

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Alyeska Vocational Services****Federal Tax ID: 51-0192529****Project Title:****Project Type: Planning and Research**

# Alyeska Vocational Services - Alaska Deaf Center Development Plan

**State Funding Requested: \$475,000****House District: Anchorage Areawide (16-32)**

Future Funding May Be Requested

**Brief Project Description:**

Funding will be used to complete the development plan for the Alaska Deaf Center. This project will consist of construction of a specialized building including LEED certification, special needs and retail space for sustainability.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$525,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$50,000)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$475,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:*

*Phase 1 included developing a business plan, a technology plan for the center, and identifying the services that the deaf and hard of hearing need in Alaska.*

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Alaska Deaf Council & Alyeska Vocational Services requests \$475,000 during the 2012 legislative session for the Alaska Deaf Center Development Plan. This funding will be used to complete the development plan for the Alaska Deaf Center. This project will consist of construction of a specialized building including LEED certification, special needs and retail space for sustainability. A breakdown of the fund allocation for Phase 2 is listed below:

INTERPRETING SERVICES: \$ 20,000.00

These services are necessary to ensure members of the Deaf Center Committee, the Alaska Deaf Council and the deaf community have access to planning and strategy meeting so they can provide accurate input and receive correct information for the development of the Deaf Center plan. The breakdown is as follows: 167 hours @ \$60 per hour. These services will be utilized during Deaf Council meetings for updates, meetings with the deaf community, legislators, administrators, planned business partners, contractors, planning sessions, and other meetings needed for the deaf community to advocate for the center.

SITE ASSESSMENTS: \$ 9,600.00

Site Assessments are planned for two locations:

1. Gallaudet University, James Lee Sorenson Communications and Language Center, a building designed specifically for the deaf and hard of hearing. See [http://www.gallaudet.edu/GTS/Video\\_\\_Gallaudet/Around\\_Campus/James\\_Lee\\_Sorenson\\_Language\\_and\\_Communication\\_Dedication\\_Ceremony.html](http://www.gallaudet.edu/GTS/Video__Gallaudet/Around_Campus/James_Lee_Sorenson_Language_and_Communication_Dedication_Ceremony.html)

2. Sanderson Center for the Deaf, a nationally recognized program for providing services to the Deaf and hard of hearing.

These assessments will explore the building and program aspect for construction of the Alaska Deaf Center, which will be a holistic approach to the design, construction and implementation of the services as well as programs.

ARCITECTURAL DRAWING & SERVICES: \$ 100,000.00

These services will provide the architectural spec drawings for the conceptual design of the building. Design and drawings will be priced higher than typical construction projects due to the specialized attention needed to achieve a "deaf friendly" design as well as addressing other special needs of those served.

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PROJECT MANAGEMENT: \$215,00.00

The Project Manager will be a full time position from Stage 2 until completion of the Deaf Center. The position is rated for 2080 hours at \$65 an hour (\$135,200) and will be provided by Ascent Management Services. The assigned PM is experienced in all aspects of construction and social services as well as business operations. Ascent Management Services is providing services at a reduced rate from the norm of \$120 per hour to \$65 per hour due to the desire to see such an amazing and innovative project move forward.

Remaining monies (\$80,000) will be used for best practices and best accessibility and holistic approach for the construction of the Deaf Center. This project will require special technical assistance due to the combination of deaf friendly architecture while achieving LEED compliance.

PROGRAM OVERSIGHT: \$ 60,000.00

This position will be provided and/or directed by the Executive Director of Alyeska Vocation Services and will provide oversight and quality control of work performed. This position will also assist in the securing of grants, partners, funders and support for resources as well as creation of employment opportunities for clients served by the Deaf Center. This position is rated for 750 hours at \$80 an hour

ADMINISTRATION: \$ 20,090.00

Administration of the program will be provided by Alyeska Vocational Services at 5% of the requested funds. These funds will cover necessary insurance, contract compliance, accounting and quarterly reports for Phase 2 of the project.

SITE CONTROL: \$ 50,000.00

This allocation will be used to secure the 5 acres of Mental Health Trust Lands identified for the Deaf Center. The funds will be used as earnest monies until fully purchased in Phase 3.

## Project Timeline:

Planning to be complete in FY2013

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

Alyeska Vocational Services

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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