

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Federal Tax ID: 92-0059987****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

## Anchorage - Loussac Renovation

**State Funding Requested: \$10,000,000**  
One-Time Need**House District: Anchorage Areawide (11-27)****Brief Project Description:**

The State capital grant request will be used for the renovation of the building entrance, a stand-alone project that addresses immediate building safety, energy efficiency and accessibility issues.
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**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$10,000,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$10,000,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The entrance renovation project has broad community support and is guided by a comprehensive facility master plan, completed in 2012. Funding for design of the project is already in-hand. The Municipality will also seek a bond on the April 2014 ballot and will partner with the Anchorage Library Foundation to conduct a coinciding capital campaign for the remaining funds.

The entrance renovation was selected as the first project of the Loussac Renewal because the deterioration of the current deck is creating a safety hazard. While still structurally sound, the underside of the deck must be scraped out regularly to prevent pieces of cement falling on the driveway below. Options for repairing the current structure have been exhausted.

The Z.J. Loussac Library is one of Anchorage's premier cultural institutions, completed in 1986 as part of the "Project 80s" investment in public facilities. In commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of the Loussac in 2011, the Municipality launched a once-in-a-generation renewal of this vital and beloved Anchorage institution. The Loussac Renewal will be completed in 2-3 stand alone projects over the next 5-10 years. Completed projects include repairs to the roof in summer 2009 (2008 MOA bond) and a facility master plan/entrance design (FY11 state capital grant). The Renewal is necessary to protect the State's original investment in this facility.

Demand for Library resources: 1.7M books, DVDs and e-books are circulated, and program attendance exceeds 65,000 each year. At Loussac, 90K items are checked out each month (which means that 90K items are returned each month, creating a workload for staff of 180K materials/mth). Libraries are one of our most popular city facilities with 60% higher attendance than Sullivan Areen.

The Anchorage Library Foundation will lead a coinciding capital campaign. Since the Anchorage Library Renewal initiative was launched in 2006 to upgrade Anchorage Public Library facilities, over \$14M in private, federal, state and voter-approved

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bonds has been raised to date to successfully complete four branch library renovations and open Teen Underground and the early literacy center at Loussac. The Loussac Library renovation is the final phase of the Initiative. Past major funders include the State of Alaska, Denali Commission, Rasmuson Foundation, BP, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and many Alaskan foundations, businesses and families. It is anticipated that past funders will make a serious investment in a Loussac Renovation.

FY2014 includes \$2,750,000 local bond match.

**Project Timeline:**

Improvement to be funded with the 2014 grant are expected to occur primarily in 2014-2019.

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

PW-Capital Improvements

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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