

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Alaska Native Heritage Center****Project Title:****Project Type:** Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

Alaska Native Heritage Center - Mabel Pike Education center

State Funding Requested: \$1,185,000**House District:** Anchorage Areawide (16-32)

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Construction of 3 new educational spaces as well as basic administrative space to house key staff.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$3,585,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$2,400,000)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$1,185,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

2,000,000 from State Capitol Budget in 2011

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

This project is intended to promote the Alaska Native Heritage Center as a gathering place where Alaska Native peoples and cultures are strengthened and valued. The Center is open year-round, presenting Alaska Native heritage, culture and traditions to a broad local and international audience. As many as 100,000 people visit the Center every year, with summer programs oriented to Alaska's summer tourism season and international guests, while winter months focus on local programs and events planned around the academic year. The center takes an active role in the community with partnerships with schools, museums, and cultural organizations; and to Alaska Native people, especially Alaska Native Youth. Today the community looks to ANHC for cultural awareness education, school programs, art and culture classes for school children and their teachers, language restoration, and the transfer of cultural knowledge from elders to youths. The center in 2009-2010 was host to 5,553 elementary school children, 782 middle school youth and 99 high school youth. The Center also hosted activities through the winter that drew more than 19,339 people to public events and more than 80,000 visitors.

The original plan for ANHC was trimmed by approximately 50% to meet the reality of the budget. The project would include construction of 3 new educational spaces dedicated to teaching Native ways of living and learning. In addition the construction of basic administrative spaces to house key staff in one building, removing trailers which are costly to heat and maintain. (as of March 19, 2012 spaces for 18 staff people are in mobile trailers.)

To mark the passing of an extraordinary tradition bearer, ANHC wishes to honor Mabel Pike's life work. The expanded facilities will be dedicated as the Mabel Pike Education Center, and used to teach Alaska Native Dance, Games and marital art instruction such as beading and sewing.

Project Timeline:

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

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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