

Arctic Winter Games Team Alaska

FY2007 Request: \$250,000

Reference No: AMD 41959

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Development
Location: Statewide
House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2006 - 06/30/2011

Project Type: Planning
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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This funding will be used to defray the cost of equipment, clothing and other games related gear, and office operations for Arctic Winter Games Team Alaska.

Funding:	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$250,000						\$250,000
Total:	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000

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

Senate Finance Amendment Commerce #18 funds this at 250.0, as requested by the Governor.

Project Description/Justification:

\$250,000 is requested to cover the basic operational costs of Team Alaska for FY2007 and to assist with ongoing costs of the upcoming 2008 Games cycle. Specifically, the funding will be used to defray the cost of equipment, clothing and other games related gear, as well as office operations.

For each Games since the first games in 1970, the State of Alaska has funded a portion of this program. For Alaska to continue to field a team at future games, continued state support is needed.

Team Alaska was established in 1968 by the state as a non-profit, statewide organization to organize, select, uniform, and transport Alaska's young athletes to the biennial Arctic Winter Games. Besides more than 20 sporting events such as snowshoeing and cross-county skiing, the Arctic Winter Games include a very important cultural component. Traditional dances and music are performed during the games, and there are many opportunities for interaction among the teams.

For many young Alaskans this international event is a pivotal time in their lives. Over the years, many young Team Alaska athletes have expressed how important the experience of the Games has been in their lives. It is the goal of Arctic Winter Games Team Alaska to keep the registration fee paid by participants at a level reachable by all young Alaskans.

In addition to support from the State of Alaska, funds are raised from the private sector through corporate sponsorships to help defray the cost to the athletes.