

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

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

**Grant Recipient: Anchorage Park Foundation**

**Federal Tax ID: 92-0155067**

**Project Title:**

**Project Type:** Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

# Anchorage Park Foundation - Al Miller Park Safety and Maintenance Project

**State Funding Requested: \$10,000**

**House District: 23 / L**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

The Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks & Recreation Department are working together to make community-identified upgrades and improvements in Al Miller Park in Government Hill.

**Funding Plan:**

**Total Cost of Project: \$52,000**

	<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	\$9,000	2007				
Other Funds	\$33,000	2007				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$42,000</b>					

*Explanation of Other Funds:*

The Anchorage Park Foundation is the proud recipient of a 5 year grant from the Rasmuson Foundation to rehabilitate Anchorage neighborhood parks. The APF plans to invest \$33,000 in improvements to Al Miller Park in summer 2010, to be matched by volunteer contributions.

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks & Recreation Department are working together to address the necessary repairs and upgrades in neighborhood parks throughout the city, using the Anchorage Parks Report Card to identify priority repairs. More than 1,000 community volunteers evaluated 53 neighborhood parks based on cleanliness, safety, structure, appearance, and function.

We're working hard with community park committees comprising Community Council members, user groups and park neighbors to prioritize the Fix-It lists, build volunteer support and plan this summer's work. Participants at Al Miller Park were extremely dissatisfied with the playground equipment, which was described as "old", "awful" and "dangerous". Community members would like to see the playground equipment removed altogether, as neighborhood children use the play equipment at other parks nearby. Furthermore, volunteers identified inadequate attention to the green spaces and insufficient seating areas and trash cans.

This summer, we plan to scrape together public and private funding with volunteer efforts to make a difference in the Government Hill community. Please join us.

*For use by Co-chair Staff Only:*

\$10,000  
Approved

5:12 PM 5/4/2010

**Project Timeline:**

The Al Miller Park Safety and Maintenance project and related expenditures will take place between June - September 2010. A minimum level of improvements can be made with existing Anchorage Park Foundation and Parks & Recreation Department funding. Additional legislative funding will enable more thorough rehabilitation of Al Miller 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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Alaska Legislature  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

February 26, 2010

Members of the Alaska State Legislature:

On behalf of the Anchorage Park Foundation, I would like to voice my strong support for the request for legislative funding for the rehabilitation and renovation of **Al Miller Park**.

Neighborhood parks provide close-to-home recreation opportunities for Anchorage residents, including areas for children to play, families to picnic and for neighbors to meet. Anchorage neighborhood parks are a gateway to our Big Wild Life, giving our neighborhoods a sense of identity and introducing our children to healthy outdoor recreation. The Anchorage Park Foundation is investing in neighborhood parks to ensure that they provide safe, healthy and secure places for families and children.

The Anchorage Park Foundation is the proud recipient of a five-year grant from the Rasmuson Foundation to rehabilitate Anchorage parks. We are using that grant to leverage public and private contributions and volunteer support to attack the Fix-Its in Anchorage neighborhood parks.

In the fall of 2008, the Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks & Recreation Department implemented the Anchorage Parks Report Card project, in which community volunteers evaluated 53 neighborhood parks and created comprehensive "Fix It Lists" for repairs and improvements. In summer 2009, the Anchorage Park Foundation partnered with the Parks & Recreation Department to engage volunteers and a variety of funding sources to rehabilitate 14 neighborhood parks. We are eagerly seeking funds for 2010 and 2011 improvements to parks in your districts, including this request for \$10,000 for Al Miller Park in Government Hill.

Planned improvements include add new signs, dog stations and trash containers; creating a new patio area with a seating wall and benches; removing the old, hazardous play equipment; repairing the pathway with new gravel; and cleaning out dead plants and pruning trees with volunteer labor.

In summer 2009, the APF and Parks & Recreation Department engaged hundreds of volunteers in contributing more than 5,000 hours of their time and energy to revitalizing neighborhood parks. We plan to achieve equal or greater volunteer involvement in our projects over the next two years, and we look forward to inviting you to join us to revitalize your neighborhood park.

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,

Beth Nordlund  
Executive Director

**Victor Mollozzi • Jeff Clarke • David Wight • Eleanor Andrews  
Janie Leask • Stewart Osgood • Ernie Hall • Matt Carle**

# ANCHORAGE PARK FOUNDATION

Since 2004, the Anchorage Park Foundation has invested more than \$13 million in Anchorage parks, trails and recreation programs. Join us this summer to revitalize neighborhood parks in your district.

## VOLUNTEER



## IMPROVE PARKS



## BUILD A STRONGER ANCHORAGE



Spring 2010



# Anchorage Park Foundation

## Al Miller Park

### Park Report Card Grade: F

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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.

Visit us at:  
[www.AnchorageParkFoundation.org](http://www.AnchorageParkFoundation.org)

## 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.

## Making a Difference in Government Hill



Contribution Form

### Anchorage Park Foundation

Yes! I would like to support the Anchorage Park Foundation. Enclosed is my contribution of:

\$10,000 and up Park Philanthropists  \$5,000 - \$9,999 Great Parks Investors

\$1,000 - \$4,999 Stewards

I/We would like to make a contribution for a specific project \_\_\_\_\_

Please list my/our name(s) in the annual report as follows:  Check here for anonymous listing

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home PH: \_\_\_\_\_ Work PH: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Method of Payment:

My check is enclosed \*Please make payable to:

Alaska Community Foundation  
Anchorage Park Foundation  
400 L Street, Suite 100  
Anchorage, AK 99501

Please charge my credit card:  Visa  MC

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Name on card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: X \_\_\_\_\_

Contributions to the Anchorage Park Foundation are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. The Anchorage Park Foundation is part of the Alaska Community Foundation, Federal Tax ID #92-0155067

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# Project Cost Estimate

## Al Miller Park Fix It List

1. Add new signs, including the friendly park rules sign
2. Add new dog station
3. Add new trash container
4. Create new patio area with seating wall and benches
5. Remove old play equipment
6. Clean out dead plants & prune trees with volunteer labor
7. Repair and restore pathway with new gravel



Project Budget	Cost
1. New park signs	\$5,000
2. New entrance kiosk	\$2,000
3. Dog stations	\$200
4. Trash containers	\$2,800
5. Benches	\$5,200
6. Trail improvements	\$10,000
7. Plaza & seating wall construction	\$26,800
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$52,000</b>
<b>2010 Request</b>	
Anchorage Park Foundation	\$33,000
Municipal Bond Funding	\$9,000
State Request	\$10,000
<b>Total Project Budget</b>	<b>\$52,000</b>



## Legend



# Al Miller Park