

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**

**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)**

**Grant Recipient: Alaska PTA**

**Project Title:**

**Alaska PTA - Military Coalition Meeting**

**House District: 19**

**Funding Amount: \$ 40,000**

**Brief Summary:**

Military Coalition Meeting - An event bringing together the various military affiliated groups to determine the best ways to develop, fund and deliver benefits to military families of all types.

**Funding Plan:**

**Type of Need: One-Time Need**

Prior Funding to Date:

None

**Other Funding Requests:**

Alaska PTA is doing the facilitating and organizing (and no salary at any level paid to do this)  
 National Military Family Association is paying for two people to come for DC,  
 MOAA will donate some, don't know what yet and may send persons also.  
 ASYMCA will be presenting 'good practices' both Anchorage, Fairbanks and Kodiak as we help with all military services even though we do not have a branch in Kodiak (yet).

**Project Description:**

With the deployments that have just been announced and with previous extensions we really don't know what the families need, what the state can provide and where the biggest needs are. We can guess, medical, emotional, housing, transportation etc but these conversations are to seek input, find the holes, find out what each military service has to offer and make determinations of what is needed. They don't really know themselves as they work in silos trying to take care of their own not viewing the state as a whole. And then we get to root of what is going to be different this time than other military engagements and that is that our Alaska Guard is serving outside the state in a military action zone. When they come home they will be veterans. Housing, medical, retraining, rehabilitation are going to be a challenge when they disperse to villages.

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