

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 - Creekside Park Little League Field

State Funding Requested: \$25,000**House District: Anchorage Areawide (11-27)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Upgrade the field turf, dugouts and spectator bleachers to accommodate Little League practices and games

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$25,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2014 State Funding Request:	(\$25,000)
Project Deficit:	\$0

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

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In 2008, Creekside Park received a D on its Report Card. Neighbors identified a number of areas in which Creekside Park needed improvement. Playground equipment is broken and covered in graffiti. There is often litter covering the ground, and the park has poor lighting, which could be a factor contributing to the unsafe activity often occurring. The picnic shelter needs cleaning and the picnic tables and benches are in need of repair and a fresh coat of paint. The first phase in rehabilitating this park is to upgrade the baseball field at Creekside Park by improving the field turf, dugouts and spectator bleachers. By activating this positive use through improvements to the baseball field, we hope to begin the process of making Creekside Park a usable, valuable neighborhood resource.

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Long-term Fix-It List Priorities

- Repair broken play equipment, replace missing parts, and possibly add swing set
- Work with community to trim trees and create safe sight lines, particularly on Southeast side of the park
- Purchase and install nets on tennis court
- Clean and repair picnic equipment
- Repair cracks in pathways
- Add informational signs

Project Timeline:

Summer 2014

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

Municipality of Anchorage

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

Anchorage Park Foundation

Since 2004, the Anchorage Park Foundation has invested more than \$18 million in Anchorage parks, trails and recreation programs. Join us this summer to revitalize parks in your district.



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Anchorage has 10,946 acres of municipal parkland, 223 parks, and over 250 miles of trails and greenbelts linking neighborhoods with natural spaces.

The Anchorage Park Foundation partners with the Parks & Recreation Department to promote Healthy Parks and Healthy People in the Anchorage community. Together, we revitalize the safety, function, and appearance of Anchorage parks and the neighborhoods that surround them.

The Anchorage Park Foundation mobilizes public support and financial resources for Anchorage parks, trails, and recreation opportunities. Do you have a vision for parks, trails, open spaces and recreation in Anchorage? Consider the Anchorage Park Foundation your opportunity to fund community projects through public-private partnerships.

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Project Cost Estimate

Project Budget	Cost
Replace Field Turf	\$10,000
Repair Dugouts	\$5,000
Replace Spectator Bleachers	\$10,000
Total	\$25,000

2013 Request	
State Funding Request	\$25,000

Creekside Park Little League



From the Russian Jack Community Council meeting on February 13, 2013:

Kathleen Plunkett moved and Fred McLeary seconded:

Russian Jack Community Council supports the following items from the Anchorage Park Foundation 2013 legislative requests for area-wide projects:

1. Trail Watch Safety - Youth Employment in Parks Program \$100,000 for trail safety improvements to prioritized sections of the Anchorage Trail System identified by Trail Watch volunteers. Many of the improvements will be made by crews from the Youth Employment in the Parks program and organized volunteer events.
2. Anchorage Disc Golf Course development. \$250,000 to plan, purchase and install disc golf courses in the Anchorage Bowl. One likely destination for a course is nearby Davis Park.
3. Northeast Anchorage Bike Skills and Pump Track. \$61,000 to build a bike skills and pump track course. A pump track is a biking loop with small hills and technical features for mountain bike training. The most likely destination for this course is also Davis Park.
4. Centennial Park, Pena Ballfields. \$50,000 for improvements to the Pena Ballfields.
5. Creekside Park Little League. \$25,000 to perform upgrades to the field, dugouts and bleachers.
6. Tikishla Park. \$50,000 for upgrades to Tikishla Park. This would include removing the defunct snack shack, converting the south ball field into a soccer field or green space, and thinning the woods around the park to increase visibility. If funding is granted, APF will contribute an additional \$40,000 to the project.

Motion passed unanimously (8 - 0).

Edward Leach
President