

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Alaska State Fair****Federal Tax ID: 92-0027358****Project Title:****Project Type: Other**

Alaska State Fair - Native Culture and Arts 75th Anniversary

State Funding Requested: \$150,000**House District: Statewide (1-40)**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

The funding will be used to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Alaska State Fair by including artists and dancers from all areas of the state reflecting the diverse cultural background that makes Alaska unique. The goal is for people throughout the state to come together and celebrate life in Alaska.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$150,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$150,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:**Prior funding requests for repairs and maintenance***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The funding will be used to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Alaska State Fair by including artists and dancers from all areas of the state reflecting the diverse cultural background that makes Alaska unique. The goal is for people throughout the state to come together and celebrate life in Alaska in a way that represents all Alaskans. The fair estimates that more than 150 Alaska Native participants could be recruited, potentially more considering the hiring of Alaska Natives to work at the Fair for this celebration. Most Alaskans are familiar with traditional Alaska Native dance, particularly Yup'ik and Inupiaq Eskimo Groups. Our program will certainly feature plenty of dancing events, but we will be adding several more unexpected elements. The 12 day event provides the opportunity for 24-48 artists to demonstrate, display and sell their work at prime locations on the Fairgrounds. Our plans are to recruit at least six dance groups at ten members each to maximize the number of individuals that could participate. Invitees will also include storytellers, bead workers, Native Youth Olympics participants showcasing Native games, and the ever popular blanket toss.

PROJECT BUDGET

Total Project Cost: \$150,000.

The hard costs of the budget are related almost exclusively to pay for travel, accommodations and modest stipends for participants. The ASF board of directors has committed to cover the administrative costs for the Program Coordinator and

other ASF staff time to plan, schedule, market and manage the performances, workshops and demonstrations.

Project Timeline:

Money will be spent in the summer and fall of 2011.

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

Alaska State Fair

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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