

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**

**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)**

**Grant Recipient: Alaska Zoo**

**Federal Tax ID: 920039344**

**Project Title:**

**Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

**Alaska Zoo - Infirmary and Commissary for the Animals**

**State Funding Requested: \$800,000**  
One-Time Need

**House District: Anchorage Areawide (17-32)**

**Brief Project Description:**

The Alaska Zoo is looking to build a new infirmary for our animals and renovate the commissary. Currently the infirmary and commissary are in a shared facility. With more than 135 animals calling the Zoo home, it is necessary for the infirmary/commissary to have separate and specialized facilities.

**Funding Plan:**

**Total Cost of Project: \$1,000,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Federal Funds			\$390,000	2010		
State Funds	\$87,517	2009				
Rasmuson Foundation	\$87,555	2004				
Other Funds	\$141,626	2007-2009	\$150,000			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$316,698</b>		<b>\$540,000</b>			

*Explanation of Other Funds:*

*Atwood Foundation is still pending.*

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Our current infirmary and commissary are in one of the original buildings on the Alaska Zoo property. It was built to house, Annabelle, the elephant back in the late 60s. It has all the earmarks of a makeshift facility. The building currently houses the infirmary, the animal commissary - food preparation area and is also used for storage. These are vital functions and need to have dedicated and separate facilities.

The new infirmary is designed to incorporate indoor/outdoor holding areas for large animals, a wintering facility for migratory birds with a public viewing area and an isolation area for incoming animals. The permanent free standing building will allow us to have a permanent home for our sensitive and expensive medical equipment. The examination room will be equipped with viewing windows to allow the observation of some procedures for educational purposes. The new facility will be capable of handling all but the larger species. Architectural plans and permitting are complete. The new utility corridor placing water and septic lines to service this facility are already in place.

As part of the zoo's infrastructure improvements, the Animal Commissary is vital to the efficient and proper handling of food products coming into the zoo. The completion of a new infirmary will allow the Alaska Zoo to dedicate the current infirmary/commissary/storage building for use solely as a commissary. The newly remodeled commissary will encompass storage areas for food items (dry, refrigerated and frozen), diet preparation area and a dish/bucket cleaning area. The dry food storage area and the diet preparation area have had minimal updates in twenty years. The current diet preparation area is in need of extensive remodeling including new interior walls, new flooring, cabinets, larger

counters and sinks. The plans also call for a second level to be added onto the building. This area would be used for the staff. It would have a locker room, restrooms, shower facility and a break room.

**Project Timeline:**

The project will begin once we have we have the funding in place. We have the permits and are ready to go. We hope to break ground in spring of 2009 with expenditures beginning then. We expect it to take no more than 6-8 months to complete. As soon as the infirmary is completed we will begin the renovation on the commissary.

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Alaska Zoo

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority?  Yes  No

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File	Item	Contractor	Type	Estimate	Bid	C/O	C/O Notes	Spent To Date	Forecast	Delta	CTC	%
1100	Design, Eng.	Ivy	D/B	15,000.00	15,000.00			10,650.54	15,000.00	0.00	4,349.46	71%
1110	Engineering											
1101	Mechanical	Bittlingmeier	FFP	8,000.00	8,000.00	-4000	4,000 in kind	4,000.00	4,000.00	-4,000.00	0.00	100%
1102	Electrical	E.I.C	T&M	2,500.00	2,337.50			2,337.50	2,337.50	-162.50	0.00	100%
1120	Permits	MOA		3,500.00	3,280.45			3,280.45	3,280.45	-219.55	0.00	100%
1130	Surveying	Slana	T&M	1,500.00	1,500.00				1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	0%
1140	Site Prep.		0.00%									
1141	Demo Fence	Alaska X		3,000.00	3,000.00				3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	0%
1142	Demo. Building and Old Foundation	Alaska X		7,200.00	10,000.00				10,000.00	2,800.00	10,000.00	0%
1143	Excavation for Foundation	Alaska X		20,000.00	31,000.00				31,000.00	11,000.00	31,000.00	0%
1144	Stub in Water and Sewer	Alaska X		10,000.00	15,000.00				15,000.00	5,000.00	15,000.00	0%
1150	Utilities		44%									
1151	Water & Septic Engineering	N Hawthorne	T&M	4,000.00	4,500.00			4,392.50	4,500.00	500.00	107.50	98%
1152	Permits	SOA			200.00			200.00	200.00	200.00	0.00	100%
1153	Water Line	Scotts Services	T&M	32,224.00	32,224.00			32,224.00	32,224.00	0.00	0.00	100%
1154	Septic System	S&A	T&M	21,130.00	21,130.00			21,130.00	21,130.00	0.00	0.00	100%
1155	Telecommunications	Clark Com.	T&M	4,000.00	4,000.00				4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	0%
1156	Gas, Enstar	Enstar	Est.		1,300.00				1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	0%
1157	Electrical, Chugach	Chugach Elec.	Est.	7,200.00	68,552.94				68,552.94	61,352.94	68,552.94	0%
1170	Superstructure		0%									
1171	Steel - includes animal doors	Allied Steel	FFP	29,022.00	35,990.00				35,990.00	6,968.00	35,990.00	0%
1171.1	Steel Erection	Tamarack	FFP		12,644.20				12,644.20		12,644.20	0%
1172	CMU Structure and Slab	Simmons Masonry	FFP	89,880.00	68,500.00				68,500.00	-21,380.00	68,500.00	0%
1173	Concrete Trench Drain	Simmons Masonry	FFP		2,500.00				2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0%
1175	Equipment rental	Coast Crane, United	Est.	1,000.00	1,000.00				1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0%
1176	Labor Ready			500.00	500.00				500.00	0.00	500.00	0%
1180	Exterior Closure		12%									
1182	Doors	Robinson Millwork	FFP	9,600.00	24,672.00				24,672.00	15,072.00	24,672.00	0%
1183	Bird Mews Viewing Windows	Alaska Glazing	FFP	12,000.00	9,950.00				9,950.00	-2,050.00	9,950.00	0%
1184	Fence Panels	Behlen	FFP	8,314.00	8,314.00			8,314.00	8,314.00	0.00	0.00	100%
1185	Fence Panel shipping	Carlise	FFP	1,026.00	1,026.00			1,026.00	1,026.00	0.00	0.00	100%
1186	Animal Fencing	AAA	FFP	34,760.00	34,760.00				34,760.00	0.00	34,760.00	0%
1190	Roof System		0%									
1193	Roof Membrane	Universal		16,800.00	34,800.00				34,800.00	18,000.00	34,800.00	0%
1194	Truss Package and Metal Deck				17,174.00				17,174.00	17,174.00	17,174.00	0%
1200	Interior Construction		0%									
1201	Insulation											
1202	Metal stud framing	Tamarack	FFP		2,726.01				2,726.01	2,726.01	2,726.01	0%
1203	Sheetrock, hang,tape,finish	Tamarack	FFP		3,935.12				3,935.12	3,935.12	3,935.12	0%
1204	Interior and Exterior Paint	Tamarack	FFP		5,493.37				5,493.37	5,493.37	5,493.37	0%
1205	Food Prep Counters	Western Sheetmetal	FFP	3,600.00	5,756.00				5,756.00	2,156.00	5,756.00	0%

File	Item	Contractor	Type	Estimate	Bid	C/O	C/O Notes	Spent To Date	Forecast	Delta	CTC	%
1206	Cabinets	In House			2,267.94				2,267.94	2,267.94	2,267.94	0%
1207	Food Prep Appliances	Lowes, Sears	Est.	2,300.00	2,300.00				2,300.00	0.00	2,300.00	0%
	Bathroom equipment	In House	Est.	250.00	250.00				250.00	0.00	250.00	0%
	Shelving	In House	Est.		400.00				400.00	400.00	400.00	0%
1209	Door and Hardware instulation	Tamarack	FFP		4,574.32				4,574.32	4,574.32	4,574.32	0%
1210	Bird Mews Fencing and Doors	In House	Est.		2,580.11				2,580.11	2,580.11	2,580.11	0%
1300	<b>Mechanical</b>		0%									
1301	Plumbing and Heating System	Circle Plumbing	FFP	69,600.00	74,980.00				74,980.00	5,380.00	74,980.00	0%
1302	Controls											
1303	Balancer											
1304	Automatic Waterers	Nelson	FFP	2,576.00	2,576.00							
	Fire extinguishers	GMW	FFP	304.00	304.00				304.00	0.00	304.00	0%
	Knox Box	GMW	FFP	199.00	199.00				199.00	0.00	199.00	0%
1400	<b>Electrical</b>		0%									
1401	Electric	Raven Electric	FFP	36,000.00	49,995.00				49,995.00	13,995.00	49,995.00	0%
1500	<b>Landscaping</b>		Est.	5,000.00	5,000.00				5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0%
1600												
1700	<b>Project Management</b>		Est.	40,000.00	40,000.00				40,000.00	0.00	40,000.00	0%
	<b>Misc. In House Labor</b>		Est.	5,000.00	5,000.00				5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0%
	<b>Sub total</b>			506,985.00	681,191.96	-4,000.00		87,554.99	674,615.96	157,562.76	587,060.97	13%
	Contingencies											
	<i>Superstructure</i>			10,000.00	10,000.00				10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0%
	<i>Mechanical</i>			7,000.00	7,000.00				7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00	0%
	<i>Interior Construction</i>			5,000.00	5,000.00				5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0%
	<i>Electrical</i>			10,000.00	10,000.00				10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0%
	<b>Sub total</b>			32,000.00	32,000.00	0.00		0.00	32,000.00	0.00	32,000.00	0%
	<b>TOTAL</b>			538,985.00	713,191.96	-4,000.00		87,554.99	706,615.96	157,562.76	619,060.97	12%

<b>THE INFIRMARY PROGRESS REPORT</b>			<b>2/16/2009</b>	
The Infirmary Project was Estimated at			\$	538,985.00
The Infirmary Project Bids to date are			\$	713,191.96
Change Orders to date			\$	(4,000.00)
Forecast at completion			\$	706,615.96
Spent to date			\$	87,554.99
Cost to Complete			\$	619,060.97
Remaining Contingency			\$	32,000.00
<b>Project Status</b>		<b>Donors</b>		
<b>Total Project</b>	12%	<b>Bear Essentials Campaign</b>	\$	75,570.77
<b>Major Areas</b>		<b>SOA</b>	\$	87,517.28
<b>Site Prep</b>	0%	<b>08 Dinner</b>	\$	66,056.64
<b>Utilities</b>	44%	<b>Rasmuson</b>	\$	87,555.00
<b>Superstructure</b>	0%			
<b>Exterior Closure</b>	12%			
<b>Roof System</b>	0%			
<b>Interior</b>	0%			
<b>Mechanical</b>	0%	<b>Total Cash</b>	\$	316,699.69
<b>Electrical</b>	0%	<b>Remaining Cash Avail</b>	\$	229,144.70
		<b>Funding needed</b>	\$	389,916.27
<b>Items of Interest</b>				



### **Alaska Zoo History**

For forty years, the Alaska Zoo, a private nonprofit organization has provided a home to orphaned, injured, abandoned and endangered animals. In doing so, it has fascinated, educated and touched the hearts of residents and visitors, young and old.

Our doors opened in 1969 to provide a home for Annabelle, the elephant. It was such a big, welcoming door – many other animals found their way in over the years. Some 130 plus animals representing 53 species now call the Alaska Zoo home. The Alaska Zoo is part of the fabric of our community offering many of our young residents their first up-close experience of animals native to arctic like climates.

### **Services Provided**

Our mission is to promote the conservation of arctic, sub-arctic and like climate species through education, research and community enrichment. To this end, we continue to enhance and develop our animal habitat areas. Our educational department provides a wide variety of programs in scope and design to include a wide range of audiences from toddlers to seniors to residents and visitors. We offer programs for children on zoo grounds including adventure camps, story-time programs, sketch-n-safaris, zoo explorers for girl scouts, and organized school field trip activities. We participate in Polar Bear International and send a high school student into the field to study polar bear behavior and then share that information with fellow students during the school year.

In summer, in addition to camps, we host family nights twice a week with weekly lectures on Tuesday nights and live music on Friday nights. We are a breeding facility for several endangered species including the snow leopard and Bactrian camel. We are a holding facility for Amur tigers.

### **Beneficiaries**

The Alaska Zoo is one of the state's most popular family destinations. Millions of people have passed through its doors in the zoo's 40 year history. Last year alone, more than 159-thousand people visited and our education department provided programs to 25-thousand people. We work closely with the Anchorage School District, US Fish & Wildlife Service, the Department of Fish & Game and the Bird Treatment and Learning Center. We also partner with a number of organizations such as AARP,



ACCESS Alaska, McLaughlin Youth Center, Anchorage's Promise and UAA to provide programs, research projects and events for our community.

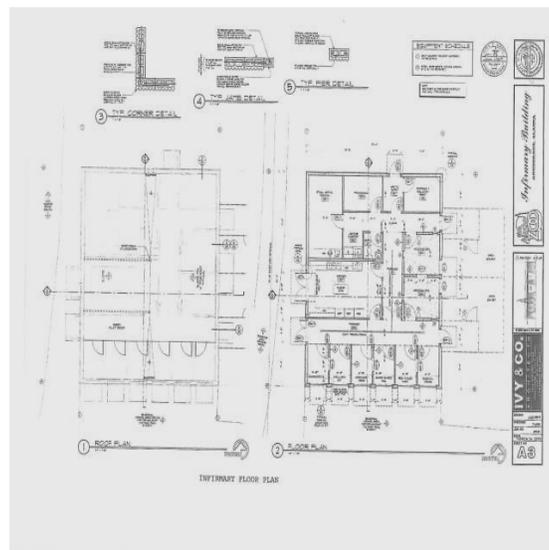
### Grant Request

The Alaska Zoo has \$229,144.70 in hand towards our new infirmary. We are asking the State of Alaska for \$800,000.00 to help build a new infirmary and commissary for our animals. We estimate these two projects to cost a million dollars together. These two capital projects will benefit every animal residing at the Alaska Zoo as well as new arrivals. These projects are an investment in the infrastructure of the Alaska Zoo and a commitment to the zoo's future. The plans have already been drawn up, the utility corridor is in and one fifth of the funding is in place for the infirmary. If successful in our grant request, the funding would be used to construct the new infirmary and renovate the current infirmary/commissary into a dedicated commissary for the animals.

### New Infirmary

Our current infirmary is one of the original buildings on the Alaska Zoo property. It was built to house, Annabelle, the elephant back in the late 60s. It has all the earmarks of a makeshift facility. The building currently houses the clinic, the animal commissary - food preparation area and is also used for storage.

The new infirmary is designed to incorporate indoor/outdoor holding areas for large animals, a wintering facility for migratory birds with a public viewing area and an isolation area for incoming animals. The permanent free standing building will allow us to have a permanent home for our sensitive and expensive medical equipment. The examination room will be equipped with viewing windows to allow the observation of some procedures for educational purposes. The new facility will be capable of handling all but the larger species. Architectural plans and permitting are complete. The new utility corridor placing water and septic lines to service this facility are already in place.





### **Project Timeline**

The project will begin once we have we have the funding in place. We have the permits and are ready to go. We are hoping to break ground in spring of 21009. We expect it to take no more than 6 months to complete.

### **New Infirmary Budget**

The total cost of the project is \$707,000. We have spent \$87,555.00 on the new infirmary to date on a utility corridor, construction plans and permitting for the new infirmary which came from a Rasmuson Foundation grant in 2004. Estimates for completing the project come to \$619.000.

### **Funding Support**

The Rasmuson Foundation donated \$87, 555.00 to this project which we have utilized on planning, permitting and a utility corridor. The Alaska Zoo has \$2,229,144. in hand towards these projects. Roughly \$87,000 left from the FY2008 SOA grant which will go towards the infirmary. We have \$141,626.00 sitting in the bank for this project and an Atwood Foundation grant pending.

New Infirmary Funding Source	Amount	Status of Funds
Rasmuson Foundation	57,000.00	Spent on utility corridor
Rasmuson Foundation	\$30,555.00	Received/spent-plans
State of Alaska	\$87,000.00 remaining funds	Received(part of \$500,000.00)
Zoo fundraising dinner	\$ 66,056.00	Received
Individual Donor Requests	\$ 65,570.00	Received
TOTE	\$10,000.00	Received
Atwood Foundation	\$150,000.00	Request Pending

Our “Bear Essentials” Capital Campaign launched in September of 2007 is raising funds to complete three projects – the gateway complex, the new infirmary and the animal commissary. As the gateway complex is up and running, the new infirmary is the top priority now. Once funding is in place for the infirmary, any additional money raised will go towards the \$450,000.00 needed for the commissary renovations.

### **New Commissary (Kitchen) for the Animals**

As part of the zoo’s infrastructure improvements, the Animal Commissary is vital to the efficient and proper handling of food products coming into the zoo. The completion of a new infirmary will allow the Alaska Zoo to dedicate the current infirmary/commissary/storage building for use solely as a commissary. The newly remodeled commissary will encompass storage areas for food items (dry, refrigerated and frozen), diet preparation area and a dish/bucket cleaning area. The dry food storage area and the diet preparation area have had minimal updates in twenty years. The current diet preparation area is in need of extensive remodeling including new interior walls, new flooring, cabinets, larger counters and sinks. The plans also call for a second level to be added onto the building. This area would be used for the staff. It would have a locker room, restrooms, shower facility and a break room.



## Commissary Budget

The estimate for this project is \$450,000.00.

## Funding Support

We are just beginning the push to secure funding for this project. The capital campaign will incorporate a three prong approach of individual donations, corporate donations and foundation requests. We have been concentrating our efforts on finishing the other capital projects prior to raising funds for this effort.

## Leadership and Staff Qualifications

The Alaska Zoo's current twelve-member board of directors represents a good cross-section of the public with diverse skills. We also have openings for 3 more members, allowing us to further enhance board development. The board has strong institutional knowledge of the Alaska Zoo, as the zoo founder sits on the board and 5 other members each have at least 15 years of service with the board. The board also enjoys a fresh perspective with five of the members being recent additions within last year. Our board is made up of a banker, teacher, an oil executive, the zoo founder, a public relations executive, business owners, state employees, an attorney and a construction company owner. As many of the board have families, they have the opportunity to experience the zoo through the eyes of their children as well.

In reference to the capital projects, the board brings great expertise to the table in terms of marketing and fundraising, construction and business skills. In terms of developing our education department, we are also favored in having a science educator, business owners well versed in growing operations and a marketing director on the board.

The Alaska Zoo staff is a diverse mix of 29 people and more than 60 volunteers. Key personnel to the success of these projects are:

Patrick Lampi, Executive Director – Pat brings a vast wealth of experience and institutional knowledge to the table as executive director. He has dedicated 21 years to the mission of the Alaska Zoo. Pat started as a keeper working directly with the animals on a daily basis. He spent 13 years as curator at the zoo before taking over as executive director in 2005.

Kevin Pickel, Facility Manager – Kevin serves as project manager for all capital projects and as zoo facility manager. He manages a staff of four. Kevin has been with the zoo for 15 years and in his current position for 13 years. He has 20 years experience in the construction business and is a certified carpenter.

Katie Larson, Education Director – Katie Larson was hired nine years ago to the position of Education Director. She is responsible for the development and coordination of conservation education programs and partnerships. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Kansas State University. Her previous experience in environmental education includes developing and presenting interpretive programs for two state parks in Kansas and teaching undergraduate level courses.



Eileen Floyd, Development Director – Eileen is the newest member of the Alaska Zoo team, joining in April of 2007. She has 17 years of public communications experience in Alaska. Eileen spent the last three years working as a marketing executive responsible for fundraising, advertising and media relations for various clients. Eileen was at KTVA, the CBS affiliate in Anchorage for 13 years. She was the news director for 4 years, assistant news director for 3 and a reporter for 6 years. Eileen has a bachelor's degree from UAA in Journalism and Public Communications. She holds many awards for both her marketing and journalistic efforts.

### **Strong Ties**

The Alaska Zoo was born out of a need to care for the abandoned, injured and orphaned animals of our great state. We are proud of our efforts to provide a home for these animals and our ability to provide residents and visitors with wildlife conservation experiences and education.

### **The Future is Now**

We are so close to reaching our goal of building the new infirmary and commissary. We are working hard to achieve our goal to secure the money needed to complete these projects by spring of 2009. With your support, we can make this happen.

### **Strong Community Partnerships**

We value our partnerships with the State of Alaska, community businesses and corporations. We look forward to working on many projects together to make our community and state a stronger and more vibrant place to live and work. Thank you.

Submitted by: Assemblymember Traini  
Prepared by: Office of the Municipal Clerk  
For reading: February 12, 2008

CLERK'S OFFICE

APPROVED

Date: 2-12-08

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
No. AR 2008-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING STATE FUNDING OF \$1 MILLION FOR THE ALASKA ZOO TO COMPLETE THE GATEWAY COMPLEX, THE NEW ANIMAL COMMISSARY AND THE NEW INFIRMARY.

WHEREAS, the Alaska Zoo has for almost four decades been a leader in Alaskan wildlife conservation, community education and recreation for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Zoo is a self-sustaining, nonprofit with a thirty-nine year history of providing orphaned, injured and abandoned animals with a home and care; and

WHEREAS, state and federal wildlife authorities in the last 5 years alone have placed 73 animals with the Zoo; and

WHEREAS, the Zoo provides a rich array of educational programs on wildlife conservation that more than 20,000 people participated in last year; and

WHEREAS, the gateway complex will be the first permanent home for the education department capable of seating 200 people in a lecture hall and a 50-seat classroom; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Zoo has launched the "Bear" Essential Capital Campaign to complete the gateway complex and parking lot, the new animal commissary and the new animal infirmary and has raised \$300,000 of the final \$1.35 million needed to complete these projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

To urge the State of Alaska to contribute \$1 million to complete the Alaska Zoo's gateway complex, new animal commissary and new animal infirmary.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly this 12th day of February, 2008.

Chairman

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk



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The Alaska Zoo is visited by approximately 160,000 people each year. We have recently started to collect data on categories of visitors; adults, senior citizens, military and children. I fully expect to see our attendance numbers rise due to the expanded parking area which was put in service last fall. Thank you for your support and helping that project to its completion.

In addition to the Zoo visitors, thousands of people are accessed through out-reach programs by our Education Department.

Zoo education programs fulfill the mission of the Alaska Zoo to educate our community and visitors about orphaned and injured animals. We promote responsible attitudes towards wildlife through conservation education. Our natural and wooded zoo grounds create an excellent "outdoor classroom" backdrop for science and natural history programs of all types.

Our programs vary in scope and design to include a wide range of audiences. We offer programs for children on zoo grounds including Adventure Camps, Storytime programs, Sketch-n-Safaris, Zoo Explorers for girl scouts, and organized school field trip activities. We are a resource for teachers through field trip activities such as Guided Encounter tours, hands-on Critter Classes, and Create-a-Camp programs tailored to curriculum being taught in schools. Our teacher resources also include outreach programs to classrooms with trained education animals or as guest speakers. All programs for teachers are tailored to meet their individual classroom needs.

We offer programs geared toward adult audiences, both residents and tourists. Our Tuesday Night at the Zoo Summer program series features a wide range of guest speakers on conservation-related topics. These programs are great for adults, with components included for children as well. Our summer Discovery Tours involve an extensive behind-the-scenes tour of the zoo for adults, with information provided on both plant and animal species native to Alaska. Weekly summer outreach programs with trained education animals to the Alaska Public Lands Information Center in downtown Anchorage provide tourists with natural history information on species native to our state.

2009 will see additional programs utilizing our new education center and working in cooperation with the Alaska Department of Fish & Game, such as "Bear Aware" scheduled for this May.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Patrick S. Lampi  
Director  
Alaska Zoo

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## “Bear” Essentials Capital Campaign

Dear Friends of the Zoo,

The Alaska Zoo looks to the future with a clear vision of providing optimal care for our animals, a pleasant experience for visitors and expanding our role as an educational institution. The Zoo is on the verge of taking some tremendous steps forward and we could use your help.

We need to raise \$839,916.00 to complete two capital projects to better serve our animals and you. They are the new infirmary and the animal commissary.

The Gateway complex was completed and opened last fall.



**New Infirmary:** A new infirmary will benefit every animal residing at the Alaska Zoo as well as new arrivals. The building is designed to incorporate indoor/outdoor holding areas for large animals, a wintering facility for migratory birds with a public viewing area and an isolation area for incoming animals. The examination room will be equipped with viewing windows to allow the observation of some procedures for educational purposes. The price tag for this project is \$713,191. Funding still needed is \$389,916.



**Animal Commissary:** Not a glamorous project, but the animal commissary is vital to the efficient and proper handling of food products coming into the Zoo. The renovated commissary will encompass storage areas for food items (dry, refrigerated and frozen), a diet preparation area and dish cleaning area. The remodel includes new interior walls, new flooring, cabinets, large counter and sinks. It will also add a second story to the building to be utilized as a staff locker room. This project is estimated at \$400,000.

Please help us! I know the huge numbers can be daunting, but remember—every dollar helps!

We really can't do it without you.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Patrick S. Lampl  
Executive Director  
Alaska Zoo