

**University of Alaska Fairbanks - University Park Early
Childhood Development Center**

**FY2025 Request: \$5,600,000
Reference No: AMD 64796**

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: University
Location: College

Project Type: Renovation and Remodeling
Recipient: NA
House District: College/Ester/Chena Ridge
(HD 35)

Impact House District: Downtown Fairbanks (HD 31)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2024 - 06/30/2029

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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This work includes the renewal of 10 classrooms and associated ancillary spaces to create early childhood education labs and the construction of age-appropriate restrooms, eating, and playground facilities. Major mechanical and electrical systems will also be revitalized to serve the intended purpose.

Funding:	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>Total</u>
1002 Fed Rcpts	\$5,600,000						\$5,600,000
Total:	\$5,600,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,600,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input checked="" 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:

Sec14 Ch1 SLA2023 P112 L4 HB39 \$2,500,000

Project Description/Justification:

The University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) has long needed more childcare and childhood development options for employees and student-parents. The program is driven by the University's continued growth in non-traditional students seeking post-secondary education while still maintaining employment and a family. UAF must also be a competitive employer, expanding childcare options for employees that support UAF's academic, outreach, and research efforts. While the University Park building is well-suited to support childcare, it has significant renewal and repurposing needs. This project will renew and repurpose the southwest wing of the University Park building to support a change of use for an Early Childhood Development Center.

Major mechanical and electrical systems will also be revitalized to serve the intended purpose. This facility improvement also help expand childcare offerings in the Fairbanks area, where these services are limited in the community, impacting employee workforce needs and productivity. UAF is exploring agency partnerships to increase childcare offerings; this renovation is a requirement to support this effort. A potential federal grant will provide the majority of the funding required for the renovations.