

Alutiiq Museum & Archaeological Repository

FY2023 Request: \$7,339,450
Reference No: 64159

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Education

Project Type: Construction
Recipient: Alutiiq Museum and Archaeological Repository
House District: Kodiak/Cordova/Seldovia (HD 32)

Location: Kodiak

Impact House District: Kodiak/Cordova/Seldovia (HD 32)

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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 \$7.3 million of settlement funds for purchase and renovation of the Alutiiq Museum and Archaeological Repository (AMAR). This project will expand education and repository spaces and install energy-saving, environmentally superior technologies to support efficient, sustainable collections care and program operations. It will ensure AMAR remains a permanent, valuable resource for the community and the State of Alaska. AMAR is a public, non-profit, organization. It is nationally and state accredited as a research and exhibit institution, collections repository, and community education center.

| Funding: | FY2023 | FY2024 | FY2025 | FY2026 | FY2027 | FY2028 | Total |
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| Total: | \$7,339,450 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$7,339,450 |

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| <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>

Additional financial and in-kind support for this project is planned from Koniag, Inc., private foundation grantors; and fundraising campaigns.

Project Description/Justification:

The AMAR is a public, non-profit organization (501(c)3 and 509(a)) nationally accredited by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM). It is a research and exhibit institution, collections repository, and community education center that preserves, restores, and shares the heritage and culture of the Alutiiq people. AAM accreditation in 2011 recognized AMAR as one of a few certified tribal museums in the U.S., and only the seventh accredited repository in Alaska. In 2015, the State of Alaska also certified AMAR as a professional repository.

After 25 years studying and restoring injured cultural resources and providing public education to reduce further vandalism and cultural degradation, AMAR has outgrown its original first floor space—funded initially through a 1993 EVOSTC grant through Kodiak Area Native Association (KANA) toward construction of the Alutiiq Center condominium facility. Program evolution and collections growth has overflowed AMAR’s original 6,328 sf. floor, requiring the museum to lease additional space to advance its mission.

Recent strategic planning by AMAR’s governing body, the Alutiiq Heritage Foundation (AHF) board, confirmed a commitment to address AMAR’s long-term facility needs and fiscal future. After extensive community research, AMAR identified that the best solution is to own the entire three-story Alutiiq Center facility to increase much needed collections storage space, and to renovate and expand its exhibit gallery, store, laboratory, and program spaces. This phased renovation and expansion project is also timed with a concurrent plan to enhance its operations endowment, further ensuring long-term sustainability. Renovations are planned to balance with the endowment growth so that operating costs remain affordable in the long run.

The Kodiak Archipelago has the highest density of archaeological sites in the area affected by the 1989 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill. Coastal clean up of oiled beaches brought workers in contact with sites. Looting and vandalism proliferated due to growing awareness of site locations and an enhanced ability to identify artifacts. Since the spill, large scale archaeological excavations to rescue threatened sites and artifacts have occurred for many years, resulting in the collection of tens of thousands of artifacts. Present repository facilities are now overcrowded and inadequate to house additional collections. For the study and stewardship of archaeological resources to continue, AMAR needs to expand professional storage.