

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage Park Foundation****Federal Tax ID: 412205907****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

# Anchorage Park Foundation - Pop Carr Park Safety Upgrades

**State Funding Requested: \$210,000****House District: Anchorage Areawide (11-27)**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Neighborhood Park Safety Upgrades

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$250,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$40,000)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$210,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:*

If funding from the AK Legislature is secured for this project, the Anchorage Park Foundation plans to commit at least \$40,000 of Rasmuson Foundation funding to this neighborhood park.

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Neighbors have identified a number of areas in which Pop Carr Park needs improvement. The paved paths the run through the park are crumbling in places, and cracked in others. The picnic shelter is dirty and placed poorly in a dark and shady corner of the park and is in view of a gas station. The wooden benches are rotting and covered in graffiti. The park's layout impairs visibility throughout the park, negatively affecting the safety of park users.

In the summer of 2015, the Anchorage Park Foundation and Parks & Recreation Department plan to complete improvements in Pop Carr Park with the help of community volunteers and the input of a neighborhood park committee. We invite the Alaska State Legislature to join us in investing in the future of Pop Carr Park and the Spenard community. The Anchorage Park Foundation will match legislative investment in neighborhood park fix-its with volunteer involvement and generous support from the Rasmuson Foundation's Anchorage Parks Initiative. We anticipate that playground replacement or enhancement will make the playground accessible, and will receive more community support through the Parks for All initiative.

**Fix-It List Priorities**

- Update playground and fall surfacing
- Replace trash receptacles and picnic tables
- Replace benches
- Resurface Tennis Court
- Repaint and clean up picnic shelter

2014 Legislature

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- Repair paved paths and add ADA Access to the picnic shelter
- Improve visibility (site lines) throughout park

**Project Timeline:**

Summer 2015

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

Municipality of Anchorage

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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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

# Anchorage Park Foundation

Since 2004, the Anchorage Park Foundation has invested more than \$18 million in Anchorage parks, trails and recreation programs. Join us this summer to revitalize parks in your district.



2013

CAPIS Project Number

59684

Legislative District: K -22

## Anchorage Park Foundation

Anchorage has 10,946 acres of municipal parkland, 223 parks, and over 250 miles of trails and greenbelts linking neighborhoods with natural spaces.

The Anchorage Park Foundation partners with the Parks & Recreation Department to promote Healthy Parks and Healthy People in the Anchorage community. Together, we revitalize the safety, function, and appearance of Anchorage parks and the neighborhoods that surround them.

The Anchorage Park Foundation mobilizes public support and financial resources for Anchorage parks, trails, and recreation opportunities. Do you have a vision for parks, trails, open spaces and recreation in Anchorage? Consider the Anchorage Park Foundation your opportunity to fund community projects through public-private partnerships.

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## Project Cost Estimate

Project Budget	Cost
New Picnic Tables	\$20,000
Replace Benches	\$10,000
Resurface Tennis Courts	\$100,000
Repair Paths and Add ADA Access	\$30,000
Update Playground and Fall Surfacing	\$90,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>

### 2013 Request

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# Pop Carr Park Safety Upgrades

Hi Vik,

I apologize for the late timing of response - partly a result of me being out of town, overwhelmed by other Council issues and Community issues. Also, to be candid, the amount of money being requested for Pop Carr park made the board take notice.

However, I am happy to say that after having inquired about the particulars, the Spenard Community Council Board fully supports the request to fund the Pop Carr Project.

Thank you very much for your efforts and patience.

Sincerely,

Jim Bowers

Dear Senator McGuire and Representative Tuck,

My family supports improvements to Pop Carr Park. We are neighbors and regular users of our neighborhood park. With three girls, a dog, a hockey dad and myself, you can imagine we have opinions on what should be done to our neighborhood park. The consensus in my family is:

- We really enjoy the the tennis courts.
- We feel the heavy wooded areas are a little scary, maybe they would benefit from a thinning for better visibility
- We have never seen the picnic shelter used for good purposes.
- We use the playground more often at the school, because the equipment at the park is not preferred. The equipment at the park is bland and often with graffiti. The swing tire at the park is really enjoyed and the one sought out equipment.
- We think the park might benefit from upgraded playground equipment farther away from the woods while maintaining visibility from the tennis courts.
- We really enjoy the benches at the park. Having bike racks would be a great addition to the park.
- The mounded hills just south of the tennis court are used as mountain biking trails and really enjoyed by the kids (and parents).

We have attended different Anchorage Park Foundation events, and would really like to be a part of a Neighborhood Park Fix It for Pop Carr Park. We know APF is seeking funding from the legislature for park improvements, and are willing to put in private funding to the project. I write in support of the funding request, and my family and I would be happy to volunteer to help make the park serve the neighborhood recreation needs.

Improving this park will provide families in the neighborhood a place to grow and build wonderful memories.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Monica Velasco-Hanson (with help from Brian, Kaddie, Kristal, McKena and loyal dog "Alivia")

# Midtown Community Council

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February 13, 2013

Anchorage Parks Foundation  
3201 C Street, Suite 110 Anchorage, AK 99503

To Whom It May Concern:

The Midtown Community Council wishes to express our support for the Anchorage Parks Foundation 2013 Legislative request for Springer Park, in our Community Council district.

We also wish to express our support for the Legislative requests for the following programs and parks located in close proximity to our Community Council District:

1. Trail Watch Safety – Youth Employment in Parks Program
2. Pop Carr Park
3. Papago Park
4. Westchester Lagoon Nature Trail Safety Upgrades

Our Council expressed support on all of these items and we look forward to these requests being funded and the programs moving forward. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Bond', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chris Bond

Midtown Community Council President



February 4, 2014

Dear Anchorage Legislator,

Every child deserves a place to play. My daughter, Anna, has spina bifida, which paralyzed her lower legs before she was born. Today, at age 7, she can get around with the help of a walker and a wheelchair. Although Anna participates in numerous adaptive sports, she has been unable to enjoy the most basic childhood activity--playing on a playground. Just last summer, Anna was told at summer camp that she had to sit on the sidelines and watch while her friends played because there was no equipment for her to play on. She just watched.

I decided that day that Anna and kids like her would have places to play right here in Anchorage.

I started the Parks for All grassroots initiative with two other mothers who have children experiencing disabilities: Christy Everett Jordan and Rachel Leask. Knowing that most Alaskans live here for the lifestyle and recreational opportunities, we share the mission to bring accessible play to all Alaskans of all ages and all abilities. For four years, we developed a true community partnership, securing individual donations on our own and working with the Anchorage Park Foundation and Anchorage Parks & Recreation to secure legislative grants and large private donations, all put toward the new inclusive, certified Boundless Playground at Cuddy Family Midtown Park. The playground was installed during the summer of 2013, and has been a hit with children of all abilities, their families and Anchorage's wounded warriors.

I thank the State of Alaska for contributing to this first project along with our other donors.

In 2013, in a great show of support for the Parks for All initiative, the Rasmuson Foundation set aside money for the Anchorage Park Foundation to fund Parks for All projects, including accessible and inclusive playground and park development. Working with multiple local and state organizations and experts in inclusive play, APF is putting some of that funding toward a strategic plan to help guide the Municipality of Anchorage Parks & Recreation Department's playground building efforts over the next 10 years.

Because of overwhelming community support, Alaska is seeing a statewide trend toward inclusive playgrounds. I join the Rasmuson Foundation and Municipality of Anchorage in supporting accessible recreation projects. Anchorage Park Foundation intends to include at least one accessible and inclusive playground or trail component in each of the projects listed below, and I am writing this letter in support of APF's legislative requests for those accessibility and safety improvements on behalf of Parks for All.

**Park Projects**

Moen Park: Neighborhood Park Safety Upgrades

Dave Rose Park: Neighborhood Park Safety Upgrades

Independence Park: Neighborhood Park Development  
Suzan Nightingale Park: Neighborhood Park Safety Upgrades  
Heatherstone Park: Neighborhood Park Tot Lot  
David Green Park: Neighborhood Park Safety Upgrades  
Pamela Joy Lowry Park: Neighborhood Park Safety Upgrades  
Pioneer Park: Neighborhood Park Safety Upgrades  
Lloyd Steele Park to Balto Seppala Park Trail Safety & Park Improvements  
Williwaw East Park: Neighborhood Park Safety Upgrades  
Arnold Muldoon Park: Neighborhood Park Safety Upgrades  
Jewel Lake Park: Neighborhood Park Safety Upgrades  
Westchester Lagoon Nature Trail Safety Improvements  
Elderberry Park Rehabilitation and Safety Upgrades  
Tikishla Park: Neighborhood Park Safety Upgrades  
Forsythe Park: Neighborhood Park Safety Upgrades  
Springer Park: Neighborhood Park Safety Upgrades

Thank you for your time and attention. Please do not hesitate to contact with me with questions or ideas for other accessible and inclusive park improvements. Together, we can make Anchorage a place where no child has to sit on the sidelines.

Sincerely,



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