

Alaska SeaLife Center Facilities Project

FY2023 Request: \$2,500,000
Reference No: 64158

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Construction
Category: Education **Recipient:** Alaska SeaLife Center
Location: Seward **House District:** Kenai Areawide (HD 29-31)
Impact House District: Kenai Areawide (HD 29-31) **Contact:** Micaela Fowler
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2022 - 06/30/2027 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-2506

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

At their January 18, 2022 meeting the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council allocated \$2.5 million of settlement funds for facilities replacement for the Alaska SeaLife Center (ASLC) for a facilities project. The ASLC will maintain and update critical building systems and structures, including the building envelope; maintain, update, and replace portions of the water systems; and repair and update building infrastructure including fire suppression and windows and doors.

Funding:	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Total
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Total:	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,500,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing
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

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

SFCS1 moved project to FY23
<http://www.legfin.state.ak.us/BudgetReports/LY2022/Capital/SenateFinanceCS1/CapitalProjectDetailByAgency.pdf>

Project Description/Justification:

The Alaska SeaLife Center (ASLC) is a uniquely positioned cold-water research organization. It is Alaska’s only marine mammal rehabilitation center and the state’s only facility accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. The concept of the ASLC originated in the 1990’s with the establishment of the Seward Association for the Advancement of Marine Science, the registered not-for-profit organization that operates as the ASLC. The Center opened to the public in May 1998, and welcomes over 165,000 visitors annually from all over the world.

The ASLC is a complex facility that relies on numerous physical and biological systems for the research and care of marine wildlife. ASLC is located directly on the powerful weather-thumping edge of Resurrection Bay, and requires a high level of owner care and management. After operating continually for more than 20 years, critical building systems and infrastructure require increasingly costly maintenance due to operating in a harsh saltwater environment and changes in building codes. Collectively, these projects represent facility improvements vital to the long-term sustainability of the ASLC.

