

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Alliance for Am Legion BB****Federal Tax ID: 31-1583077****Project Title:****Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

Alliance for Support of American Legion Baseball in Anchorage, Inc. - Bartlett High Safety Improvements and Handicap Accessibility

State Funding Requested: \$875,000**House District: Anchorage Areawide (11-27)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Completion of Bartlett High School artificial field and seating project

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$4,375,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$3,500,000)
FY2014 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$875,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:**In FY 2013 \$3.5M recieved for artificial turf fields only.***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

In 2012 , TPS 57963 was requested from the ASD for Intallation of Turf Fields at BHS. Legislative leaders directed these funds in the capital budget to American Legion Baseball ALB, to accomplish the project. TPS 57499 was also requested but not funded. ALB intends to largely accomplish that request (minus lighting) so that the venue has appropriate and safe seating at all fields.

In cooperation with the ASD Administration and Bartlett principal, ALB has been designing the project with USKH Architects and Engineers, and ASD staff and intends to begin construction in the summer of 2013 on the field portion

To complete the project additional funds are needed for bleacher seating at all fields, ,press boxes ,and storage appropriate for the facility. Lights are not included in this request.

ALB plans to construct 3 separate fields, to maximize the area available for these facilities.

Those include a football/soccer field, a baseball field and softball field. All would have artificial turf entirely and require limited maintenance. Having artificial fields will allow for

longer use seasonally and extent PE classes outdoor use at least one month longer annually.

It is anticipated that other events will take place at what will be the finest large athletic

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complex in Anchorage. BHS has the most on site parking for such events in the Anchorage School District.

The design of the fields also accomadates improved access to cross country running and skiing trails that have been approved by the MOA Parks and Rec Director for Tuesday Night Races, the ASD Secondary Education which administers regional and state cross country running and events, and the Nordic Ski Association which maintains and coordinates many area wide skiing events at Bartlett.

The design will also accomadate BHS and ASD adminsitration's desire for improved security of the campus from wildlife that are nearby in the heavily wooded area. The design still allow for significant wooded areas and trails to be preserved.

A public meeting was held on January 24, 2013 at BHS. The school principal Dan Gallego has recieved positive feedback from JBER leadership, Alaska Native Heritage Center, and Tikatnu Commons management. The nearest non military neighbor residence is over 1 mile away from BHS.

This request would complete the all 3 field bleacher seating and provide additional appropriate components for these athletic fields. All current ADA seating and handicapped access are covered in this request. Currently BHS fields are not compliant with ADA requirements.

A significant amount of inkind, donated and sponsored work is part of this project from construction and transportation companies, labor organizations to make this possible at this amount of funding.

The 3 fields would have heavy school use for games, as well as PE classes. The public would also be a significant user of these Fieldturf artificial fields and seating areas and provide a very positive improvement in NE Anchorage. It is anticipated that some additional statewide events would occur at BHS due to these improved facilities.

Project Timeline:

If funding is received a portion of the seating would be installed in 2013, and the balance in 2014.

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

American Legion Baseball Alliance/BHS

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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