Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)

Grant Recipient: Anchorage Park Foundation **Federal Tax ID:** 412205907

Project Title: **Project Type:** Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

Anchorage Park Foundation - Davis Park Athletic Field Upgrades

State Funding Requested: $200,000 **House District:** Anchorage Areawide (16-32)

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Renovate three ballfields used by the little league serving the Mt. View community, Polar Little League.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	$500,000
Funding Already Secured:	($100,000)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	($200,000)
Project Deficit:	$200,000

Funding Details:

Polar Little League and Mt. View Lions Club take care of maintaining these three community fields. The American Legion has committed $50,000 to an APF Challenge Grant of $50,000 for this project.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Davis Park provides a location for numerous activities in the Mountain View area including Rugby, Ultimate Frisbee, basketball and baseball. It is also home to a very popular community garden.

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The Mountain View Lions Club and Polar Little League hope to boost participation through a cooperative effort to improve the amenities at both Ball Fields located in and adjacent Davis Park. With the ultimate goal being a group of Ball Fields surrounding a central Concession area similar to the complex found at Jade Park in south Anchorage.

This project is supported by Mayor Sullivan and the Anchorage Assembly.

The American Legion of Alaska supports this project, and plans to schedule some games on the renovated fields. Further, the American Legion hopes to preserve turf from Kozinski fields for placement at Davis Park. This would save not only funds, but a year of waiting to play!

For use by Co-chair Staff Only:

$200,000 Approved

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Contact Name: Kendra Kloster
Contact Number: 465-6259

Project Timeline:

Summer 2012 & 2013

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

Polar Little League and Mt. View Lions Club

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Name:	Beth Nordlund
Title:	Executive Director
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	Anchorage, Alaska 99501
Phone Number:	(907)274-1004
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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? [X] Yes [ ] No

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Polar Little League - Davis Park

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In Fall 2011, Davis Park recieved a D on its Report Card.

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Polar Little League - Davis Park

Project Cost Estimate

Project Budget	Cost
Site Improvements	$75,000
Renovate (3) Baseball Fields	$325,000
Bullpen (area where pitchers warm up)	$50,000
Fencing and Dugout repair	$50,000
Total	$500,000

2012 Request	
Anchorage Park Foundation Funding	$50,000
American Legion Funding Secured	$50,000
State Funding Request	$400,000
Total Project Budget	$500,000

MT VIEW LIONS CLUB
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February 2, 2011

Attn: Alaska State Representatives and Senators

Re: Anchorage Park Foundation and Polar Little League Requests

Dear Alaska State Legislature:

The Mt. View Lions Club and the Mt View Lions Club Foundation support the efforts of Polar Little League and the Anchorage Park Foundation to make upgrades to the fields at Mt. View Lions Park and Davis Park. The fields originally developed in the 1960s are in need of upgrades to playing surfaces, drainage, field amenities, and we all agree that more attractive and playable fields will improve the play opportunities for Mt. View youth.

The Mt. View Lions Club fully support healthy recreation opportunities for area youth, and see Polar Little League as an ally in positive youth development. Baseball is a national pastime, and Mt. View is underserved in Anchorage compared to other neighborhoods. Please help us offer Mt. View the nationwide game kids can love for a lifetime.

If you have any questions, please contact myself at president@mtviewlions.org, 907-240-0813, or attend one of our club meetings, Thursdays at 7 pm at the Mt View Lions Park Clubhouse.

Sincerely,

Mt. View Lions Club

Robert D Posma, Jr.
President & Park Chair

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February 3, 2010

Beth Nordlund
Executive Director
Anchorage Park Foundation

RE: Anchorage Park Foundation and Polar Little League

Dear Mrs. Nordlund,

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the Anchorage Parks Foundation and those working to improve the conditions of the baseball fields at Davis and Lions Park in Mt. View, which serves as the playing fields for the children and youth in the Polar Little League Organization. It is my understanding that Polar Little League attracts between 150-300 young athletes every year, keeping them busy and active throughout the summer months, while at the same time teaching them discipline and teamwork.

It is also my understanding that many children and youth will turn away from little league activities when they do not have the adequate facilities. There is a potential for danger and harm if park facilities are not maintained to a certain standard, while others who are more committed to the sport will seek to play outside of their neighborhood, thus affecting the number of league participants and its success on a local and statewide level. This seems to be the situation for Polar Little League due to the condition of the facilities that are assigned to them.

In an effort to revitalize the Mt. View community, it is imperative that we focus on our parks and recreation and we take the necessary measures to ensure that the ball fields in Mt. View are up to par with the best fields in Anchorage. If we expect our young people to aspire to greatness, we must do our part and give them the tools necessary to become great.

Sincerely,

Troy Buckner
President/CEO

Mountain View

February 7, 2011

Beth Nordlund
Executive Director
Anchorage Park Foundation

Dear Mrs. Nordlund,

On behalf of the Mountain View Weed and Seed Steering Committee, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the Anchorage Parks Foundation and those working to improve the conditions of the baseball fields at Davis and Lions Park in Mt. View. As you know, Davis Park serves as the playing fields for the children and youth in the Polar Little League Organization. Polar Little League attracts between 150-300 young athletes every year, keeping them busy and active throughout the summer months, while at the same time teaching them discipline, sportsmanship, and teamwork.

For many years the facilities used by Polar Little League have suffered from neglect. As a consequence they fall short of the standard set at other facilities across the city. A strong and vibrant little league can be a source of pride for an entire community. But, with facilities that are in poor condition at best (actually dangerous at worst) families who are able may seek to send their children elsewhere to participate in little league. Worse yet, many may choose not to participate at all, leaving a number of neighborhood youth unengaged in the summer months. This is the situation currently faced by Polar Little League.

Neighborhood parks like Davis along with organizations like Polar Little League are critical components of any neighborhood revitalization strategy. If we expect our young people to aspire to greatness, we must do our part and give them the tools necessary to become great.

Sincerely,

Mike Gutierrez
Mountain View Weed and Seed Site Coordinator

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February 3, 2010

Beth Nordlund
Executive Director
Anchorage Park Foundation
RE: Anchorage Park Foundation and Polar Little League

Dear Beth,

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the Anchorage Parks Foundation's efforts to work with community partners to improve conditions at Davis and Lions Park in Mt. View. We observe the use of this park throughout the year. In the summer as the children and youth in the Polar Little League Organization take to the fields the entire mood of the neighborhood benefits. Maintaining these parks for the youth in Mt. View is critical. Polar Little League provides a tremendous benefit for the entire community by organizing such activities for our youth.

We are part of the revitalization of Mt. View and understand that it is very important to focus on parks. If we expect to enhance the quality of life for all citizens, green spaces especially for youth to engage in organized and unstructured activities is a critical element for success. We enthusiastically endorse this project.

Sincerely,

Dennis McMillian
President

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

Parks and Recreation Department

Phone: 907-343-4562

Mayor Dan Sullivan

January 31, 2012

Alaska State Legislature-

The Municipality of Anchorage Parks & Recreation Department, the Assembly, and the Mayor have pledged their support for the projects listed below. While you will find these projects listed in the Municipality of Anchorage 2012 State Legislative Program Booklet, please note the Anchorage Park Foundation is requesting the funds and will be the primary grant recipient.

The Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department works closely with the Anchorage Park Foundation in our efforts to improve and maintain our park assets with volunteers, private and public funding.

As an Ex-Officio Board Member to the Anchorage Park Foundation, I am informed about all policies and programs. I support each project listed, and urge your continued support sustaining the world class recreation opportunities in Anchorage.

Sincerely,

John Rodda, Parks and Recreation Director

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NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS 2012 LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS

These Neighborhood Parks have been identified for repair rehabilitation by neighbors during the 2011 Parks Report Card process. APF plans to work with individual legislators and their constituents to acquire private and public funding and volunteer support for these fix-its.

- Scenic Park, Muldoon Neighborhood Park Repair and Youth Employment in Parks Trail Work TPS, 57897
  APF Ask: $83,000
- Storck Park, Rabbit Creek/Bear Valley Neighborhood Park Renovation TPS 57898
  APF Ask: $200,000
- Forsythe Park, O'Malley TPS 57989
  APF Ask: $180,000
- Arctic Benson Park, East Spenard Park Safety Upgrades TPS 57991
  APF Ask: $83,000
- Kiwanis Fish Creek Park, Spenard TPS 57993
  APF Ask: $160,000
- Campbell Park, Replace Aging Playground Equipment, TPS 57821
  APF Ask: $200,000
- Fairbanks Park, Replace Unsafe Toddler Playground Equipment, Fairview TPS 57884
  APF Ask: $50,000
- Fairview Lions Park, Replace Aging Playground Equipment, Fairview TPS 57885
  APF Ask: $200,000

ANCHORAGE PARKS & TRAILS 2012 LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS

- Davis Park Athletic Field Upgrades with Polar Little League, Mountain View TPS 56090
  APF Ask: $500,000
- Elderberry Park Rehabilitation & Safety Upgrades, Downtown TPS 57899
  APF Ask: $300,000
- NE Anchorage Skate Park, TPS 57997
  APF Ask: $250,000
- Rovers Run Trail Reroute, Far North Bicentennial Park TPS 57975
  APF Ask: $75,000
- Ruth Arcand Park, Equestrian Trail Rehabilitation with Youth Employment in Parks TPS 57996
  APF Ask: $25,000
- Coastal Trail Surface and Safety Improvements, TPS 57896
  APF Ask: $1,000,000
- Mulchahy Rinks Reconstruction at Chester Creek Sports Complex, TPS 55319
  APF Ask: $250,000
- Downtown Streetscapes, TPS 55368
  APF Ask $310,000
- Campbell Creek Estuary, Build Trail and Trailhead for Public Access with Youth Employment in Parks TPS 56998
  APF Ask: $200,000

ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST FOR PLAYGROUND PROJECT

The North Russian Jack Springs Park project was not identified for a legislative proposal until after the Assembly voted on their 2012 State Legislative Program. This project has had ample community involvement, and Phase I of construction is planned for 2012. The APF requests $300,000 to complete the project as an iconic Anchorage play area.

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