

DELETE: AMD Alaska Film Project

FY2006 Request: \$0
Reference No: AMD 40607

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Development
Location: Statewide

Project Type: Planning
Recipient: Cosmic Picture
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House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2005 - 06/30/2010

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The Department, through a grant from the Rasmuson Foundation, will assist in producing the film "Balto's Alaskan Adventure." The film will promote tourism and the film industry in Alaska, benefit the visitor and service industries, the communities in which the filming will be done, and students of Alaska history and Alaska Native culture. This project contributes to the Department's Film Program mission of increasing the number of film, video, television and location shoots produced in Alaska. This project is deleted from the FY2006 amended capital budget request, as funding from the Rasmuson Foundation is not available.

Funding:	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>Total</u>
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Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

<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 checked="" 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
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

None.

Project Description/Justification:

Cosmic Picture was founded to provide entertaining and educational experiences on the giant screen to enhance people's knowledge of events and places of historical, cultural, scientific and geographical interest.

Cosmic Pictures proposes to produce, direct and distribute the IMAX film, *Balto's Alaskan Adventure* in large format theatres and for home distribution (DVD and VHS) around the world and via regular theatre and educational facilities in Alaska. The Producers have entered into an option agreement with Gay and Laney Salisbury, authors of *The Cruellest Miles*, the bestselling account of the 1925 serum run to Nome, published by W.W. Norton & Company in 2003. Cosmic Picture plans to secure its financial commitments by June of 2005, commence pre-production by December of 2005, production in March of 2006, post-production by June of 2006, and distribution in the September of 2006 or 2007.

Cosmic Pictures has already conducted the site selection in Alaska and is in the process of raising funds from corporate, charitable, and governmental entities throughout Alaska and the U.S. The total project budget is estimated at \$6,888,635. The Department will contribute \$500,000 toward this project which will be paid for by statutorily designated program receipts received from the Rasmuson Foundation. Beneficiaries are the visitor and service industries, the communities in which the filming will be done, and students of Alaska history and Native culture.