

**Juneau Family Birth Center Land Purchase****FY2005 Request: \$150,000**  
**Reference No: 39287**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation  
**Category:** Health/Human Services  
**Location:** Juneau Areawide  
**House District:** Juneau Areawide (HD 3-4)  
**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2004 - 06/30/2009

**Project Type:** Construction  
**Recipient:** Juneau Family Birth Center  
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**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This request will provide grant funds directly to the Juneau Family Birth Center to purchase land for construction of a new community family center in Juneau.

<b>Funding:</b>	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>Total</u>
ASLC Div	\$150,000						\$150,000
<b>Total:</b>	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

This is the first year of the project.

**Project Description/Justification:**

This request will provide grant funds directly to the Juneau Family Birth Center to purchase land for the construction of a new community family center in Juneau. The community center will be a multi-use center for families and will include a clinic, birth center, and an expanded family center. This project provides for an outgrowth and expansion of Juneau Family Birth Center services.

Based on the results of an organization-wide strategic planning process, project completion has been set for fall, 2005. A building site has been identified in Juneau near Bartlett Regional Hospital and the current location of the Juneau Family Birth Center.

The total cost of the project, including start-up, is estimated at \$2.7 million. This request is needed to receive additional construction funds from private foundations, including the Rasmusson Foundation and the Murdock Foundation. These funds have been secured through local and federal grants, individuals, local businesses, and corporations.

Founded in 1996, the Juneau Family Birth Center was incorporated as a non-profit community birth center in order to provide quality midwifery care for pregnancy, birth, and parenting. Working closely with its community partners, the Juneau Family Birth Center now serves over 600 families, and services have grown to include complete prenatal care, midwife-attended birth at the birth center or at home, healthy pregnancy and prepared childbirth classes, parent support groups, and massage therapy. The current birth center offers families a supportive, home-like environment with private birthing rooms, tubs, family room with kitchen, large classroom, prenatal clinic, and a complete lending library with resources related to all aspects of pregnancy, nutrition, childbirth, parenting, and family health. The center currently has 11 staff members and an active board of directors with 9 members. In 2002, the birth center delivered 20% (80) of the total births in Juneau.

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The community family center will offer expanded programs, support and resource services to Southeast Alaska families, and especially those families that are at risk and under served. These services will include parenting education, family counseling from certified therapists, on-site childcare for those using services, expanded lending library, healthy pregnancy classes, birth, postpartum, and parenting education and support services, support services for young families, a family gathering and activity space, and home visiting services.

The new center will include an expanded clinic offering professional health, prenatal, birth, and postpartum care to families. These services will include pediatric care from board-certified pediatricians, midwifery care for the childbearing year, and well-woman care.

The birth center will be located in a separate section of the new building with a private entrance. The birth center will have four comfortable and private birthing rooms with tubs and showers, and a separate family waiting room. Outdoor walking paths that go through the woods and overlook Salmon Creek Falls will be incorporated.

Department's Mission: *To promote and protect the health and well being of Alaskans.* This project supports the Department's mission by providing comprehensive midwifery and birthing services for southeast Alaskan families.