

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)

Grant Recipient: Alaska Humanities Forum

Federal Tax ID: 920042123

Project Title:

Project Type: Other

Alaska Humanities Forum - AK History & Culture

State Funding Requested: \$465,000
 Future Funding May Be Requested

House District: Statewide (1-40)

Brief Project Description:

Support for the Alaska History and Culture online curriculum, National Endowment for the Humanities grant match, and base budget support

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$2,713,304

	<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	\$2,364,160	2010				
State Funds	\$0					
Denali Commission	\$0					
Rasmuson Foundation	\$238,144	2010				
Local Funds	\$87,300	2010				
Other Funds	\$23,800	2010				
Total	\$2,713,404					

Explanation of Other Funds:
 Interest on cash reserves and royalties from publications.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

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\$40,000
 Approved

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What we need:

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\$200,000 to continue the Alaska History and Cultural Studies curriculum

\$165,000 to match the NEH grant funds that go directly to communities

\$100,000 to support base budget operations and other programs

Project Timeline:

Programs operate throughout the fiscal year and funds are expended in course.

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

Alaska Humanities Forum

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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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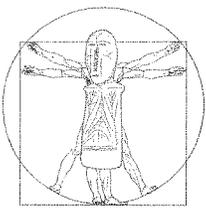
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