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 - Fairview Lions Park Play Equipment

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

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Replace aging play equipment in Fairview Lions Park.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	$264,000
Funding Already Secured:	($64,000)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	($200,000)
Project Deficit:	$0

Funding Details:

In 2011 APF paved a parking lot,installed new benches, trashcans, and signs, investing $64,000 in this beloved park's renovation. This funding request is for a Phase II to replace the aging play equipment.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Fairview Lions Park is a large greenspace near high density housing and busy streets in Fairview. Walking distance to the Fairview Recreation Center, this park has a large playfield and a well-loved community garden. The play equipment here has outlived its useful life, and is now more a park hazard than a community asset.

In 2007 community volunteers revitalized Fairview Lions Park and installed a plaza and the community garden during the Fairview Day of Caring.

In 2011 APF made repairs to the park that had been identified in the 2006 Parks Report Card process by neighbors. The muddy area that pedestrians had to walk through to enter the park was paved, and the entryway clearly marked. The benches and trashcans were replaced.

APF requests funding for a Phase II of this park improvement to completely replace the aging play equipment (and play surface) for all ages. Neighborhood support is attached to this request.

Project Timeline:

Sumer 2013

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

Municipality of Anchorage

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$200,000 Approved

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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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57885

Legislative District 23L

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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.

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Fairview Lions Park Safety Upgrades

Park Report Card Grade: D-

The Anchorage Park Foundation (APF) and the Municipality of Anchorage Parks & Recreation Department (APRD) 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. APRD staff will use this information to strategically employ its funding and volunteer resources to better meet the needs of the Anchorage community.

In Summers 2009-2011, APF and APRD mobilized thousands of parks volunteers to revitalize neighborhood parks by completing community-identified fix-its. This winter, APF and APRD are partnering with Community Councils, park user groups and park neighbors to plan the 2012 and 2013 neighborhood park fix-its.

Fairview Lions Park is a large greenspace near high density housing and busy streets in Fairview. Walking distance to the Fairview Recreation Center, this park has a large playfield and a well-loved community garden. However, the play equipment is now more of a community hazard than a community asset. **In 2011, Fairview Lions Park recieved a D- on its Report Card.** Community members reported feeling like Fairview Lions Park has great potential to attract both locals and visitors alike, but that it needs new and safer playground equipment that attracts people from all over the city and brings them to Fairview. The Fairview Community Council is very passionate about continuing to work to revitalize Fairview Lions Park.

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 Fairview Lions Park. We invite the Alaska State Legislature to join us in investing in the future of Fairview Lions Park and the Northwest 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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Fairview Lions Park Fix It List

- Create a path from plaza to community gardens and install fence around the gardens
- Add dog stations and trash containers throughout the park to improve cleanliness
- Upgrade the lawns to create welcoming play areas
- Install new creative play equipment, turning the park into a destination playground for children across the city

Fairview Lions Park Safety Upgrades

Project Cost Estimate

Project Budget	Cost
Phase I: (Completed Summer 2011) Parking Lot Renovation, Benches, Trash Cans, & New Signage	$64,000
Phase II: (FY2013) Site Work	$25,000
Safety Surfacing	$75,000
New Play Equipment	$100,000
TOTAL	**$264,000**

2012 Request	
Funding Spent	$64,000
State Funding Request	$200,000
Total Project Budget	**$264,000**

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

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

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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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