

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)

Grant Recipient: Anchorage Park Foundation

Federal Tax ID: 920155067

Project Title:

Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition

Anchorage Park Foundation - Cuddy Family Midtown Park Playground

State Funding Requested: \$75,000
One-Time Need

House District: Anchorage Areawide (17-32)

Brief Project Description:

The Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks & Recreation Department are working with local families to raise funds to create Alaska's first fully accessible playground.

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$400,000

	<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>
Local Funds	\$150,000	2007				
Other Funds					\$175,000	2011
Total	<u>\$150,000</u>				<u>\$175,000</u>	

Explanation of Other Funds:

The Municipality of Anchorage has funds on hand from the Cuddy Family to create a playground at Cuddy Family Midtown Park. The Parks for All committee is working to secure grant funding and private contributions to raise the remaining funds to construct the Playground for All.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

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The "Playground for All" will stimulate the imaginations of all kids with ramps to different play features, wheelchair-accessible transfer platforms and play features at ground level.

The APF and the Parks & Recreation Department are working together with families and local organizations to create a playground that meets the needs of Anchorage's diverse community and provides healthy, inclusive play and recreation opportunities for children and parents.

Project partners are currently raising funds and brainstorming design elements to integrate the new playground in the "glacial" theme outlined in the Cuddy Family Midtown Park Master Plan. This project also offers an important opportunity to connect the park and its visitors with the adjacent Loussac Library, already one of the major anchors of the neighborhood. Legislative funding will be combined with a variety of private funding to create a vibrant community destination.

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**\$75,000
Approved**

Project Timeline:

The Anchorage Park Foundation, Parks & Recreation Department and Parks for All committee plan to raise public & private funds in 2010 for summer 2011 construction of the playground at Cuddy Family Midtown Park.

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

Anchorage Parks & Recreation Department

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

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Challenge Alaska

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February 12, 2010

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State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Members of the Alaska State Legislature:

On behalf of Challenge Alaska, I would like to voice my support for the Anchorage Park Foundation's request for legislative funding for the construction of an accessible playground at Cuddy Family Midtown Park.

An inclusive playground will engage all kids with ramps to different play features, wheelchair-accessible transfer platforms and play features at ground level.

We are pleased to be involved in a brainstorming process in partnership with the APF and the Parks & Recreation Department to create a playground that meets the needs of Anchorage's diverse community.

Furthermore, Cuddy Family Midtown Park is an ideal location for this destination playground as it is centrally and conveniently located and offers a connection with Loussac Library, with additional play and education opportunities for youth.

We are honored to be a part of this partnership, and we look forward to working with the Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks & Recreation Department to seek private funds to match legislative contributions.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Edmands
Executive Director



February 12, 2010

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Stephen P. Lesko
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Members of the Alaska State Legislature:

On behalf of Hope Community Resources, I would like to voice my strong support for the Anchorage Park Foundation's request for legislative funding for the construction of an accessible playground at Cuddy Family Midtown Park.

Throughout the state of Alaska, there is no playground that engages children of all abilities in play opportunities that are integrative, exciting and inclusive. Not only do children need the opportunity to play with other kids without obstacle or interference, but there are parents with mobility difficulties who cannot share their children's play experience.

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We are honored to be a part of this partnership, and we look forward to working with the Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks & Recreation Department to seek private funds to enhance legislative contributions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ginger Jackson". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue circular graphic element.

Ginger Jackson, CFRE
Development Director
Hope Community Resources

Children's Physical Therapy Services

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February 9, 2010

Members of the Alaska State Legislature:

As a pediatric Physical Therapist in Anchorage for over 30 years, I have always been a strong advocate of having children who experience movement challenges be able to access recreational opportunities. Along with another friend in the 1980's, we founded Camp Caribou (funded by Easter Seals) which provided a week long overnight camp for children from the state of Alaska. Over the 8 intermittent years that I helped to organize and run the camp, it was amazing to see children from the ages of 8-18 enjoy camping, hiking, rafting and all other activities that children typically experience in a camp-type setting. These children (now adults) still contact us to thank us for opening up their worlds to recreational pursuits. On a daily basis, I still advocate for children being able to access not only camps, but parks within our community. During the summer months, my PT sessions are often held at a variety of parks, helping the kids learn how to access the equipment. Having been to other parks where they are accessible to all children, I am a strong advocate for the Anchorage Park Foundation's request for legislative funding in order for construction to begin for an accessible playground at Cuddy Family Midtown Park.

Everyone likes to play! Recreational parks offer the opportunity for children and families to enjoy one another and be with other families. At this time there is no park in Anchorage that provides this "play" opportunity for children who experience movement challenges or mobility differences in how they explore their surroundings. Having experienced inclusive playgrounds in other states, I have found that the ramps allow accessibility to the different pieces of equipment for play and the wheelchair transfer platforms provide space for more independent mobility options.

There is a very active group in Anchorage of parents who have children that want to go to parks to play, but are unable to have this experience as there is no park accessible to them. They have been collaborating with APF and the Parks and Recreation department to create an inclusive playground so that all children can play together.

Finding the location of Cuddy Family Midtown Park is a perfect location for this model playground. It is located centrally within the community of Anchorage and already has a wonderful trail system set up that is wheelchair accessible.

Being connected to this group of parents and their partnership with the mentioned agencies has been a joy to watch evolve and come to fruition. I look forward to having the legislation approve funding so the private funds can be procured as well.

Thank you for allowing all children of Anchorage and Alaska to have this opportunity to play!!

Regards,

Mary Pomeroy, PT



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February 12, 2010

Members of the Alaska State Legislature:

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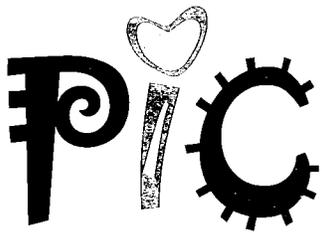
We are honored to be a part of this partnership, and we look forward to working with the Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks & Recreation Department to seek private funds to match legislative contributions.

Sincerely,



Roger Aldrich

Co-Managing Member



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February 9, 2010

Members of the Alaska State Legislature:

On behalf of Programs for Infants and Children, Inc., we would like to voice our strong support for the Anchorage Park Foundation's request for legislative funding for the construction of an accessible playground at Cuddy Family Midtown Park. At Programs for Infants and Children (PIC), we provide early intervention services for children in the Anchorage area experiencing developmental delays or disabilities and their families.

Providing early intervention services in a child's natural environment is essential to our program, which is why this project is so important to us. Natural environments for children of this age group extend beyond their home to places in our community where they can spend time with their peers. Throughout the state of Alaska, there is no playground that engages children of all abilities in play opportunities that are integrative, exciting and inclusive. Not only do children need the opportunity to play with other kids without obstacle or interference, but there are parents with mobility difficulties who cannot share their children's play experience.

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Sincerely,

Molly Hayes, MS.Ed., C.A.S.
Molly Hayes, Early Intervention Developmental Specialist

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Anchorage Park Foundation

The Anchorage Park Foundation strives to build Healthy Parks & Healthy People by mobilizing public support and financial resources for Anchorage parks, trails, and recreation opportunities. Do you have a vision for parks, trails, open spaces and recreation in Anchorage? Consider the Anchorage Park Foundation your opportunity to fund community projects through public-private partnerships.

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Parks & Recreation

Anchorage has 10,946 acres of municipal parkland, 223 parks, and over 250 miles of trails and greenbelts that link neighborhoods with surrounding natural open space and wildlife habitat. These are considerable assets for the citizens of Anchorage to enjoy and maintain.

Parks & Recreation launched the Clean & Green, Safe & Secure Campaign with the Anchorage Park Foundation to upgrade the safety, function, and appearance of Anchorage parks. To get involved, call 274-1004.



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CONCEPT 1: River



CONCEPT 3: Braid



CONCEPT 2: Wishbone



These three drawings represent potential concepts for the Playground for All at Cuddy Family Midtown Park.

Project Cost Estimate

Project Budget	Cost
1. Playground	\$350,000
2. Community Involvement & Design	\$50,000
Total	\$400,000

2010 Request	
State	\$75,000
Municipal Funding (contribution from the Cuddy Family)	\$150,000
Anchorage Park Foundation (private contributions & grants)	\$175,000
Total	\$400,000

Legend



Playground for All