

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Alaska Special Olympics****Federal Tax ID: 920057197****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

# Alaska Special Olympics - Training Center and Campus Expansion Development

**State Funding Requested: \$4,000,000****House District: Anchorage Areawide (16-32)**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Expansion of the Special Olympics Alaska Training Center and Campus to include addition of a gymnasium and multipurpose facility for athlete, coach, volunteer, and family education and training. The annex will also be the center for the Special Olympics Alaska Healthy Athletes Initiative.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$7,000,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$3,000,000)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$4,000,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:*

FY 2011: \$2,000,000

FY 2012: \$1,000,000

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Special Olympics Alaska has provided fully accredited, year round sports training and athletic competition for individuals with intellectual disabilities in Alaska since 1969. Special Olympics Alaska is a private, non-profit, 501c(3) corporation with a Board of Directors who are deeply committed to the success of our statewide program. In Alaska, there are over 10 communities statewide serving over 2000 athletes who are empowered by hundreds of volunteers. Athletes train and compete year-round in 16 Olympic-type sports with the assistance of volunteer coaches. These events provide an opportunity for Alaskan athletes to share their abilities rather than disabilities. In addition, our sports programs promote understanding, acceptance and inclusion for individuals both with and without intellectual disabilities.

Special Olympics Alaska was awarded \$2,000,000 from the State of Alaska for FY 2011 and \$1,000,000 for FY 2012 to support the Training Center and Campus expansion and development. We spent \$1,094,329 to purchase adjacent property and the remaining funds will be used towards the expansion of the new gymnasium and multipurpose facility.

FY 2013 Capital Budget Request for Funding: \$4,000,000

The next phase of expansion includes the addition of a 15,000 to 20,000 square foot gymnasium and multipurpose facility to be used for athlete, coach, volunteer, and family education and training. It also includes some improvements to the current facility. The annex will be the center for the Special Olympics Alaska Healthy Athletes Initiative. The training facility will

enhance future growth for both the local and statewide program, facilitate coaches training and volunteer management training, increase sports partnerships, and serve the Special Olympics Alaska Healthy Athletes Program and the Special Olympics Alaska School Program. The Center will also offer a daily training facility at no cost for athletes, expand training and competition opportunities year round, enhance the local neighborhood, offer social events, and enhance local awareness of the community program. The Training Center expansion will increase partnerships both locally and statewide and will continue to enhance the Mountain View development program. This project will be debt free with low estimated maintenance cost.

Over 2,000 Special Olympics athletes and 5,000 volunteers and family members will be impacted by this project. In addition, it is estimated that there are as many as 5,000 individuals with intellectual disabilities in the state of Alaska who have not yet benefitted from Special Olympics Alaska programs and who may ultimately benefit from this project.

### Project Timeline:

Completion of capital project by December 2013.

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

Special Olympics 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