

Alaska State Library, Archives and Museum Facility**FY2013 Request: \$20,000,000**
Reference No: 52483**AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Construction**Category:** Education**Location:** Statewide**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Impact House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact:** Linda Thibodeau**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2012 - 06/30/2017**Contact Phone:** (907)465-2911**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This request is for partial funding to continue with the development of the Alaska State Library, Archives and Museum combined facility. The construction of a new state facility will combine the Alaska State Library, Alaska State Museum and the Alaska State Archives into one locality; thereby, creating one facility for the Alaska State Library, Archives and Museum.

Funding:	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	Total
Gen Fund	\$20,000,000	\$37,251,000	\$37,251,000				\$94,502,000
Total:	\$20,000,000	\$37,251,000	\$37,251,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$94,502,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required	<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill		

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

FY2003 - FY2012: \$33,950,000 has been appropriated for the SLAM project to date. This includes land acquisition, completion of a needs assessment, final design and construction documents, and outreach campaigns.

Ch5 FSSLA11 \$5.0 million; Ch43 SLA10 \$18.5 million G/O Bonds; Ch29 SLA09 \$7.5 million

Project Description/Justification:

The \$20 million in project funding under consideration represents another milestone in the process of combining the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums into a more dynamic and efficient service-oriented state agency.

Improvements within the new State Library, Archives and Museum facility will be maintained with existing staffing levels and will provide an estimated reduction of 10% - 15% to current operation and maintenance budgets.

The new, combined facility will accomplish the following:

- House the entire Library, Archives and Museum Division, as well as the bulk of offsite collections, currently in four different locations.
- The immediate savings will include the rent and utilities currently allocated for these spaces.

- The secondary savings will be realized in the use of energy-efficiency design methodology for the new structure. In gross terms, the new building will:
 1. Triple the museum and archive collection storage,
 2. Double the exhibition area for the museum,
 3. Provide two state-of-the-art conservation labs – the only such labs in Alaska; and,
 4. Consolidate division staff operations in one facility to better share common resources.

The history of the project began over 10 years ago with the purchase of the former Delta Western tank farm located behind the current Alaska State Museum. Funding for the project has been slow but steady as demonstrated by this short history:

FY2003	\$1.5 million	Land Acquisition and site development
FY2006	\$1.4 million	Pre-Planning
FY2009	\$7.5 million	Architectural Planning & Design
FY2011	\$18.5 million	GO Bonds / Construction obligation
FY2012	\$5.0 million	Construction obligation

The addition of the proposed \$20 million is in keeping with the methodology of the funding stream demonstrated by prior administrations. The fundamental rationale for waiting for full funding before substantive construction is a fiscal one. The department has defined the scope of the building to not only respond more effectively to the constituents served by the department, but to provide cost-savings to the overall operational and maintenance expenses.

To move forward with phased construction or reduced scope for the new facility will not provide the short- or long-term savings as projected with a completed project. In the case of phased construction, additional costs would be incurred from the design phase through final construction. Those costs include, but are not limited to, design fees, demobilization and mobilization costs for the contractors, continued support to each of the four locations now housing the three divisions, and the extended construction period and subsequent impact on staff and their responsiveness to constituency.

In efforts to avoid phased construction, additional project costs and delays, the department looks forward to working towards securing full construction funding for a successful, cost-effective project completion.

In addition to this \$20,000,000 request, the department will need approximately \$74,500,000 to complete the project.



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A RESOLUTION OF THE SITKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED ALASKA STATE LIBRARIES ARCHIVES AND MUSEUM (SLAM) BUILDING PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Sitka Historical Society and Museum preserves, protects and promotes Sitka's share of Alaska's history and in so doing works closely with the State Libraries Archives and Museum Department (SLAM);

WHEREAS, the board of the Sitka Historical Society understands the needs for the proposed combined State Library, Archives and Museum building project and supports the \$94.5 funding necessary to complete the building;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sitka Historical Society and Museum Inc. urges members of the Alaska Legislature to support and appropriate funding in the state capital budget to complete the State Libraries Archives and Museum project.

Passed and approved by a majority of the Board of Directors voting in a special meeting March 27, 1012

Approved: John Stein, President

Attest Robert Medinger Executive Director

Mission: To preserve and promote the events, stories and artifacts of the human history of the Sitka area for the inspiration, education and benefit of the public and future generations.



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Resolution

Statewide Library, Archives & Museum Project

Resolution 01-2011 - November 14, 2011

WHEREAS the Alaska State Historical Records Advisory Board recognizes that historical records are our priceless legacy, since collecting and preserving Alaska's documentary heritage is fundamental in understanding our past; and

WHEREAS the existing archives and museum buildings are obsolete, structurally deficient, and collection space is limited; and

WHEREAS these buildings lack efficient temperature and humidity controls for long-term preservation of state records, photographs, and museum artifacts, placing the collections at great risk; and

WHEREAS the acquisitions of the three facilities--the Library, Archives, & Museum--constitute a comprehensive and internationally recognized collection of Alaska history and culture; and

WHEREAS just a few of the priceless items preserved include: State Legislative & Territorial Court System records; Recorder's Office dockets, journals, and bound volumes; diaries of Alaska's pioneers; the original *State Constitution*, and artifacts of Natives and sourdoughs; and

WHEREAS all three facilities make loans to Alaska libraries, archives, and museums, and provide technical support and conservation services to statewide institutions and individuals; and

WHEREAS the new facility will greatly enhance the capability to provide these services, including web-based access, while providing essential protection and preservation of irreplaceable articles of Alaska's heritage; and

WHEREAS the *Statewide Library, Archives & Museum Project* has received \$32.4 million to date that funds final design and initial site preparation; and

WHEREAS a \$94.5 million appropriation will complete the project; and

WHEREAS the Alaska State Historical Records Advisory Board supports the funding necessary to complete the new combined Statewide Library, Archives & Museum;

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Alaska State Historical Records Advisory Board:

That on behalf of present and future generations of Alaskans members of the Twenty-Seventh Alaska Legislature are urged to support and appropriate funding in the Fiscal Year 2013 capital budget to complete this project; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this *Resolution* be transmitted to all sixty Alaska State legislators.

This resolution has the full and unanimous support of all voting ASHRAB members:

Peter Caffall-Davis, Hyder Archives, ASHRAB Chair-person Pro Tem, Hyder
Teresa Fahning, Government Records, City of Soldotna Clerk, Soldotna
Zach Jones, Native American Records, Sealaska Heritage Institute, Juneau
Gladi Kulp, Public/Historical, Juneau
Carol O'Malley, Public/Historical, Anchorage
Laura Samuelson, Director, Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum, Nome

Two ASHRAB members, Dean Dawson, State Archivist, ASHRAB Coordinator
And Judith Bittner, State Historical Preservation Officer, ASHRAB Deputy
Coordinator, were recused or abstained from voting due to potential conflicts
of interest.

Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Caffall-Davis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Peter" being more prominent.

Peter Caffall-Davis, ASHRAB Chair-person Pro Tem



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March 15, 2012

Mike Chenault, Speaker
Alaska House of Representatives
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Dear Representative Chenault:

We represent three statewide organizations of school, community, and special libraries, archives, museums, and historical societies, with a combined membership of over 800 individuals and over 100 institutions. We urge your consideration of full funding of the State Library, Archives and Museum building.

The new facility will replace a structurally failing archives building, a state library with insufficient space and dated technology, and a museum in desperate need of proper and secure exhibit and storage space. Alaska's territorial and state history and irreplaceable collections require a better facility to protect and share this priceless heritage for all generations of Alaskans.

The final design will be completed this spring. With full funding, construction can begin this summer. Of the remaining \$94.5 million required to construct the facility, Governor Parnell has placed \$20 million into his proposed capital budget. We urge you to consider increasing that amount by \$74.5 million to completely fund the project. Each year of delay in starting construction will increase the total cost significantly as construction and material costs go up.

As Alaska approaches its 150th anniversary in 2017, with full funding this year Alaska's new facility will be completed and ready to assist Alaskans and their libraries, archives, museums, schools, and historical societies prepare for and celebrate this special anniversary.

Thank you for your consideration and leadership.

Ross Coen, President
Alaska Historical Society

Normand Lagasse, President
Museums Alaska

Linda Wynne, President
Alaska Library Association

cc: Representatives Mia Costello, Mike Doogan, Bryce Edgmon, Les Gara, David Guttenberg, Mike Hawker, Reggie Joule, Mark Neuman, Tammie Wilson

Cook Inlet Historical Society

March 14, 2012

The Honorable Sean Parnell
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Alaska State Capitol, Third Floor
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Dear Governor Parnell:

The Cook Inlet Historical Society (CIHS) is the private non-profit historical society for the Anchorage area and, since its founding in 1955, has worked to foster discussion, research and publication of the history and ethnography of the Anchorage and Cook Inlet regions of Alaska, as well as of our state and its place in Alaska and the Circumpolar North.

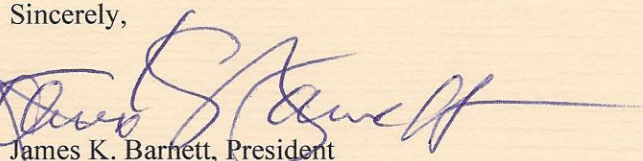
CIHS supports full capital funding in the amount of \$94.5 million to fund the complete construction of the Alaska State Library, Archives, and Museums building in Juneau. We are especially concerned about the reoccurring flooding and water problems in the present facilities. The present facilities for the State Library, Archives, and Museums in Juneau are decrepit and are structurally deficient. These buildings lack modern temperature and humidity controls for the long-term preservation of the state's permanent records, photographs, and museum artifacts. These materials are subject to light, temperature, and humidity conditions that compromise the collections over time. The collection storage areas for these permanent holdings are at capacity, and require off-site storage. It is important to correct these problems by moving these materials into the new, combined State Library, Archives, and Museums Building without any major delays.

Although the \$20 million in start-up funding in your FY 2013 Capital Budget is appreciated, we are in favor of full funding because it is likely to be more efficient and save millions on short and long-term building costs and current operation and maintenance budgets. According to the EED Capital Budget request (No. 52483), the additional costs incurred for phased/reduced scope construction, "include, but are not limited to, design fees, demolition and mobilization costs for the contractors, continual support to each of the four locations now housing the three divisions, and the extended and subsequent impact on staff and their responsiveness to constituency." There are also rising costs for materials and labor, added rent and utilities, and for off-site storage for 34,000 museum artifacts. Because the present Alaska State Museum Building is to be demolished, the construction period should be as short as possible (Summer 2012-Summer 2014) so it can reopen within a reasonable period.

We urge you to approve full funding (\$94.5 million) in the FY 2013 capital budget to complete this project. It is our understanding that the project has received \$34.4 million to date. In this time of increased state revenue, this building project should have high priority. The project began over a decade ago and needs to be completed without further delay.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,



James K. Barnett, President

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