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 - Ruth Arcand Park Equestrian Trail Rehabilitation

State Funding Requested: $75,000 **House District:** Anchorage Areawide (16-32)
One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

The Equestrian Trail at Ruth Arcand Park is in need of rehabilitation and reinforcement. This project can be a Youth Employment in Parks project in 2013 with legislative support.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	$75,000
Funding Already Secured:	($0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	($75,000)
Project Deficit:	$0

Funding Details:

While this project has no other funding source, YEP has secured funding from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, Rasmuson Foundation, Anchorage Community Land Trust, and Municipality of Anchorage for various projects.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Ruth Arcand Equestrian Trail Rehabilitation is one proposed work project of the award-winning Youth Employment in Parks (YEP) program.

The Anchorage Horse Council (AHC) plans to rehabilitate approximately 2100 feet of trail in Ruth Arcand Park to improve trail surface and meet clearance standards for equestrian use.

The rehabilitation will address drainage problems that continue to destabilize trails in a number of locations,so the improved trails will also be more durable.

Project Timeline:

Summer 2013

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

Muncipality of Anchorage

Contact Name: Christine Marasigan
Contact Number: 465.4945

For use by Co-chair Staff Only:

$75,000 Approved

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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? [X] Yes [ ] No

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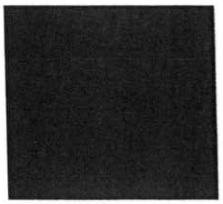

REI
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September 23, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

As part of REI, I have witnessed the growth of the Youth Employment in Parks (YEP) program since its inception in 2007. The Parks & Recreation Department and the Anchorage Park Foundation have done a wonderful job building community partnerships and developing young leaders through YEP's content-based employment training model. In 2012 YEP will complete its 6th year of programming, having established itself as an important component of the greater Anchorage community.

In these challenging economic times, I believe that the YEP program will be a powerful model for other job skills training programs. YEP teens participate in a structured job program, learning job skills valuable for natural resource management and outdoor recreation professions, as well as the kind of leadership and critical thinking skills that are valuable in any career.

The YEP program also fosters closer connections between participating youth and the local environment. Job skills are paired with environmental education sessions, where youth learn the wider context of their project work. Whether it's completing a forestry project in Far North Bicentennial Park or supporting free experiential learning and public art programs for kids, YEP contributes to the community at large as well as to the futures' of YEP participants.

Our organization has partnered with YEP by interviewing candidates, donating gear, and working side by side on projects. In the spring 2011, I was able to spend some time interviewing YEP candidates and was impressed with depth of experiences some already had and their interest in serving the community in an entry level job. A couple months later, three other REI employees and myself spent a day working with the YEP crew on a trail project at the Davis Park and again later in the summer at Kincaid Park. For me, it was rewarding to see some of the same kids I had interviewed earlier working hard to build a trail that will enhance the lives of Anchorage community members.

REI is proud to support the YEP program, and I hope that you will join me in supporting a program that creates successful career paths for Anchorage's youth.

Sincerely,

Mike Morganson
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ALASKA TRAILS

September 30, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

As part of Alaska Trails, we have witnessed the growth of the Youth Employment in Parks (YEP) program since its inception in 2007. The Parks & Recreation Department and the Anchorage Park Foundation have done a wonderful job building community partnerships and developing young leaders through YEP's content-based employment training model. In 2011 YEP completed its 5th year of programming,. having established itself as an important component of the greater Anchorage community.

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Alaska Trails has partnered with the YEP program by providing educational trainings to the crew leaders and youth as well as project management support.

Alaska Trails is proud to support the YEP program, and I hope that you will join us in supporting a program that creates successful career paths for Anchorage's youth.

Sincerely,

Erin McLarnon

Erin McLarnon
Executive Director
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November 12, 2011

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Ms. Harris

As a member of various outdoor organizations here in Anchorage as well as the owner of an outdoor specialty shop for over thirty-five years I have seen the benefits provided to the community by the development and maintenance of trails throughout the greater Anchorage area.

I think that the Youth Employment in Parks program has become an integral part of the local trail system's construction and preservation over the last few years. Not only does YEP help the community by the trail work it does but it also helps our youth become involved in the environment. In this work young people learn valuable skills by working together, developing and completing projects, learning about the community's needs, and other life-skills.

The proposed rerouting of the Rover's Run Trail in the Far North Bicentennial Park trail system is a good example of the YEP program and the community's needs coming together. Because of the recent numerous encounters with bears along this trail, this reroute would make a safer trail than the existing one. This rerouting project would also give the young adults in YEP the perfect opportunity to help the community and at the same time developing leadership skills and practical trail construction methods.

I support the Youth Employment in Parks program as a vital part of our local trail development and maintenance, and, as a means to both educate our youth to the needs of our environment and to serve their community.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Denkewalter

Faxed on June 01, 2011

Mid-Hillside Community Council Survey Input in regards to Capital Improvement Projects as requested

by the Municipality of Anchorage, Office of Management and Budget

Our community council membership input was limited and, as a result, I will list the only the top five priorities as determined by our community council:

1. Birch Rd Safety Improvements-Huffman Rd to Naknek Ln

2. Ruth Arcand Park

3. Hillside Drainage Improvements

4/5. (Tie) Hillside LRSA's Road and Drainage System Rehab and Elmore Rd Extension-Abbott Rd to O'Malley Rd

Lance Powell

Lance Powell, Pres.,Mid-Hillside Community Council
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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

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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Ruth Arcand Park

Equestrian Trail Rehabilitation with Youth Employment in Parks

Project Cost Estimate

Project Budget	Cost
Materials	$35,000
Trail Rehabilitation (YEP)	$40,000
TOTAL	**$75,000**

2012 Request

State Funding Request	$75,000

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