

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Alaska Legal Services Corporation****Federal Tax ID: 92-0034754****Project Title:****Project Type: Other**

# Alaska Legal Services Corporation - Civil Legal Services

**State Funding Requested: \$97,430****House District: Statewide (1-40)**

Future Funding May Be Requested

**Brief Project Description:**

Alaska Legal Services Corporation requests that capital funds be placed in the Civil Legal Services Fund, established under AS 37.05.590, so that those funds can be dispersed in FY12 so as to provide free civil legal services to low-income Alaskans.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$97,430
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$97,430)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:*

*The Civil Legal Services Fund was created in 2007. To date no funds have been appropriated into or out of the fund.*

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

AS 37.05.590, the Civil Legal Services Fund, was created by statute in 2007 with widespread bipartisan support to help ensure civil legal representation for Alaska's most needy population. The statute allows the legislature to appropriate into the fund 50% of the State's share of civil punitive damage awards. The Legislature is then authorized to appropriate these funds to organizations providing civil legal services to low-income Alaskans, like Alaska Legal Services Corporation. Since 2007, even though over \$97,000 was available to be appropriated into and out of the fund, none of the funds have yet been appropriated.

This request asks that \$97,430 be appropriated into the fund and then that same amount appropriated to Alaska Legal Services Corp., the only statewide provider of free comprehensive civil legal services to low-income Alaskans, for FY12. If ALSC receives the \$97,430 appropriation it will be used to provide free civil legal representation to low-income Alaskans statewide.

**Project Timeline:**

If appropriated ALSC would expend the requested funds during FY12.

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

n/a

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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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