

Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center**FY2005 Request: \$250,000****Reference No: 39289****AP/AL:** Appropriation
Category: Development**Project Type:** Construction
Recipient: Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center**Location:** Fairbanks Areawide**Contact:** Phil Bennett**House District:** Fairbanks Areawide (HD 7-11)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-5445**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2004 - 06/30/2009**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Grant to provide funding for the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center.

Funding:	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>Total</u>
ASLC Div	\$250,000						\$250,000
Total:	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000

<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"/> On-Going
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	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

This is the first year of funding for this project

Project Description/Justification:

This request is for a portion of the funding for the \$23 million Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center in Fairbanks Alaska. The facility will provide visitor information services, trip planning, environmental education, interpretive exhibits displaying the wilderness, diverse cultures and historical evolution of the Interior. A small theater will provide short introductory films for visitors, and will be available for community events and programs. As funds are available, artisans galleries, a library, and children's areas will be provided. Finally, some administrative space will be provided to support the operations and programs offered by the center.

Anticipated funding for the project consists of \$14 million in federal funds, \$5 million in State funds, and \$4 million in private funds. At this time, the Department of Community and Economic Development is requesting \$250,000 for FY05.