EVOS Culture Camp Funding for the Chugach Region FY2024 Request: \$0 Reference No: 64751 **AP/AL:** Appropriation **Project Type:** Research / Studies / Planning Category: General Government Location: Statewide **House District:** Statewide (HD 1 - 40) **Impact House District**: Statewide (HD 1 - 40) Contact: Melissa Hill **Brief Summary and Statement of Need:** Culture Camp Funding for the Chugach Region is a 10-year project that will restore Chugach Region Cultural Camps that were disrupted as a result of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill. The goals of this program (cultural camps) are to help people continue teaching the Alaska Native subsistence and cultural lifestyle in the Chugach Region, which is vital for future generations of Alaska Natives and the economy in the Chugach Region to come. FY2024 Funding: FY2023 FY2025 FY2026 FY2027 FY2028 Total **1018 EVOSS** \$2,342,955 \$2,342,955 Total: \$2,342,955 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$2,342,955 ☐ State Match Required ☑ One-Time Project ☐ Phased - new ☐ Phased - underway ☐ Ongoing 0% = Minimum State Match % Required ☐ Amendment ☐ Mental Health Bill

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	Amount	Staff
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Project Description/Justification:

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council (EVOS-TC) was formed to oversee restoration of the injured ecosystem using the \$900 million civil settlement.

The Chugach Heritage Foundation is working to strengthen and restore Chugach Region Cultural Camps that were disrupted as a result of the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill. The goals of this program (cultural camps) are to help our people continue teaching the Alaska Native subsistence and cultural lifestyle in the Chugach Region, which is vital for future generations of Alaska Natives and the economy in the Chugach Region to come.

Subsistence hunting, gathering, and sharing this knowledge is a way of life for all residents that live in the Chugach Region. Alaska Native cultural camps have been taking place in the Chugach region since 1994 and have provided unique opportunities to unite youth, elders, and the Alutiiq (Sugpiaq), Eyak (Athabascan), and Tlingit Alaskan Natives of the Chugach region to rediscover the history and culture of their ancestors.

This program will help to expand subsistence activities and the sharing of traditional knowledge around the Chugach region and in the Alaska Native communities. It will address the program goals and objectives by providing funding for the material and resources needed to market, develop, operate, and sustain the Chugach Region Cultural Camps. Currently there is not enough funding to expand, market, enhance, operate, and sustain Chugach Regional Cultural Camps for the following cultural camps:

- 1. Chenega Chenega Fish Camp
- 2. Cordova Native Village of Eyak
- 3. Hinchinbrook Island Nuucig Spirit Camp
- 4. Nanwalek Nanwalek Summer Youth Worker Program
- 5. Port Graham Port Graham Cultural Camp
- 6. Seward Qutekcak Native Tribe
- 7. Tatitlek Peksulineg Cultural Heritage Week
- 8. Valdez Valdez Native Tribe

Funding for each camp will be used for personnel to administer the camp and subsistence programs; to purchase commodities and to purchase new subsistence related equipment. Travel expenses are built in for Nuuciq Spirit Camp.

This is for a 10-year project started in FY22 with a total funding amount of \$2,342,960 which includes a 9% general administrative amount for the managing state agency.

Line Item	Amount
1000 - Personal Services	\$800,000
2000 – Travel	\$440,000
3000 - Services	\$0
4000 - Commodities	\$165,000
5000 - Capital Outlay	\$604,000
7000 - Grants	
Indirect Cost	\$140,500
General Administration	\$193,455
Total Request	\$2,342,955

Project will fund existing positions:

Actual execution of the project will be contracted to outside entities.