

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

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

**Grant Recipient: Alaska Native Heritage Center**

**Federal Tax ID:**

**Project Title:**

# Alaska Native Heritage Center - Expansion and Improvements

**Legislator Name:** Representative Meyer

**House District:** Anchorage Areawide (17-32)

**State Funding Requested: \$ 250,000**

Future Funding May Be Requested

**Brief Project Description:**

Improvements and expansion of the five regional village sites at the Alaska Native Heritage Center.

**Funding Plan:**

**Total Cost of Project: \$3,843,858**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
State Funds	\$250,000	07			\$387,700	09
Rasmuson Foundation	\$1,069,500	07				
Other	\$1,409,400	07	\$477,258	08		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,728,900</b>		<b>\$477,258</b>		<b>\$387,700</b>	

*Explanation of Other Funds:*

See Attached

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Alaska Native Heritage Center features five village sites which represent the regions of Alaska. These sites offer an educational opportunity in one location in Alaska, where visitors can be exposed to the heritage and culture of Alaska's diverse regions.

These village sites are an important educational tool and setting for community gatherings.

The \$250,000 request for funding in FY08 will fund half of phase three of the total project. \$250,000 in matching fund for phase three has been secured from the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation.

Project details are attached.

**Project Timeline:**

Expenditures are occurring and can continue to occur throughout 2008.

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Alaska Native Heritage Center

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority?  Yes  No



## Village Sites Revitalization Project

**Project Description:** Alaska Native Heritage Center features five village sites which represent all of Alaska's regions. They are an exceptional feature of the Center in educating students, Alaskans, and visitors from around the globe about Alaska Native traditions and ways of living. These structures are truly unique and the Center is the only place where all five regional sites can not only be viewed but also utilized as part of a classroom or community gathering setting. The building of permanent village sites displays is a \$3.8 million project that will be completed in four phases over four years. Phase I provided the infrastructure needed to support and maintain the village sites as a whole –electricity, lighting--and the expansion of the Yup'ik/Cup'ik and Aleut/Alutiiq Sites. Phase II, III, and IV consist of construction of museum-quality exhibit structure and installation of design elements for the other sites by expanding the Inupiaq Site, building a year-round Athabascan Ceremonial House, paving the walkway, and adding clan designs to the Southeast Clan House. All of the sites will incorporate modern building technology with the intent that they will be permanent, year-round educational facilities supporting both our after-school and school visits programs.

Year	Phase	Component	Cost
2005-2006	Phase I	Yup'ik Qasgiq, Aleut Ulax, and Alutiiq Ciqlluaq	\$1,448,802
2006-2007	Phase II	Inupiaq/St. Lawrence Island Qargi	\$ 528,157
2007-2008	Phase III	Athabascan Village Summer House	\$ 1,326,625
2008-2009	Phase IV	Southeast Clan House	<u>\$ 540,274</u>
			<u><b>\$3,843,858</b></u>

**Impact:** Over 120,000 people utilized the Heritage Center during the 2006-2007 season. More than 32,000 Alaskans participated in School Visits, Cultural Education classes and Cultural Awareness Workshops, with 750 artists using gallery and work space, promotion and marketing opportunities. With improved classroom, exhibits and extended use through the winter, the Center anticipates enhanced educational opportunities as part of the after-school program and the school visits program.

**Fundraising:** Approximately \$3 million of the \$3.8 million necessary to complete this project has been raised. The Center is seeking **\$387,700** from the State of Alaska in support of Phase III of this project.

	Received	Fundraising	Requested
Phase I			
Rasmuson Foundation	\$1,069,500		
State of Alaska	\$250,000		
Wells Fargo	\$25,000		
ConocoPhillips	\$75,000		
Misc. Corporate Donors	\$58,900		
Phase II			
Arctic Slope Regional Corporation	\$250,000		
State of Alaska	\$250,000		
Phase III			
M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust	\$320,000		
Corporate Donors	\$282,000		
ConocoPhillips	\$100,000		
<b>State of Alaska</b>			<b>\$387,700</b>
Atwood Foundation	\$50,000		
Phase IV			
ConocoPhillips	\$50,000		
Corporate and Individual Donors	\$198,500	\$92,258	
Paul G. Allen Family Foundation		\$385,000	
<b>Total</b>	<u><b>\$2,978,900</b></u>	<u><b>\$477,258</b></u>	<u><b>\$387,700</b></u>



**Village Sites Renovation Budget**

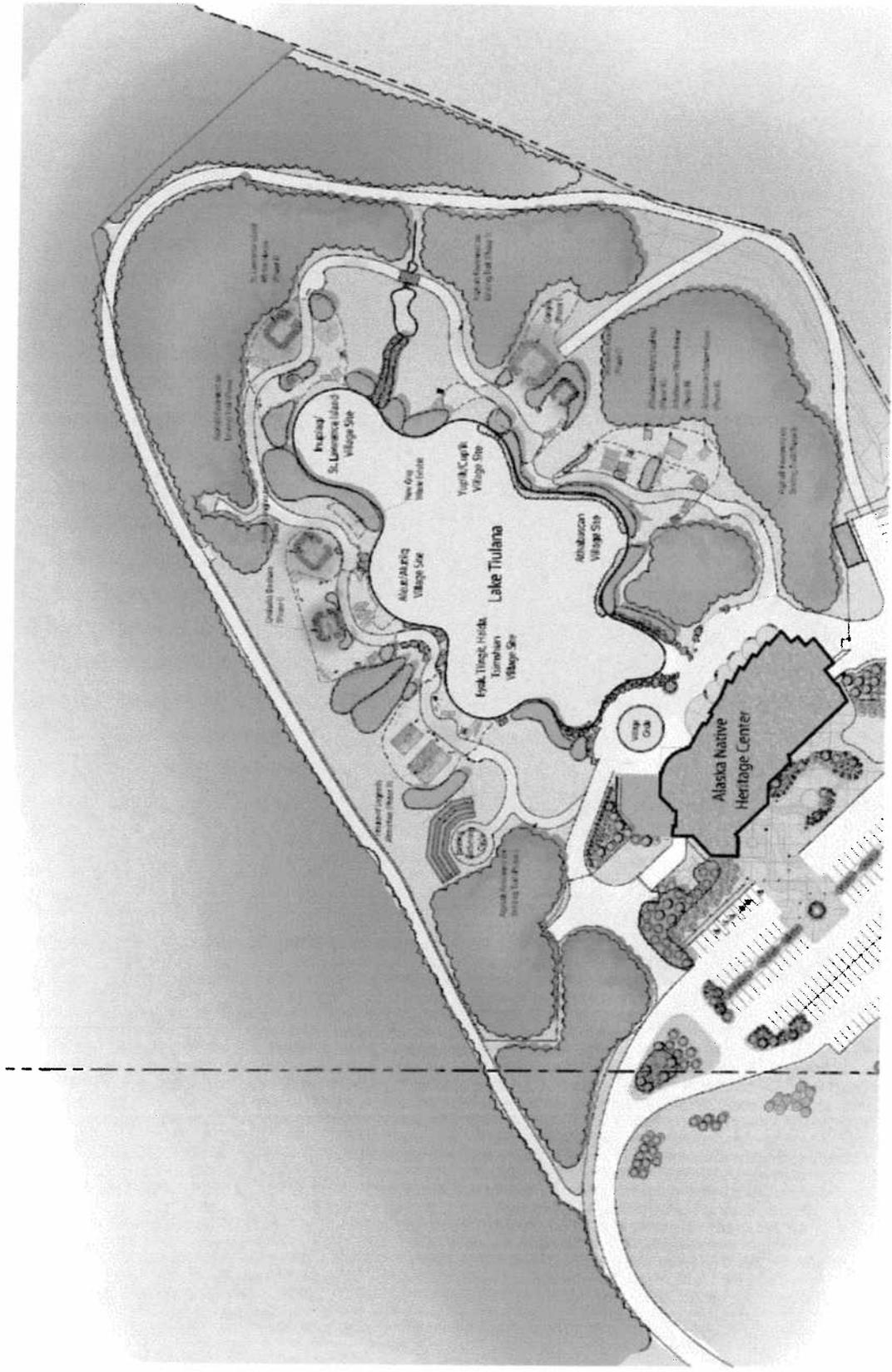
<b>Phase I</b>	January 2005 – May 2006	
	Utilities infrastructure	\$ 566,590
	Building Shells – Yup'ik/Cup'ik, Aleut, Alutiiq	\$ 741,775
	Interiors/exhibits – Yup'ik/Cup'ik, Aleut, Alutiiq	\$ 140,083
	Subtotal	\$1,448,802
<b>Phase II</b>	August 2006 – June 2007	
	Inupiaq/St. Lawrence Island Winter House	\$ 376,743
	Water Well and Pump	\$ 89,406
	Design and Project Management	\$ 62,008
	Subtotal	\$ 528,157
<b>Phase III</b>	January 2008 – October 2008	
	Athabascan Winter House	\$ 734,125
	Misc. site work, project management	\$ 162,500
	Water/Sewer Infrastructure	\$ 305,000
	Additional Parking	\$ 125,000
	Subtotal	\$1,326,625
<b>Phase IV</b>	Winter 2007 – October 2008	
	Tlingit/Haida/Tsimshian/Eyak	\$ 310,470
	Misc. project management	\$ 125,552
	Asphalt Paving	\$ 68,250
	Sound System	\$ 36,000
	Subtotal	\$ 540,272
	Total project costs, completion of Phases I, II, III and IV	<b><u>\$3,843,858</u></b>

**Phase III Project Description:**

Phase III features the construction of a pre-contact Athabascan Ceremonial House that will be a permanent, year-round educational and community gathering facility. The completion of a Ceremonial House is integral to all of the Center's programs; from school program events to community potlucks, the development of a ceremonial site enhances our ability to serve students and the larger, statewide community. Vital to the completion of the site is the installation of water and sewer capabilities and additional parking spaces for this structure.

**Brief History of the Organization**

Alaska Native Heritage Center is a facility unique to Alaska and the nation, an education and cultural center featuring historic village sites and a series of programs focusing on Alaska Native cultures. The Center is open year-round, presenting Alaska Native heritage, culture and traditions to a broad local and international audience through participation, performances, art, oral tradition, historic artifacts and celebrations, supporting preservation of these cultures and the continuing transference of knowledge and traditions. As many as 150,000 individuals visit the Center every year, with summer programs oriented to Alaska's summer tourism season and international guests, while winter months focus on local programs and events planned around the academic year - school visits, weekend cultural educational and art classes, diversity workshops, professional development classes for educators, and a for-credit high school program. Centrally located in the Anchorage urban hub, the Heritage Center serves the greater Anchorage metropolitan area and the statewide Alaskan community, as well as being an international destination. Since opening in May 1999, the Heritage Center has hosted more than 1,000,000 visitors.



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