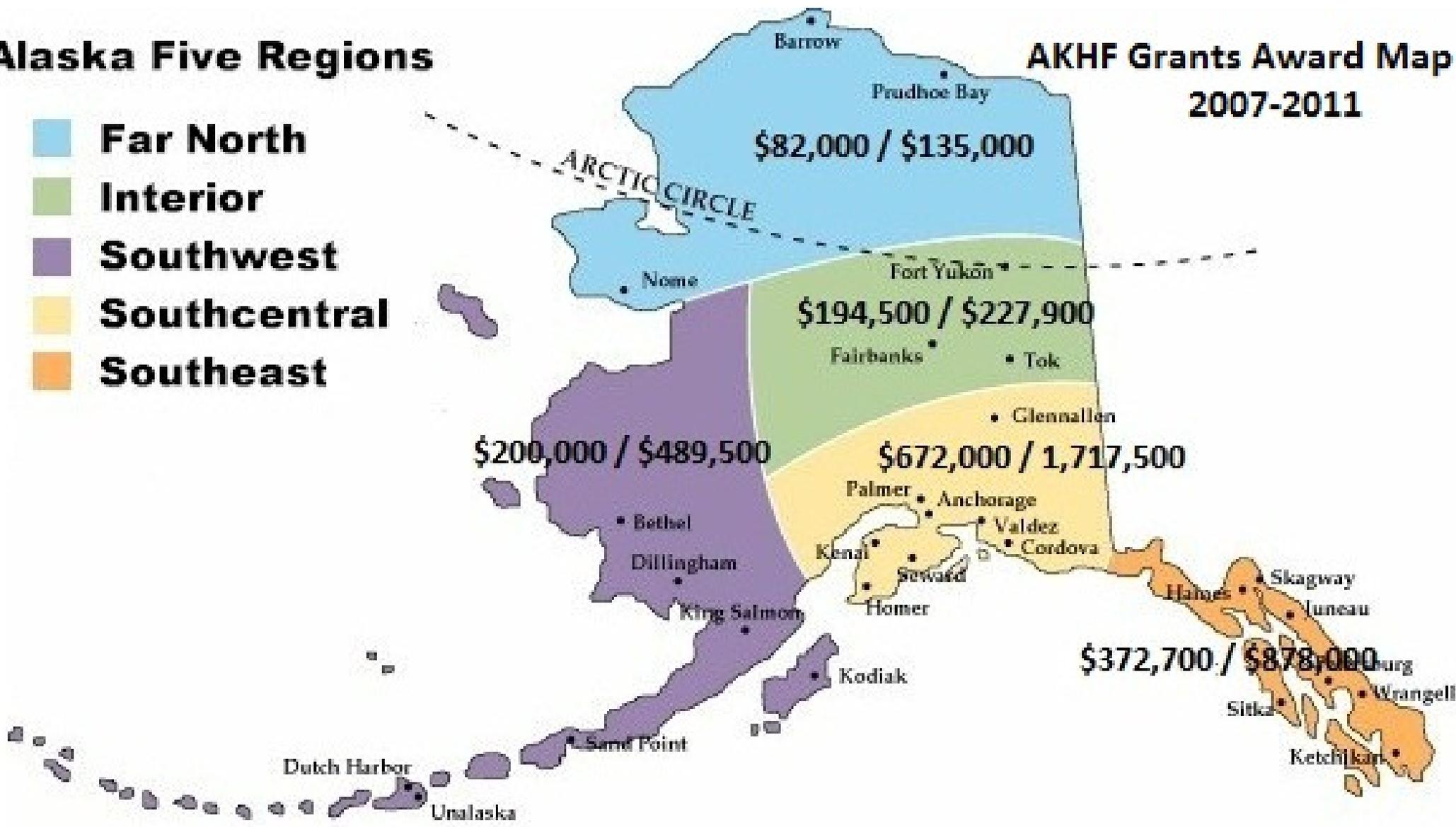
Re grants 2007-2011	Project Cost Share	Senate District	Senator - Party	City	House District	House (Party)	City			
\$33,443	\$157,385	A	Bert Stedman - R	Sitka	1	Kyle Johansen (R)	Ketchikan			
					2	Peggy Wilson (R)	Wrangell			
\$279,583	\$587,061	B	Dennis Egan - D	Juneau	3	Beth Kerttula (D)	Juneau			
					4	Cathy Muñoz (R)	Juneau			
\$123,589	\$257,185	C	Albert Kookesh - D	Angoon	5	Bill Thomas, Jr. (R)	Haines			
					6	Alan S. Dick (R)	McGrath			
\$173,435	\$188,367	D	Joe J. Thomas - D	Fairbanks	7	Bob Miller (D)	Fairbanks			
					8	David Guttenberg (D)	Fairbanks			
					9	Scott Kawasaki (D)	Fairbanks			
\$29,000	\$805,147	F	John B. Coghill Jr. - R	North Pole	10	Steve Thompson (R)	Fairbanks			
					11	Tammie Wilson (R)	North Pole			
					12	Eric A Feige (R)	Chickaloon			
\$6,184	\$18,600	G	Linda K. Menard - R	Wasilla	13	Carl Gatto (R)	Palmer			
					14	Wes Keller (R)	Wasilla			
					15	Mark Neuman (R)	Big Lake			
\$427,926	\$1,993,357	H	Charlie Huggins - R	Wasilla	16	Bill Stoltze (R)	Chugiak			
					I	Fred Dyson - R	Eagle River	17	Anna Fairclough (R)	Eagle River
								18	Dan Saddler (R)	Eagle River
					J	Bill Wielechowski - D	Anchorage	19	Pete Petersen (D)	Anchorage
								20	Max Gruenberg (D)	Anchorage
					K	Bettye Davis - D	Anchorage	21	Lance Pruitt (R)	Anchorage
								22	Sharon Cissna (D)	Anchorage
					L	Johnny Ellis - D	Anchorage	23	Les Gara (D)	Anchorage
								24	Berta Gardner (D)	Anchorage
					M	Hollis French - D	Anchorage	25	Mike Doogan (D)	Anchorage
								26	Lindsey S. Holmes (D)	Anchorage
N	Lesil McGuire - R	Anchorage	27	Mia Costello (R)	Anchorage					
			28	Craig W. Johnson (R)	Anchorage					
O	Kevin Meyer - R	Anchorage	29	Chris Tuck (D)	Anchorage					
			30	Charisse E. Millett (R)	Anchorage					
P	Catherine A. Giessel - R	Anchorage	31	Bob Lynn (R)	Anchorage					
			32	Mike Hawker (R)	Anchorage					
\$48,369	\$54,382	Q	Thomas Wagoner - R	Kenai	33	Kurt Olson (R)	Soldotna			
					34	Mike Chenault (R)	Kenai			
\$172,649	\$447,050	R	Gary Stevens - R	Kodiak	35	Paul Seaton (R)	Homer			
					36	Alan Austerman (R)	Kodiak			
\$131,215	\$287,371	S	Lyman F. Hoffman - D	Bethel	37	Bryce Edgmon (D)	Dillingham			
					38	Bob Herron (D)	Bethel			
\$96,500	\$156,134	T	Donald Olson - D	Golovin	39	Neal W. Foster (D)	Nome			
					40	Reggie Joule (D)	Kotzebue			

Total Grant Awards	Total Cost Share
\$1,521,893	\$4,952,039

Alaska Five Regions

- Far North
- Interior
- Southwest
- Southcentral
- Southeast

AKHF Grants Award Map 2007-2011



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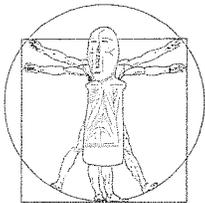
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WHO WE ARE:

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WHAT WE DO:

NEH Regrants

Provide competitive humanities grants to individuals and groups across the state. In the past five years alone, we have awarded over \$1.5 million in Alaskan communities, which has leveraged \$4.95 million in direct economic impact.

Rose Urban Rural Exchange

Now in its eleventh year, with over 1,200 participants, RURE students study economics, energy, health care, transportation, and sustainability, then travel to paired urban or rural middle and high schools to learn each other's culture "from the inside." Additionally, teachers from around the state (including Title I schools) participate each summer in Educator Cross-Cultural Immersion, attending traditional culture camps to learn teaching techniques that lead to classroom success.

Take Wing Alaska

The success of RURE led to the development of a post-secondary cultural transition program, Take Wing Alaska, in 2009-10. Funded by a competitive \$1.62 million federal grant, TWA partners with the University of Alaska and Alaska Job Corps and two rural school districts to develop educational success and workforce development for Alaska's students.

Alaska History and Culture Curriculum

A flourishing citizenry and workforce need to know the state in which it lives and does business. Towards that end, the Alaska Humanities Forum developed Alaska's only comprehensive, web-based Alaska studies course and summer Teachers Institute with a now defunct federal grant. Now a requirement for high school graduation, our website (www.akhistorycourse.org) receives over three million visits a year. Not only is it used by every Alaskan high school student, but it is also a driver of cultural tourism to our state.

Leadership Anchorage

LA will graduate its fourteenth class of civic entrepreneurs in May. This award-winning civic leadership development program is a national model and has spawned and assisted similar programs in Fairbanks and Juneau.

Other Programs and Initiatives

AKHF was instrumental in starting up Best Beginnings: Alaska's Early Learning Investment. We started up the Alaska Book Festival with the University of Alaska Press in Fairbanks. We are prime sponsors of the Kachemak Bay Writers' Conference in Homer, the Last Frontier Theatre Conference in Valdez, Perseverance Theatre in Juneau, and many other top flight programs. In 2009, we partnered with Rasmuson Foundation in "Alaska's Statehood Experience," a \$1 million grant program commemorating the 50th anniversary. In 2010, we brought "New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music," the first Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibit for small museums for the first time. These and scores of other programs and initiatives enrich all Alaskans and deliver cultural, civic, and economic benefits statewide.

WHAT WE NEED:

The Alaska Humanities Forum needs your support to continue its vital work. We request: **\$165,000** as a state match to NEH grants that leverage dollars for Alaskan communities; **\$200,000** for the Alaska History and Culture Curriculum, the only such resource for Alaskan students; and **\$100,000** to support base budget operations and other programs.

MISSION: To enrich the civic, intellectual, and cultural life of all Alaskans.