

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 - Stephenson Park Safety Upgrades and Equipment

State Funding Requested: \$160,000
One-Time Need

House District: Anchorage Areawide (11-27)

Brief Project Description:

play equipment for neighborhood park

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$200,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$40,000)
FY2014 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$160,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

If funding from the AK Legislature is secured for this project, the Anchorage Park Foundation plans to commit \$40,000 of Rasmuson Foundation funding to neighborhood park.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Stephenson Park offers open, natural spaces, but few amenities. There are a small number of picnic tables that are in need of repair, and many of the bollards surrounding the park are falling apart. The neighbors have requested that play equipment be installed and have identified a need for increased visibility throughout the park.

In the summer of 2014, the Anchorage Park Foundation and Parks & Recreation Department plan to complete improvements in Stephenson Park with the help of community volunteers and the input of a neighborhood park committee. We invite the Alaska State Legislature to join us in investing in the future of Stephenson Park and the South Anchorage community. The Anchorage Park Foundation will match legislative investment in neighborhood park fix-its with volunteer involvement and generous support from the Rasmuson Foundation's Anchorage Parks Initiative.

Fix-It List Priorities

- Purchase and install play equipment
- Replace picnic tables
- Replace bollards
- Thin trees to improve visibility

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.



2013

CAPIS Project Number

60204

Legislative District: K - 21

Anchorage Park Foundation

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.

Tax ID Number: 41-2205907

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Project Cost Estimate

Project Budget	Cost
Design, Purchase, and Install Play Equipment	\$190,000
Replace Picnic Tables	\$5,000
Replace Bollards	\$5,000
TOTAL	\$200,000

2013 Request

State Funding Request	\$160,000
Project Deficit*	\$40,000
Total Project Budget:	\$200,000

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Stephenson Park Safety Upgrades

January 20, 2013

Old Seward/Ocean View Community Council
P.O. Box 110606
Anchorage, AK 99511-0606

Alaskan Legislature
State Capitol Building
Juneau, AK

To Whom it May Concern,

The Ocean View/Old Seward Community Council is requesting the Legislature's support of the Anchorage Park Foundation's 2013 legislative requests for park improvements at Ocean View Park and Stephenson Park. Parks are a vital part of any community and the Ocean View/Old Seward Community take great pride in our parks.

There are a number of large issues at Ocean View Park. Some of them are safety issues; such as, broken equipment and uneven/cracked tennis court surface. This park is a vital part of our community and is used by all age groups for a number of activities. It is the only park in the Old Seward/Ocean View area which provides covered picnic tables and grills. Ocean View Park is used during all seasons. Ocean View Park is in dire need of improvements and repairs so that it is safe and enjoyable for all our community members.

Stephenson Park is a lovely park. It is, however, devoid of play equipment. Stephenson Park is located in an area with a number of families. It is the only park that is suitable for play equipment in the immediate area. Otherwise, families have to cross the Old Seward to access our area parks that are equipped with playground equipment. Currently, the only amenities located at the park are a few picnic tables which are in very poor shape. With your support of the Anchorage Park Foundations legislative requests Ocean View Park and Stephenson Park will again be safe and enjoyable parks. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ocean View/Old Seward Community Council