

**Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitor Center - Construction**

**FY2008 Request: \$3,000,000**  
**Reference No: AMD40500**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation  
**Category:** Development

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

**Location:** Fairbanks Areawide  
**House District:** Fairbanks Areawide

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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2007 - 06/30/2012

**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. This amendment is requested to help finish construction of this project.

Funding:	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	Total
Gen Fund	\$3,000,000						\$3,000,000
Total:	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

	Amount	Staff
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**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 Fairbanks Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Alaska Public Lands Information Center will relocate from their current locations to this new facility. 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.

To date, \$22.2 million of the \$29 million total anticipated cost has been secured, consisting of \$16.5 million in federal funds, \$3.1 million in State funds, \$250,000 from the Fairbanks North Star Borough, and \$2.3 million from private contributors. This final \$3.0 million request will bring the total State contribution to \$6.1 million (21% of the total project cost) and help finish construction on the project.

**Funding History**

Year	Amount	Legislation
FY 2005	550,000	SLA 05 Ch 159 Page 18 Line 4
FY 2006	550,000	FSSLA 05 Ch 3 Page 10 Line 33
FY 2007	2,000,000	SLA 06 Ch 82 Page 19 Line 24