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:** Maintenance and Repairs

Anchorage Park Foundation - Coastal Trail - Surface and Safety Improvements

State Funding Requested: $1,000,000 **House District:** Anchorage Areawide (16-32)
One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Resurface pavement due to numerous cracks from root damage; repair fencing and retention walls; repaint center line; repair signs

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	$1,130,000
Funding Already Secured:	($130,000)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	($1,000,000)
Project Deficit:	$0

Funding Details:

The municipality has $100,000 in operating funds to apply to this project, and the Anchorage Park Foundation has $30,000 of Rasmuson Foundation funding in-hand. This project is also on the April 3 bond package for the Municipality of Anchorage.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Tony Knowles Coastal trail was constructed during the 1980's and is one of Anchorage's most important community assets.

The trail starts in downtown Anchorage at the end of 2nd avenue, and continues for 11 miles along the Knik Arm coastline through some of Anchorage's most scenic parks, ending at Kincaid Park. The trail provides a unique opportunity to enjoy hiking, biking, skiing, in-line skating and other recreational activities within one of the most scenic areas of the Anchorage bow.

During the past 25 years, the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail has weathered the harsh seasonal conditions associated with the coastal location, and many areas have deteriorated enough to warrant significant repair. In summer of 2011 the parks department resurfaced one mile of trail near Pt. Woronzoff successfully. This is the start of a multi-year plan to repair sections of trail and protect the crown jewel of the Anchorage trail system.

Parks and Recreation utilized Trail Watch volunteers to create a comprehensive picture of the condition of the trail in 2011. The trail was surveyed based on five trail features including trail heads, amenities, surface, shoulder, vegetation and bridges and tunnels. Department staff will use this information to rank the areas of trail for rehabilitation.

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Contact Number: 465-5265

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$1,000,000
Approved

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Project Timeline:

Summer 2012 & Summer 2013.

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

Municipality of Anchorage

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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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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Tony Knowles Coastal Trail

The Tony Knowles Coastal trail was constructed during the 1980's and is one of Anchorage's most important assets enjoyed by both residents and visitors alike.

The trail starts in downtown Anchorage at the end of 2nd avenue and continues for 11 miles along the Knik Arm coastline through some Anchorage's most scenic parks to its final destination at Kincaid park. The trail provides a unique opportunity to enjoy, hiking, biking, skiing, in-line skating and other recreational activities within one of the most scenic areas in the Anchorage bowl.

During the past 25 years the trail has weathered the harsh seasonal conditions associated with the coastal location and many areas have deteriorated enough to warrant significant repair. This deterioration has lead to the successful rehabilitation of one mile of trail during the summer of 2011. This is the start of a multi-year plan to repair sections of trail to protect this jewel of the Anchorage Park System.

The Anchorage trail system includes over 134 miles of paved trails / sidewalks and some 160 miles of non paved trails that spread through the city's urban center, wrap around coastline neighborhoods and stretch into the foothills of nearby Chugach State Park. Anchorage residents consistently rank the award winning trail system as the city's number one recreational asset.

Trail Watch taps into our community passion for trails by recruiting trail users to help promote safety and prevent crime. Volunteers receive safety training, agree to carry cell phones reporting suspicious activity, post incident reports on the Trail Watch website and wear distinctive arm bands. Through this highly visible presence, crime is discouraged and residents feel safer as they use the trails to run, ski, walk their dogs, ride their horses, bike or commute to work.

Parks and Recreation utilized Trail Watch volunteers to create a comprehensive picture of the condition of the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail. Trails were surveyed based on five trail features including trail heads, amenities, surface, shoulder, vegetation and bridges & tunnels . Anchorage Parks and Recreation staff will use this information to rank the areas of trail for rehabilitation.

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Tony Knowles Coastal Trail
Fix It List Priorities

- Resurface pavement due to numerous cracks from root damage throughout the evaluated section
- Cut back vegetation to improve sight lines
- Repair fencing and retention walls associated with trail section
- Re-paint yellow center line
- Repair / Re-paint signage
- Repair damage to benches

Tony Knowles Coastal Trail

Project Cost Estimate

Project Budget	Cost
Public Involvement	$30,000
Design and Engineering	$100,000
Construction	$1,000,000
TOTAL	**$1,130,000**

2012 Request

Anchorage Park Foundation Funding	$30,000
MOA Operating	$100,000
State Funding Request	$1,000,000
Total Project Budget	**$1,130,000**

Turnagain Community Council Ranking Recommendations for the Municipality of Anchorage's 2012 Capital Projects Needs List — ANCHORAGE PARKS & RECREATION Approved at TCC meeting June 2, 2011

1. **Lyn Ary Park Property Acquisition (ADDITION TO LIST)** — Funding for acquisition of privately owned property at the northern end of Lyn Ary Park at the north end of ball field and where a portion of the Coastal Trail is located (parcel #99999999999). Parcel is currently owned by the Marston Foundation. This acquisition is identified in the Lyn Ary Park Master Plan, which was approved in 2010.

2. **Coastal Trail Buffer/Greenbelt Acquisition (ADDITION TO LIST)** — Funding for acquisition of undeveloped land and conservation easements on non-municipal properties west of Lyn Ary Park to Earthquake Park for protected Coastal Trail greenbelt designation. Because the city has constructed road access to this land, it is a high priority that the city identify and acquire any available land before it is cleared and developed for housing.

3. **Tony Knowles Coastal Trail Rehabilitation (ADDITION TO LIST) —** Rehabilitate, through bio-engineering improvements, to address erosion/drainage and deterioration along the trail.

4. **Lyn Ary Park (ADDITION TO LIST)** — Leverage 2006 and 2008 State Legislative Grants. Projects that are contained in the Lyn Ary Park Master Plan include: safety upgrades to trails, parking, site furniture (benches, litter bins, picnic tables), playground equipment and installation of dog refuse stations. Additional improvements called for in the Plan include: interpretation signage and park gateways, pathway upgrades, additional playground equipment, and bleacher and bench improvements.

5. **Earthquake Park (ADDITION TO LIST)** — Install low-level parking lot lighting and security cameras. Upgrade landscaping.

6. **Tony Knowles Coastal Trail to Fish Creek Trail Connection (ADDITION TO LIST)** — TCC supports this project, but emphasizes that any design should be sensitive to property owner impacts as well as impacts to creek and adjacent riparian habitat.

7. **Margaret Sullivan Park (Westchester Lagoon) (ADDITION TO LIST)** — Projects include a children's play area, safety upgrades to the Trail Watch Headquarters, trail safety improvements, parking, lighting and winter access improvements. TCC supports these projects, but desires no/minimal vegetation removal to ensure the aesthetic/habitat quality of the park are preserved.

8. **Pt. Woronzof Park (ADDITION TO LIST)** — Park signage along the Coastal Trail and Pt. Woronzof Road identifying park boundaries, so the public knows it is parkland, not airport land. If this can be done through other means than the CIP process, please inform TCC how this can be accomplished.

9. **Lloyd Steel/Balto Seppala Parks (ADDITION TO LIST)** — Design and construction of a multi-use trail that would surround and connect both parks using the board walk that was constructed in 2010, as per the TCC-approved conceptual Master Plan for the parks

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

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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