

**Friends of the Jesse Lee Home**

**FY2013 Request: \$5,000,000**

**Reference No: 46475**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation **Project Type:** Construction  
**Category:** Health/Human Services **Recipient:** Friends of the Jesse Lee Home  
**Location:** Seward **House District:** Homer/Seward (HD 35)  
**Impact House District:** Kenai Areawide (HD 33-35) **Contact:** Jo Ellen Hanrahan  
**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2012 - 06/30/2017 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-2506

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project will provide additional funding for the renovation of the Jesse Lee Home as a Residential Charter School. This program contributes to the department's mission of promoting a healthy economy and strong communities by providing economic growth in the communities it serves.

<b>Funding:</b>	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$5,000,000						\$5,000,000
<b>Total:</b>	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

FY2011 - \$1,500,000 GF

FY2009 - \$500,000 GF

**Project Description/Justification:**

The Jesse Lee Leadership Residential Charter School will provide high quality education to Alaska's youth in a setting that exists nowhere else in the country. The Jesse Lee Home has an important place in the nation's civil rights history. For 39 years, the home housed and educated displaced Native and non-Native youth alike. This integrated approach to children's housing and education was unique in the nation.

The Jesse Lee Home buildings are national treasures, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The proposal is to restore the facilities as residential charter leadership school for high school youth. Youth statewide will come to the Jesse Lee Home to study with local day students in Alaska's only residential charter school, learning through competency-based education techniques about the sciences, mathematics, politics, technology and the humanities at the same time as they learn about what makes Alaska work: hands-on skills like plumbing, engine repair and healthcare.

Students will attend a semester and return to their home communities, maintaining their ties to their families and culture. Their learning will be fused with cross-cultural education across ethnicities, regions, and tribes.

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Nationally recognized Professor Paul Ongtooguk and the Malcolm Baldrige award-winning Re-Inventing Schools Coalition [www.reinventingschools.org](http://www.reinventingschools.org) are developing curriculum with the universities, Seward High School, AVTEC, Alaska SeaLife Center, National Park Services, U.S. Forest Service, and Outward Bound.

Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) scholarships will subsidize housing costs; other students will pay privately. State funding for charter schools will cover most educational operating costs and the non-profit will raise funds to supplement charter school activities.