

Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitor Center - Construction

FY2007 Request: \$2,900,000
Reference No: 40500

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Development

Project Type: Construction
Recipient: Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center

Location: Fairbanks Areawide

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2006 - 06/30/2011

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project will provide a grant for partial funding for the construction of the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center. This program contributes to the Department's mission of promoting strong communities.

Funding:	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$2,900,000						\$2,900,000
Total:	\$2,900,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,900,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input checked="" 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	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Refer to the funding matrix in the detailed description.

Project Description/Justification:

This project will provide a grant to the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center in Fairbanks. The center will provide visitor information services, trip planning, environmental education, interpretive exhibits displaying the wilderness, diverse cultures and historical evolution of the Interior. A small theater will provide short introductory films for visitors, and will be available for community events and programs. As funds are available, artisans galleries, a library, and children's areas will be provided. Finally, some administrative space will be provided to support the operations and programs offered by the center.

Total anticipated cost for the project is \$26 million, consisting of \$15 million in federal funds and the remaining funds from State and private contributors.

Funding History

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Legislation</u>
FY 2006	550,000	FSSLA 05 Ch 3 Page 10 Line 33