

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Vietnam Combat Veterans, Ltd.****Federal Tax ID: 94-2877652****Project Title:****Project Type: Other**

Vietnam Combat Veterans, Ltd. - Shipping and Displaying of Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall

State Funding Requested: \$50,000**House District: Statewide (1-40)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Funding will be used to assist the veterans' organizations of Alaska with funding assistance to bring the "Moving Wall" to their communities.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$50,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	(\$50,000)
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

NA

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

"The Moving Wall" is a half-sized replica of the Washington, DC Vietnam Veterans Memorial and has been touring the country for more than twenty years. Following the 1982 dedication in Washington, John Devitt vowed he would share that experience with those who did not have the opportunity to go to Washington.

The 50 year mark for Vietnam is fast approaching for most of those veterans. For many, the healing process is still taking place. It gives them an opportunity, to talk to friends, relatives and fellow veterans.

"The Moving Wall" is typically driven from location to location, with no travel expenses charged to those towns in which they are presented. This is not the case for most places here in Alaska. Small Alaskan towns need assistance for shipping costs to get the wall to their communities. Many of these towns have small populations and therefore it is more difficult for them to raise the necessary funding. This funding would cover the shipping costs of "The Moving Wall" as well as help the smaller communities raise the funds necessary to cover the 7 day display fee. Alaska is fortunate to have "The Moving Wall" return to the state. Support for "The Moving Wall" goes a long way towards showing appreciation for our veterans.

Project Timeline:

Expenditures will begin approximately June 15, 2011 and continue through August 15, 2011.

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

John Devitt

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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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