

Alaska State Library, Archives and Museum Facility

FY2013 Request: \$49,000,000

Reference No: 52483

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Construction

Category: Education

Location: Statewide

House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2012 - 06/30/2017

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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This request is for partial funding to continue with the development of the Alaska State Library, Archives and Museum combined facility. The construction of a new state facility will combine the Alaska State Library, Alaska State Museum and the Alaska State Archives into one locality; thereby, creating one facility for the Alaska State Library, Archives and Museum.

Funding:	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$49,000,000						\$49,000,000
Total:	\$49,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$49,000,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input checked="" 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	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

FY2003 - FY2012: \$33,950,000 has been appropriated for the SLAM project to date. This includes land acquisition, completion of a needs assessment, final design and construction documents, and outreach campaigns.

Ch5 FSSLA11 \$5.0 million; Ch43 SLA10 \$18.5 million G/O Bonds; Ch29 SLA09 \$7.5 million

Project Description/Justification:

The \$20 million in project funding under consideration represents another milestone in the process of combining the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums into a more dynamic and efficient service-oriented state agency.

Improvements within the new State Library, Archives and Museum facility will be maintained with existing staffing levels and will provide an estimated reduction of 10% - 15% to current operation and maintenance budgets.

The new, combined facility will accomplish the following:

- House the entire Library, Archives and Museum Division, as well as the bulk of offsite collections, currently in four different locations.
- The immediate savings will include the rent and utilities currently allocated for these spaces.

- The secondary savings will be realized in the use of energy-efficiency design methodology for the new structure. In gross terms, the new building will:
 1. Triple the museum and archive collection storage,
 2. Double the exhibition area for the museum,
 3. Provide two state-of-the-art conservation labs – the only such labs in Alaska; and,
 4. Consolidate division staff operations in one facility to better share common resources.

The history of the project began over 10 years ago with the purchase of the former Delta Western tank farm located behind the current Alaska State Museum. Funding for the project has been slow but steady as demonstrated by this short history:

FY2003	\$1.5 million	Land Acquisition and site development
FY2006	\$1.4 million	Pre-Planning
FY2009	\$7.5 million	Architectural Planning & Design
FY2011	\$18.5 million	GO Bonds / Construction obligation
FY2012	\$5.0 million	Construction obligation

The addition of the proposed \$20 million is in keeping with the methodology of the funding stream demonstrated by prior administrations. The fundamental rationale for waiting for full funding before substantive construction is a fiscal one. The department has defined the scope of the building to not only respond more effectively to the constituents served by the department, but to provide cost-savings to the overall operational and maintenance expenses.

To move forward with phased construction or reduced scope for the new facility will not provide the short- or long-term savings as projected with a completed project. In the case of phased construction, additional costs would be incurred from the design phase through final construction. Those costs include, but are not limited to, design fees, demobilization and mobilization costs for the contractors, continued support to each of the four locations now housing the three divisions, and the extended construction period and subsequent impact on staff and their responsiveness to constituency.

In efforts to avoid phased construction, additional project costs and delays, the department looks forward to working towards securing full construction funding for a successful, cost-effective project completion.

In addition to this \$20,000,000 request, the department will need approximately \$74,500,000 to complete the project.