

Arctic Winter Games Team Alaska**FY2008 Request: \$250,000****Reference No: 41959****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Category:** Development**Location:** Statewide**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2007 - 06/30/2012**Project Type:** Planning**Recipient:** Arctic Winter Games Team Alaska**Contact:** Samuel Thomas**Contact Phone:** (907)465-2506**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This funding will be used to defray transportation and game related costs for Arctic Winter Games Team Alaska athletes to the 2008 Arctic Winter Games being held in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada.

Funding:	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</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 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:

FY07 \$250,000 SLA 2006, Ch. 82, Sec. 1, Page 9, Line 12; FY05 \$250,000, FSSLA2005 Ch. 3, Sec. 52d), Page 131, Line 13. Gov Amend submitted \$275,000 project. CSSB 53(FIN) reduced the amount to \$250,000 5/4/07

Project Description/Justification:

\$400,000 is requested to defray part of the increasing transportation costs and to ensure that athletes can participate in the 2008 Arctic Winter Games being held in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada. The athletes selected to represent Alaska are required to pay a major part of their travel as well. This project funds \$275,000 of the original request.

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.

