

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Alaska Native Heritage Center****Federal Tax ID: 92-0127145****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

Alaska Native Heritage Center - Mabel Pike Educational Center Classroom and Admin Space Addition

State Funding Requested: \$1,000,000**House District: Anchorage Areawide (11-27)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

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

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$3,585,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$2,300,000)
FY2014 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$1,000,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$285,000

*Funding Details:**FY13 Capital Budget - 300,000**FY12 Capital Budget - 2,000,000***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

In 2013 the Alaska Native Heritage Center is pursuing a State of Alaska grant for \$1,000,000 while simultaneously pursuing private foundation support to leverage funding for this \$3,585,000 project. This project is intended to promote basic infrastructure needs to support the long range work of the Alaska Native Heritage Center, which is to preserve and strengthen the traditions, languages, and art of Alaska's Native People through statewide collaboration, celebration, and education. Open year-round, ANHC has hosted more than 1,000,000 visitors and over 200,000 school children since opening in May 1999.

The original vision for ANHC developed after many years of visioning, programming and design were trimmed by approximately 50% to meet the reality of the budget. As they currently exist, these functional and programmatic limitations resulting from a minimal facility will continue to restrict progressive growth. The project would include construction of three (3) educational class room spaces to teach Alaska Native Dance, Games, indigenous languages and material art instruction such as beading and sewing. In addition, construction of basic administrative space to house key staff in one building, as 18 staff offices are currently in portable trailers outside main building, which are costly to heat and maintain.

Granted funds will be used to leverage additional gifts from private foundations and corporations. Expansion will also allow for further revenue generating opportunities, leading ANHC towards fiscal self-sufficiency. ANHC wishes to honor the legacy of Mabel Sayak Pike, Tlingit Elder, master craft maker, and founding board member, by naming this education space in her name.

During the 2011-2012 academic year, ANHC's two flagship youth programs, the after-school High School Program and the Summer Internship achieved secondary graduation rates of 72% and 86%, respectively. This is in light of the average graduation rate of around 42% for Alaska Native students in the Anchorage School District, and without a single dedicated classroom space. From August 2011 to July 2012, ANHC hosted 4,533 school children, an average of 62 student and chaperone visitors per month over a total of 80 days. This 2012-2013 academic school year ANHC works daily with 75 students enrolled in the after school High School program, and 92 students enrolled in the after school middle school program Walking in Two Worlds.

Project Timeline:

2009-2014: Capital Campaign Fundraising for ANHC Master Plan Phase I

2015-2016: Construction of Master Plan Phase I

This project was designed to allow minimal impact on the facility so that programs may continue as construction takes place, not hindering revenue generating opportunities such as the summer tourism season.

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

ANHC Staff with support of Donors

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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



Organizational Overview

The Alaska Native Heritage Center is an educational and cultural center in Anchorage featuring historic village sites and a series of programs presenting Alaska Native cultures and traditions to a broad local and international audience. The mission of the Alaska Native Heritage Center (hereafter ANHC) is to preserve and strengthen the traditions, languages, and art of Alaska's Native People through statewide collaboration, celebration, and education. Open year-round, ANHC has hosted more than 1,000,000 visitors and over 200,000 school children since opening in May 1999.

ANHC's award winning youth programs are the cornerstone of our education initiative. During the 2011-2012 academic year, ANHC's two flagship youth programs, the after-school High School Program and the Summer Internship achieved secondary graduation rates of 72% and 86%, respectively. This is in light of the average graduation rate of around 42% for Alaska Native students in the Anchorage School District, and without a single dedicated classroom space.

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ANHC 2030 – Phase I (Mabel Pike Educational Center):

ANHC 2030 is a four-part construction plan which will address capacity needs, as well as create revenue generating opportunities that will assist ANHC to become fiscally sustainable. The original vision for ANHC developed after nearly 20 years of visioning, programming and design were trimmed by approximately 50% to meet the reality of the budget. As they currently exist, these functional and programmatic limitations resulting from a minimal facility will continue to restrict growth.

In 2013 the Alaska Native Heritage Center is pursuing a State of Alaska grant for \$1,000,000 while simultaneously pursuing private foundation support to leverage funding for this \$3,585,000 project:

- Construct three (3) educational class room spaces to teach Alaska Native Dance, Games, indigenous languages and material art instruction such as beading and sewing.
- Construct basic administrative space to house key staff in one building (18 staff offices currently in portable trailers outside main building, which are costly to heat and maintain.)

ANHC successfully secured \$2,000,000 in FY2012 Capital budget, and \$300,000 in FY2013 Capital budget to go towards Phase I.

Today the Anchorage-area community increasingly looks to ANHC for cultural awareness education, school programs related to Alaska Natives, art and culture classes for school children and their teachers, indigenous language restoration, and the transfer of cultural knowledge from Alaska Native Elders to youths. There is a real and constant need for growth.



An Alaska Native Elder's Legacy – Founding ANHC Board Member Mabel Sayak Pike

To honor the life's work of an extraordinary tradition bearer, the expanded facilities will be dedicated as the Mabel Pike Educational Center. Mabel Pike was Gaanaxteidi Whale House and Kaagwaantaan Yadi of Klukwan, and also of the Raven moiety with the woodworm being one of the main crests. Her Tlingit name was Sayak. Raised in Douglas and then Juneau, Alaska, Mabel joined her first stitches at six years old with instruction from her great grandmother. She became well known as a master beadwork artist and moccasin maker, and after moving to Anchorage founded the Fur Rondy Craft Show at the Dimond Center Mall in Anchorage. She dedicated her life to creating Alaska Native art and sharing and teaching it to others, especially Alaska Native youth.

ANHC 2030 – Phase II-IV:

Phases II-IV recognizes that ANHC is a place to which many people have entrusted care of artifacts for which a safe and protective environment must be provided. Phases II-IV construction will feature multi-phase, multi-year projects leading to:

- A reorganization and of the Hall of Cultures and separation of artifacts from potential sources of contamination;
 - This will also facilitate growth to house many of the artifacts that continue to be entrusted to ANHC, and allow ANHC to be a host site for loaned objects from other institutions.
- An expanded kitchen to allow food preparation for both ready-made and full-service meals;
 - This will greatly expand revenue-generating opportunities both on a routine basis and for banquets or catered events, as well as further facilitate community gatherings.
- An expanded gift shop to increase floor space for item display, customer circulation, and inventory storage;
- A reorganized Gathering Place, theater, and Crossroads that will facilitate banquets, meetings, and dining as well as large group performances.

The Alaska Native Heritage Center's priorities reflect a solid commitment to the statewide community through ongoing partnerships with Anchorage-area schools, statewide museums and cultural organizations, and the State of Alaska.

If you have not yet had the opportunity, we would be very pleased to introduce you in person to the Alaska Native Heritage Center.

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