

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Alaska Veterans Museum****Federal Tax ID: 03-0382080****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

Alaska Veterans Museum - Providing a Home For the Alaska Veterans Museum

State Funding Requested: \$50,000**House District: Anchorage Areawide (11-27)**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Funding to Provide a Home for the Alaska Veterans Museum

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$60,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$10,000)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	(\$50,000)
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

2010 Legislative Grant \$50,000

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

We have met our first mission of "Creating a Museum". Our doors opened on Palm Sunday, 17 APR 2011. Our second mission, "To Educate the Public on Military Service & Sacrifice" is done daily through our collections, our presentations, and the wonderfully extensive exhibition of artifacts and oral history accounts of Alaska's Veterans. Our third mission "To promote activities to enhance the museum" is met through regular interactive programs, periodically updated exhibits, and partnering with other non-profit patriotic organizations.

As a start-up all-volunteer museum, name recognition and volunteers are a constant challenge. We did well in the summer 2013 as we were seeing over 20 guests a day on average. Now in spite of evening programs, special events, and many new exhibits, we are struggling to keep the lights on and the doors open in our leased space.

We have been awarded 9 of the 11 grants we have applied for to support and present specific projects, such as our Interactive Map of all 276 military sites in Alaska from 1867 to present. We have raised \$20,000 for advertising and business expenses through grass roots efforts of a small dedicated few. We have enrolled more than 1,300 members of our organization since 2005 and still find ourselves fiscally challenged.

Therefore in order to sustain this very worthy community asset we request this funding to ensure the 2014 and 2015 Fiscal year. We are presently finalizing a Three Year Plan to develop a co-operative effort with four Veteran Non Profit Organizations to relocate to a more suitable and sustainable location in mid FY 2016. Our goal is to extend the invitation to the Downtown Veterans Center to operate from our facility at that time as well.

Project Timeline:

Our 2014 rent is now up to \$1,926/month and will be \$2,026 in 2015. Expenditures will be the 1st of every month.

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

Alaska Veterans Museum

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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