

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Alaska Veterans Museum****Federal Tax ID: 03-0382080****Project Title:****Project Type: Other**

Alaska Veterans Museum - Exhibit Presentation and Restoration

State Funding Requested: \$20,000**House District: 17 / 1**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

To educate the public on Alaskan veterans through the Alaska Veterans Museum

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$20,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$20,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:**Previous capital funding of \$50,000***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Alaska is home to the largest veteran population per capita of every state in the nation. We are currently the only state without a veterans museum. After 10 years of dedicated planning by the museum board of directors, they have successfully secured a facility, scheduled to open on April 17, 2011.

This capital request will help with the initial set-up and operation costs for this important community and state museum. The Alaska Veterans Museum will help educate the public through the collection and presentation of exhibits and artifacts, and the personal and historical accounts that will be displayed at the museum. This museum will serve as a place of remembrance and preservation of the memory of our veterans and their sacrifice for our state and nation.

Project Timeline:

Summer 2011-Spring 2012

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

Alaska Veterans Museum

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

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MUSEUM
"They Shall Not Be Forgotten"

Apr 5, 2011

Representative Anna Fairclough
State Capitol Room 501
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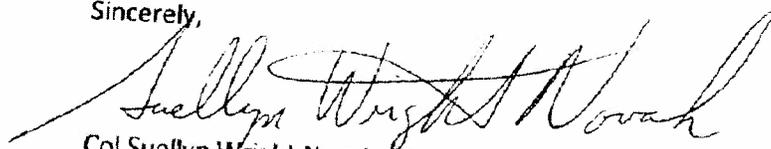
Dear Anna:

The Alaska Veterans Museum, a 501 c (3) organization, EIN 03-0382080, after ten years of preparation, finally has a small rented "home" at the Market Place Mall in Anchorage. Our Grand Opening is Sunday April 17, 2011 at 333 W 4th Ave, Suite 227; we are sorry you will miss it! This is a cherished dream, well nurtured with hard work, coming true. It's a small start but we have many artifacts that the public, and especially students, need to see. We also have volunteers who will man the museum and tell their stories. This will allow healing to occur for them as well as to educate the public.

Now that we have a home, we are applying to be a field trip site for the Anchorage School District. We could use \$20,000 to: 1) procure cameras for more oral history teams (we have 120 veterans waiting to be interviewed and only 1.5 interviewers); 2) build our interactive oral history board where students press a veteran's picture and listen to a clip of his or her story; 3) design and build a plotting table with cutout ships and tanks etc. for them to plan an invasion; 4) procure more artifacts; and 5) fund our traveling footlocker program to send items out to rural Alaska for them to learn of the Aleutian Campaign, the forced evacuation of the Aleuts, and the Alaska Territorial Guard. Future plans will be a footlocker on early Alaskan posts, one on Elmendorf and Fort Richardson and more. Another item being studied is using Skype or tele-learning so we could design programs which could be broadcast to rural Alaska.

We cherish the support we have received from the Legislature and look forward to many years of collegial relations as we plan for a home of our own. Thank you very much for your untiring support to "Ensure They Shall Not Be Forgotten."

Sincerely,



Col Suellyn Wright Novak, USAF, Ret.
Alaska Veterans Museum President