

Juneau Family Birth Center

FY2007 Request: \$300,000

Reference No: AMD 42014

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Construction

Category: Health/Human Services

Recipient: Juneau Family Birth Center

Location: Juneau Areawide

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

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Due to an oversight, this project was inadvertently left out of the Governor's capital budget request. This project will provide grant funds to the Juneau Family Birth Center for construction of a new community family center in Juneau. This project contributes to the Department's mission of promoting a healthy economy and strong communities in Alaska by providing family health care, education, and support services.

Funding:	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	Total
Gen Fund	\$300,000						\$300,000
Total:	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300,000

<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 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	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

SLA04 Ch159 P26 L32 - \$150,000.

Project Description/Justification:

This request will provide grant funds to the Juneau Family Birth Center for 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. Land has been purchased and construction is planned for spring of 2006 with completion by fall/winter of 2006. The total cost estimate of the project is \$3,064,104.

Founded in 1996, the Juneau Family Birth Center was incorporated as a non-profit community birth center in order to provide progressive and quality midwifery care for pregnancy, birth, and parenting families. Working closely with its community partners, the Juneau Family Birth Center now serves over 800 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, and doula services. 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 birth center also offers an apprenticeship program for student midwives who come from all over the United States and Canada, with an average of two students at a time, and stay for one to three years. The center currently has 12 staff members and an active board of directors with 9 members. Currently, the birth center attends 18% of the total births in Juneau.

Based on community collaborations, community focus groups, and present gaps in service, the need for a multi-use facility for families has become evident. This new project will create a multi-use center for families, and will include the

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following components: a clinic, birth center, and an expanded Community Family Center.

The clinic will offer professional health, prenatal, birth, and postpartum care to families. These services will include a family practice physician care, midwifery care for the childbearing year, (including complete prenatal care, midwife attended birth at the birth center or at home, individualized postpartum care, and home-visits), naturopathic care, and well-woman care.

The center will also include a birthing center complete with three comfortable and private birthing rooms with tubs and showers, and a separate family waiting room with kitchen and living room area.

The Community Family Center will offer expanded support and resource services to Southeast Alaska families, especially those families that are at-risk and under-served. These services will include a range of parenting education and resources, including: family counseling from certified therapists, case management with social workers, on-site childcare for those using services, an expanded lending library, healthy pregnancy, birth, postpartum support services for pregnant and parenting teens, a family gathering and activity space, and home visiting services. In addition, office space and meeting rooms will be available for community-wide family support service providers.