Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)

Grant Recipient: Anchorage Park Foundation **Federal Tax ID:** 412205907

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

Anchorage Park Foundation - Campbell Park Play Equipment and Safety Surfacing

State Funding Requested: $200,000 **House District:** Anchorage Areawide (16-32)
One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Replace aging play equipment and safety surfacing.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	$254,000
Funding Already Secured:	($54,000)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	($200,000)
Project Deficit:	$0

Funding Details:

2011 APF removed unused tennis courts and made substantial structural repairs to the boardwalk, investing $54,000 in the park improvements. Neighbors compiled a list of priority fix-its, and the Anchorage Park Foundation considers new and safe play equipment and surfacing Phase II of this neighborhood project.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Campbell Park is a well-loved park along the Campbell Creek, but neighbors report unsafe activities there at night, as well as the evidence of drug and alcohol use. Neighbors have formed a Take Back Our Park Committee whose first priority is safe play equipment for the park.

In 2011 APF responded to community concerns about unsafe use of the boardwalk and tennis courts. This first phase of renovation is complete.

This legislative request is for Phase II park improvements, and would be for playground replacement and new play surface materials.

The Take Back Our Park resolution of support is attached to this request.

Project Timeline:

Summer 2013

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

Municipality of Anchorage

Contact Name: Amory Lelake
Contact Number: 465.3704

For use by Co-chair Staff Only:

$200,000 Approved

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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? [X] Yes [ ] No

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WHEREAS, established in 2008, TBOP (Take Back Our Park) is a committee in Anchorage's Central Parks District which meets on pre-planned third Mondays of several months; and

WHEREAS, Committee members include residents in the Campbell Park area adjacent to Tudor Road, representatives from the Police Department, Parks and Recreation, Community Councils, Anchorage Rescue Mission, ARBRA, and others; and

WHEREAS, the mission of TBOP encourages Campbell Creek Park area residents and businesses to join the "Take Back Our Park" (TBOP) community group creating workable plans, joining efforts, and taking action to provide safe, clean and enjoyable park conditions; and

WHEREAS, TBOP participants have identified and discussed the need for replacing the existing play equipment (suitable for 2-5 year olds including ADA requirements) in Campbell Park because currently it is beyond a "useful life";and

WHEREAS, Committee members have, in the past, requested assistance from other sources to help fund new play equipment but this effort has been unsuccessful;

NOW, THEREFORE, TBOP participants fully support and request that the Alaska State Legislature approve the $200,000 Capital Budget request to replace the playground equipment for Campbell Creek Park to be managed by the Anchorage Park Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,

On behalf of Take Back Our Park (TBOP) Committee Members

Anchorage Park Foundation

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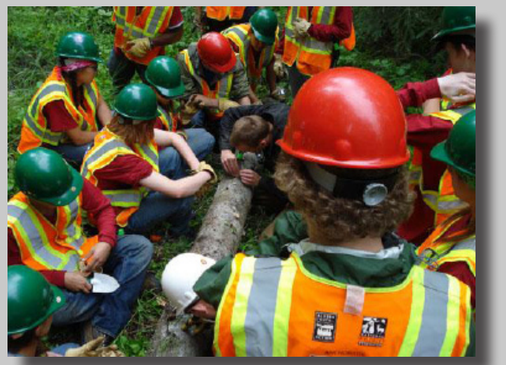
And Build a Stronger Anchorage



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Legislative District 24L

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Anchorage has 10,946 acres of municipal parkland, 223 parks, and over 250 miles of trails and greenbelts linking neighborhoods with natural spaces.

The Anchorage Park Foundation partners with the Parks & Recreation Department to promote Healthy Parks and Healthy People in the Anchorage community. Together, we revitalize the safety, function, and appearance of Anchorage parks and the neighborhoods that surround them.

The Anchorage Park Foundation mobilizes 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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Healthy Parks Healthy People

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Campbell Park, Equipment Safety Upgrades

Park Report Card Grade: D-

The Anchorage Park Foundation and the Municipality of Anchorage Parks & Recreation Department are working together to address need for "fix-its" in small under-served neighborhood parks.

The **Anchorage Parks Report Card** creates a comprehensive picture of the condition of our neighborhood parks, reflecting the Anchorage community's opinions, preferences and ideas. In Fall 2011, Anchorage community volunteers evaluated 51 neighborhood parks based on 6 different settings. Parks were surveyed based on cleanliness, safety, structure, appearance, and function. Anchorage Parks and Recreation staff will use this information to strategically employ its funding and volunteer resources to better meet the needs of the Anchorage community.

In the summers of 2009-2011, the Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks & Recreation Department mobilized thousands of parks volunteers to revitalize neighborhood parks by completing community-identified fix-its. This winter, the Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks & Recreation Department are partnering with Community Councils, park user groups and park neighbors to plan the 2012 and 2013 neighborhood park fix-its.

In 2011, Campbell Park recieved a D- on its Report Card. Concerned neighbors including the Campbell Take Back Our Parks (TBOP) Committee reported **unsafe** activities occurring in Campbell Park, as well as evidence of drugs and alcohol left each night. Community members noted that clearing low limbs and brush from green areas would improve visibility, creating a safer park environment. Other concerns they want to see addressed include unsafe and jagged play surfaces, vandalism, and inadequate play equipment for community use.

In the Summer of 2013, the Anchorage Park Foundation and Parks & Recreation Department will work with parks volunteers to complete neighborhood park fix-its in Campbell Park. We invite the Alaska State Legislature to join us in investing in the future of Campbell Park and the Central community. **The Anchorage Park Foundation will match legislative investment in neighborhood park fix-its with volunteer involvement and generous support from the Rasmuson Foundation's Anchorage Parks Initiative.**

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Campbell Creek Park Fix It List

- Repair or replace jagged and unsafe play equipment
- Create a more welcoming and attractive entrance area with new signs
- Add dog stations and trash containers throughout the park
- Upgrade the lawns to create welcoming play areas for children
- Add picnic tables and inviting new plaza to create a new

Campbell Park Safety Upgrades

Project Cost Estimate

Project Budget	Cost
Phase I (Completed Summer 2011)	
Structural Safety Repairs	$54,000
Phase II: (FY2013)	
Site Work	$25,000
New Safety Surfacing	$75,000
New Play Equipment	$100,000
Total	**$254,000**

2012 Request

Phase I: Funding Spent	**$54,000**
State Funding Request	**$200,000**
Total Project Budget	$254,000

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Parks and Recreation Department

Phone: 907-343-4562

Mayor Dan Sullivan

January 31, 2012

Alaska State Legislature-

The Municipality of Anchorage Parks & Recreation Department, the Assembly, and the Mayor have pledged their support for the projects listed below. While you will find these projects listed in the Municipality of Anchorage 2012 State Legislative Program Booklet, please note the Anchorage Park Foundation is requesting the funds and will be the primary grant recipient.

The Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department works closely with the Anchorage Park Foundation in our efforts to improve and maintain our park assets with volunteers, private and public funding.

As an Ex-Officio Board Member to the Anchorage Park Foundation, I am informed about all policies and programs. I support each project listed, and urge your continued support sustaining the world class recreation opportunities in Anchorage.

Sincerely,

John Rodda, Parks and Recreation Director

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS 2012 LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS

These Neighborhood Parks have been identified for repair rehabilitation by neighbors during the 2011 Parks Report Card process. APF plans to work with individual legislators and their constituents to acquire private and public funding and volunteer support for these fix-its.

- Scenic Park, Muldoon Neighborhood Park Repair and Youth Employment in Parks Trail Work TPS, 57897
  APF Ask: $83,000
- Storck Park, Rabbit Creek/Bear Valley Neighborhood Park Renovation TPS 57898
  APF Ask: $200,000
- Forsythe Park, O'Malley TPS 57989
  APF Ask: $180,000
- Arctic Benson Park, East Spenard Park Safety Upgrades TPS 57991
  APF Ask: $83,000
- Kiwanis Fish Creek Park, Spenard TPS 57993
  APF Ask: $160,000
- Campbell Park, Replace Aging Playground Equipment, TPS 57821
  APF Ask: $200,000
- Fairbanks Park, Replace Unsafe Toddler Playground Equipment, Fairview TPS 57884
  APF Ask: $50,000
- Fairview Lions Park, Replace Aging Playground Equipment, Fairview TPS 57885
  APF Ask: $200,000

ANCHORAGE PARKS & TRAILS 2012 LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS

- Davis Park Athletic Field Upgrades with Polar Little League, Mountain View TPS 56090
  APF Ask: $500,000
- Elderberry Park Rehabilitation & Safety Upgrades, Downtown TPS 57899
  APF Ask: $300,000
- NE Anchorage Skate Park, TPS 57997
  APF Ask: $250,000
- Rovers Run Trail Reroute, Far North Bicentennial Park TPS 57975
  APF Ask: $75,000
- Ruth Arcand Park, Equestrian Trail Rehabilitation with Youth Employment in Parks TPS 57996
  APF Ask: $25,000
- Coastal Trail Surface and Safety Improvements, TPS 57896
  APF Ask: $1,000,000
- Mulchahy Rinks Reconstruction at Chester Creek Sports Complex, TPS 55319
  APF Ask: $250,000
- Downtown Streetscapes, TPS 55368
  APF Ask $310,000
- Campbell Creek Estuary, Build Trail and Trailhead for Public Access with Youth Employment in Parks TPS 56998
  APF Ask: $200,000

ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST FOR PLAYGROUND PROJECT

The North Russian Jack Springs Park project was not identified for a legislative proposal until after the Assembly voted on their 2012 State Legislative Program. This project has had ample community involvement, and Phase I of construction is planned for 2012. The APF requests $300,000 to complete the project as an iconic Anchorage play area.

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