

Ice Alaska - Ice Park Facilities, Event

FY2007 Request: \$1,100,000
Reference No: 41954

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Development
Location: Fairbanks Areawide
House District: Fairbanks Areawide (HD 7-11)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2006 - 06/30/2011
Project Type: Construction
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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project will help pay for the construction of an assembly building for an Ice Park and will support the World Ice Art Championship. This project 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	\$1,100,000						\$1,100,000
Total:	\$1,100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,100,000

<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
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Project Description/Justification:

Construction of a \$2,000,000 assembly building for an Ice Park is critical for the continuation of the World Ice Championships, the world's largest ice sculpting competition for two reasons. First, the event needs to be showcased by a well designed visitor facility that is comfortable, architecturally sound and compatible with the high quality of the internationally acclaimed art created by the sculptors. Second, the construction of such a facility is necessary to meet the criteria established by Ice Alaska's landlord, the Alaska Railroad, and state and local building codes. The facility will also meet year-round needs of the community for an attractive mid-sized meeting and dining hall.

One of the requirements imposed by the Alaska Railroad to secure a long term lease was to have a code compliance review done on our current buildings. The finding of the consulting team is that a new building must be built which will combine the public assembly and office functions of Ice Alaska.

The new facility will be designed with considerable attention to aesthetic detail. Ice Alaska's needs and those of the community will be combined by:

- * Planning a facility capable of handling 300 to 350 people to provide for the future growth of the event.
- * Designing the assembly area so that the public snack bar and gift shop area can be temporarily separated from the dining room for the artists and volunteers.
- * Providing a modern commercial kitchen that will more efficiently provide for the meal service of artists and volunteers handling ticket sales and ticket takers.
- * Providing convenience and efficiency for the volunteers handling ticket sales and ticket takers by having the new building at the entrance to the park during the World Ice Art Championships event.

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In addition to state funding, support for this project will be solicited from the Interior Delegation as well as legislators for Anchorage, Kenai/Soldotna, and Denali Park whose communities benefit directly from the beauty of ice and sculptures. A campaign to secure separate financing for the other upgrades required at the park is being developed.