

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Access Alaska, Inc.****Federal Tax ID: 92-09812****Project Title:****Project Type:** Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

Access Alaska, Inc. - Anchorage Neighborhood Health Clinic Facility Purchase and Renovation

State Funding Requested: \$3,250,000**House District:** Anchorage Areawide (16-32)

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Partial purchase and renovation of the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center building in order to convert the existing clinic to usable office space so that Access Alaska may better serve elder Alaskans and those with disabilities.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$4,450,922
Funding Already Secured:	(\$750,000)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	(\$3,250,000)
Project Deficit:	\$450,922

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Nonprofit organizations are the backbone of Alaska's human services and long term care system. Access Alaska has been at the forefront of this system since 1983. Like every business, these organizations depend on sensible cost control and predictable budgeting to effectively and efficiently provide services.

This project entails purchasing and renovating the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center (ANHC) building and accomplishes two objectives: Access Alaska operational/budgetary stability & efficiency and also repurposing an important Anchorage building -- the ANHC. The State of Alaska's capital investment will leverage Rasmuson foundation dollars and Access Alaska's own dollars to avoid the possibility of the old ANHC building falling into vacant disrepair. The renovation will convert the clinic to usable office space which will support Access Alaska for years to come.

Since 1983, Access Alaska has served people with disabilities and elder Alaskans to live safely and independently at home, rather than in expensive institutions. We do this by providing home accessibility modifications, training and counseling, pre-employment skills, advocacy and service coordination, durable medical equipment loan and family assistance. We work with Alaska's most vulnerable populations, each year serving well over 1,500 Alaskans who benefit by being more productive, safer and free from more expensive long-term care options such as nursing home placements.

Access Alaska has outgrown its current leased office space. As community needs have changed over the years, Access Alaska's programs have grown and changed with them, requiring flexibility in office and program space that is not always possible in leased office space. By purchasing suitable space that will support current and future facility needs, Access Alaska can control costs and more efficiently deliver services on behalf of the State of Alaska, saving scarce public dollars

while serving more people.

Access Alaska's project was approved by its board of directors in late 2010 as a part of the board's 50-year strategic vision and plans for space needs for the next 15 years. The project was accepted into the Rasmuson Foundation/Foraker Group's Pre-Development (Pre-D) program in 2011. The project has been thoroughly planned and vetted by the Pre-D program and is "shovel-ready."

Anchorage residents and Alaskans throughout Access Alaska's service area will benefit substantially from this capital project. With a leveraged mortgage, Access Alaska's monthly facility costs will be lower than current lease costs and more predictable from year to year. Savings in lease costs will be placed back into additional programs so we may serve more Alaskans. Alaska has the fastest growing population over the age of 65 in the nation -- Access Alaska is receiving more requests for services from this vulnerable population every year. This project will help us respond to those requests. Access Alaska's Anchorage office is the administrative hub for our 4-office organization. The office administers services to over 50 office employees and nearly 300 personal care assistants. Improving costs and efficiencies in the Anchorage office will have a ripple effect throughout the organization.

Access Alaska's programs require unique space; the durable medical equipment loan program is a prime example. This program refurbishes donated medical equipment which is then placed back in the community with people who need it. Conservative estimates reveal that this program saved Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance over \$300,000 last fiscal year alone. This program requires specialized space to store, repair and sanitize equipment. The Pre-D design for Access Alaska's capital project supports this program much more efficiently than current leased space, as well as allowing for planned growth over the next several years.

As another example, Access Alaska is at the forefront of providing services to the growing population of people with Acquired or Traumatic Brain Injury (ATBI), including military veterans. We were recently awarded a \$300,000 grant from the State Division of Senior and Disability Services in order to serve an additional 50 individuals with ATBI in Anchorage. This programming requires specialized space for peer support meetings, training & counseling, and meeting with staff. The renovated ANHC facility will serve this need far better than current lease space, well into the next several years, positioning Access Alaska to respond to the need most efficiently.

The importance of the ANHC building to the Fairview community cannot be underestimated. The building has served as a human services anchor to the neighborhood since it was built in 1980. Without significant capital investment, vision and energy to convert the clinic space to usable office space, it is highly likely this Anchorage landmark will fall into vacant disrepair. Access Alaska is prepared, with the help of the State of Alaska and the Rasmuson Foundation, to see this project to completion and repurpose this landmark building for another 30 years.

The project is broadly supported by Access Alaska customers, partners and volunteer board members.

As previously stated, the project entails the purchase of the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center (ANHC) and renovation construction to convert the clinic to usable office space, suited to Access Alaska's present and future operations. The total projected cost of the project, including building acquisition is \$4,450,922. Access Alaska is requesting \$500,000 from the Rasmuson foundation, plans to mortgage \$750,000, and is seeking a \$3,250,000 legislative capital appropriation for the remainder.

Rough Order of Magnitude Project Costs Analysis -- Phase I

Category: Cost: Total Cost:

Construction (Hard Costs) 14,580 SF

1 Base: Man-hours, material, labor and equipment

- 14,580 SF Entire Upper Level, Lower level except Dental

- Includes \$35,000 for Outbuilding rehabilitation * \$1,186,201.22

2 Contingency 20% \$237,240.24

3 Profit: 12% \$170,812.98

Subtotal: \$1,594,254.44 \$1,594,254.44

Project Soft Costs

Property Acquisition (Includes adjacent outbuilding & land) \$1,700,000.00

Estimated Design Costs @ 5% \$79,712.72

Project Management Costs @ 3% \$47,827.63

Other Direct Costs @ 3% ** \$47,827.63

Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment & Relocation @ approx. \$25/SF \$364,500.00

Contingency @ 12% \$191,310.53

Subtotal: \$2,431,178.52 \$2,431,178.52

Total of all costs for Phase I: \$4,025,432.96

* New garage door and demo to open up walls between units

** Building permit, special inspections, legal costs, etc.

Rough Order of Magnitude Project Costs Analysis -- Phase II

Category: Tenant Improvements Cost: Total Cost:

Construction (Hard Costs) 2,000 SF -- Existing Dental Lab area

1 Base: Manhours, material, labor and equipment

- 2,000 SF on West side of Lower Level \$193,848.24

2 General Conditions: 10.5% 20354.04

2 Contingency 20% \$38,769.65

3 Profit: 12% \$27,914.15

Subtotal: \$280,886.08 \$280,886.08

Project Soft Costs

Property Acquisition (Includes adjacent outbuilding & land) \$0.00

Estimated Design Costs @ 5% \$14,044.30

Project Management Costs @ 3% \$8,426.58

Other Direct Costs @ 3% * \$8,426.58

Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment & Relocation @ approx. \$40/SF ** \$80,000.00

Contingency @ 12% \$33,706.33

Subtotal: \$144,603.80 \$144,603.80

Total of all costs for Phase II: \$425,489.88

Total of all costs, Phase I & II \$4,450,922.84

* Building permit, special inspections, legal costs, etc.

** More Furnishings intensive area will require higher /SF cost than rest of building

Project Timeline:

The building purchase will be finalized using Access Alaska, Rasmuson Foundation and State of Alaska funds in early July, 2012. Expenditures will occur immediately thereafter. Construction will occur on October 1, 2012 and be completed by December 31, 2012.

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

Access Alaska, Inc.

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? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Access Alaska – Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center Building
Rough Order of Magnitude Project Costs Analysis – Phase I

Category:		Cost:	Total Cost:
Construction (Hard Costs) 14,580 SF			
1	Base: Manhours, material, labor and equipment		
	• 14,580 SF Entire Upper Level, Lower level except Dental		
	• Includes \$35,000 for Outbuilding rehabilitation *	\$1,186,201.22	
2	Contingency 20%	\$237,240.24	
3	Profit: 12%	\$170,812.98	
	Subtotal:	\$1,594,254.44	\$1,594,254.44
Project Soft Costs			
	Property Acquisition (Includes adjacent outbuilding & land)	\$1,700,000.00	
	Estimated Design Costs @ 5%	\$79,712.72	
	Project Management Costs @ 3%	\$47,827.63	
	Other Direct Costs @ 3% **	\$47,827.63	
	Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment & Relocation @ approx. \$25/SF	\$364,500.00	
	Contingency @ 12%	\$191,310.53	
	Subtotal:	\$2,431,178.52	\$2,431,178.52
	Total of all costs for Phase I:		\$4,025,432.96

* New garage door and demo to open up walls between units

** Building permit, special inspections, legal costs, etc.

Note: This cost estimate is assumes no costs for a Conditional Use Permit



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Access Alaska – Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center Building
Rough Order of Magnitude Project Costs Analysis – Phase II

Category: Tenant Improvements		Cost:	Total Cost:
Construction (Hard Costs) 2, 000 SF – Existing Dental Lab area			
1	Base: Manhours, material, labor and equipment		
	• 2,000 SF on West side of Lower Level	\$193,848.24	
2	General Conditions: 10.5%	20354.04	
2	Contingency 20%	\$38,769.65	
3	Profit: 12%	\$27,914.15	
	Subtotal:	\$280,886.08	\$280,886.08
Project Soft Costs			
	Property Acquisition (Includes adjacent outbuilding & land)	\$0.00	
	Estimated Design Costs @ 5%	\$14,044.30	
	Project Management Costs @ 3%	\$8,426.58	
	Other Direct Costs @ 3% *	\$8,426.58	
	Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment & Relocation @ approx. \$40/SF **	\$80,000.00	
	Contingency @ 12%	\$33,706.33	
	Subtotal:	\$144,603.80	\$144,603.80
	Total of all costs for Phase II:		\$425,489.88

* Building permit, special inspections, legal costs, etc.

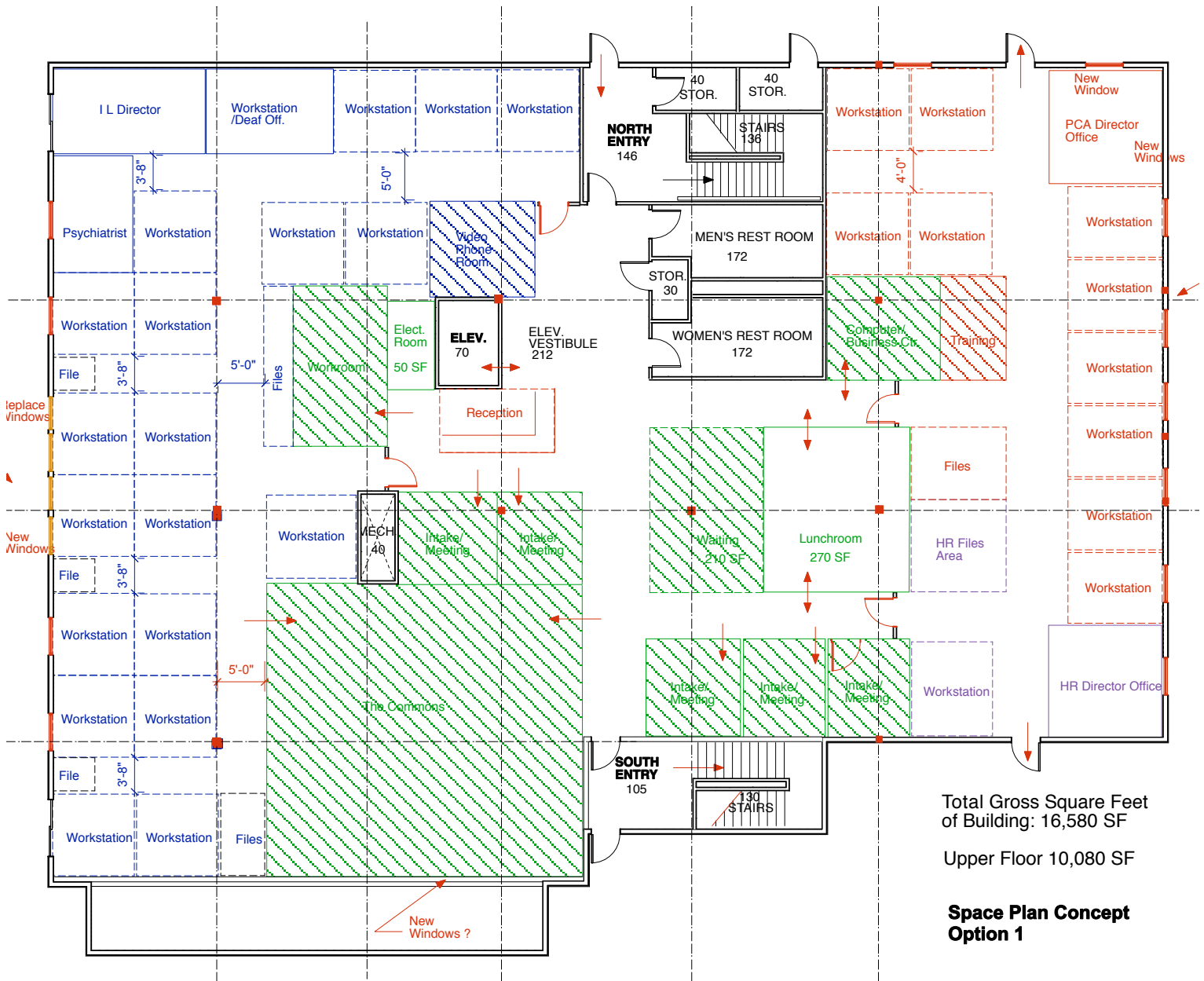
** More Furnishings intensive area will require higher /SF cost than rest of building

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Access Alaska – ANHC Building Concept Upper Level Space Allocation Diagram - Option 1



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Construction Cost Estimate

Access Alaska Fairview Clinic Renovations

Anchorage, Alaska

December 19, 2011

Cost Consultant

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Homer, Alaska 99603

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Client: Foraker Group
Owner: Access Alaska

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ELEMENTS OF CONSTRUCTION

Qty	Craft	Hours	Unit	Material	Labor	Equipment	Total
Division 1 General Requirements							
1.00--@	.0000	Ea		125,000.00	0.00		125,000.00
**Subtotal: 01 General Requirements							
		0.0		125,000.00	0.00	0.00	125,000.00
Division 2 Existing Conditions							
Demolition Equipment/carts/dollies							
1.00	x@.0000	ls		1,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Remove Walls -Drywall on two sides of wood or metal stud partition 100sf/CY Upper Level							
12000.00	x@336.0	SF		0.00	23,520.00	18,648.00	42,168.00
Remove Walls Drywall on two sides of wood or metal stud partition 100sf/CY Lower Level							
3400.00	x@95.20	SF		0.00	6,664.00	5,283.60	11,947.60
Remove Carpet and Flooring Upper level 270 sf/cy							
10000.00	x@80.00	SF		0.00	5,600.00	0.00	5,600.00
Remove Carpet and Flooring Lower Level 270 sf/cy							
4500.00	x@36.00	SF		0.00	2,520.00	0.00	2,520.00
Demolition Disposal and fees							
360.00	x@.0000	CY		9,720.00	0.00	0.00	9,720.00
Remove salvage doors w frames store& protect Upper Level							
60.00	x@120.0	Ea		0.00	8,400.00	0.00	8,400.00
Remove salvage doors w frames store& protect Lower Level							
19.00	x@38.00	Ea		0.00	2,660.00	0.00	2,660.00
Remove ACT leave grid Upper Level							
10000.00	x@100.0	SF		0.00	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00
Remove ACT leave grid Lower Level							
4500.00	x@45.00	SF		0.00	3,150.00	0.00	3,150.00
Remove existing Cabinets, etc Upper Level							
210.00	x@63.00	LF		0.00	4,410.00	0.00	4,410.00
**Subtotal: 02 Existing Conditions							
		913.2		11,220.00	63,924.00	23,931.60	99,075.60

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ELEMENTS OF CONSTRUCTION

Qty	Craft	Hours	Unit	Material	Labor	Equipment	Total
Division 6 Wood and Plastic							
Storage Building Remodel overhead door, partitions demo							
1.00	x@.0000	ls		35,000.00	0.00	0.00	35,000.00
New interior Walls w sheetrock, Trim upper level							
5700.00	x@513.0	SF		18,012.00	35,910.00	0.00	53,922.00
New interior Walls w sheetrock, Trim Lower Level							
1200.00	x@108.0	SF		3,792.00	7,560.00	0.00	11,352.00
Reception Desk cabinets Custom work							
16.00	x@12.64	LF		6,000.00	884.80	0.00	6,884.80
Misc Cabinets Upper Level							
75.00	x@60.00	LF		19,875.00	4,200.00	0.00	24,075.00
Misc Cabinets Lower Level							
25.00	x@20.00	LF		6,625.00	1,400.00	0.00	8,025.00
**Subtotal: 06 Wood and Plastics							
	713.6			89,304.00	49,954.80	0.00	139,258.80
Division 8 Doors and Windows							
Doors - Interior Upper Level							
25.00	x@62.50	Ea		12,500.00	4,375.00	0.00	16,875.00
Doors - Interior Lower Level							
5.00	x@12.50	Ea		2,500.00	875.00	0.00	3,375.00
New Windows installed (allowance)							
11.00	x@.0000	Ea		44,000.00	0.00	0.00	44,000.00
**Subtotal: 08 Doors and Windows							
	75.0			59,000.00	5,250.00	0.00	64,250.00
Division 9 Finishes							
Clean repair paint Interior Walls -New and Existing Upper level							
19000.00	x@475.0	SF		7,600.00	33,250.00	0.00	40,850.00
Clean repair paint Interior Walls -New and Existing Lower level							
7400.00	x@185.0	SF		2,960.00	12,950.00	0.00	15,910.00
Replace ACT 20% salvaged Upper Level							

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Qty	Craft	Hours	Unit	Material	Labor	Equipment	Total
10000.00	x@80.00	SF		15,000.00	5,600.00	0.00	20,600.00
Replace ACT 20% salvaged Lower Level							
3600.00	x@28.80	SF		5,400.00	2,016.00	0.00	7,416.00
New Grid ACT say 60% for fitting to new walls Upper Level							
6000.00	x@90.00	SF		5,011.20	6,300.00	0.00	11,311.20
New Grid ACT say 60% for fitting to new walls Lower Level							
2700.00	x@40.50	SF		2,255.04	2,835.00	0.00	5,090.04
Replace flooring - Upper Level							
10000.00	x@340.0	SF		37,000.00	23,800.00	0.00	60,800.00
Replace flooring - Lower Level							
4500.00	x@153.0	SF		16,650.00	10,710.00	0.00	27,360.00
**Subtotal: 09 Finishes							
	1392.3			91,876.24	97,461.00	0.00	189,337.24
Division 10 Specialties							
Office workstations							
32.00	x@192.0	Ea		121,600.00	13,440.00	0.00	135,040.00
Signage Allowance Exterior/Interior							
1.00	x@.0000	ls		4,500.00	0.00	0.00	4,500.00
Toilet partition Solid plastic (polymer) Lower Level							
2.00	x@8.000	Ea		1,893.12	560.00	0.00	2,453.12
Toilet furnishings) Lower Level							
1.00	x@6.500	Ea		1,350.00	455.00	0.00	1,805.00
**Subtotal: 10 Specialties							
	206.5			129,343.12	14,455.00	0.00	143,798.12
Division 14 Conveying Systems							
1.00x@	12.00	ls		54,076.00	840.00	54,916.00	
**Subtotal: 14 Conveying Systems							
	12.0			54,076.00	840.00	0.00	54,916.00

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Qty	Craft	Hours	Unit	Material	Labor	Equipment	Total
Division 15 Mechanical							
Remove Sinks, vanities, heat & misc each room Upper Level							
41.00	x@287.0	Ea		1,435.00	20,090.00	0.00	21,525.00
Remove Sinks, vanities, heat & misc each room Lower Level							
41.00	x@287.0	Ea		1,435.00	20,090.00	0.00	21,525.00
Remove Toilet and Cap water, waste and misc Upper Level per room							
2.00	x@5.000	Ea		50.00	350.00	0.00	400.00
Remove Toilet and Cap water and waste Lower Level							
0.00	x@.0000	Ea		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water Closet Floor Mount, auto flush Lower Level							
2.00	x@9.600	Ea		2,100.00	672.00	0.00	2,772.00
Rough in Urinal, or water closet) Lower Level							
3.00	x@9.300	Ea		2,796.00	651.00	0.00	3,447.00
Urinal Wall hung, flush valve, siphon jet, with carrier) Lower Level							
1.00	x@4.650	Ea		890.00	325.50	0.00	1,215.50
Rough in sink/Lavatory/water fountain) Lower Level							
1.00	x@3.400	Ea		425.00	238.00	0.00	663.00
Sinks and Lavatories installed Lower Level							
1.00	x@2.500	Ea		537.08	175.00	0.00	712.08
Rough in sink/Lavatory/water fountain) Upper Level							
1.00	x@3.400	Ea		425.00	238.00	0.00	663.00
Sinks and Lavatories installed Upper Level							
1.00	x@2.500	Ea		537.08	175.00	0.00	712.08
HVAC Modification Allowance							
16580.00	x@.0000	SF		161,820.80	0.00	0.00	161,820.80
**Subtotal: 15 Mechanical							
	614.4			172,450.96	43,004.50	0.00	215,455.46

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ELEMENTS OF CONSTRUCTION

Qty	Craft	Hours	Unit	Material	Labor	Equipment	Total
Division 16 Electrical							
Electrical Demo (per room) Upper Level							
50.00	x@100.0	Ea		1,250.00	7,000.00	0.00	8,250.00
Electrical Demo (per room) Lower Level							
17.00	x@34.00	Ea		425.00	2,380.00	0.00	2,805.00
Electrical to Workstations							
32.00	x@.0000	Ea		19,200.00	0.00	0.00	19,200.00
Data to Workstations							
32.00	x@.0000	Ea		14,400.00	0.00	0.00	14,400.00
Electrical New Rooms/misc Upper Level							
10000.00	x@700.0	SF		16,500.00	49,000.00	0.00	65,500.00
Electrical New Rooms/misc Lower Level							
4500.00	x@315.0	Ea		7,425.00	22,050.00	0.00	29,475.00
Data New Rooms Upper Level							
15.00	x@120.0	Ea		4,500.00	8,400.00	0.00	12,900.00
Data New Rooms Lower Level							
3.00	x@24.00	Ea		900.00	1,680.00	0.00	2,580.00
**Subtotal: 16 Electrical							
	1293.0			64,600.00	90,510.00	0.00	155,110.00
Total Manhours, Material, Labor, and Equipment:							
	5220.0			796,870.32	365,399.30	23,931.60	1,186,201.22
Total Only (Subcontract) Costs:							
							0.00
Subtotal:							1,186,201.22
0.00% Overhead:							0.00
20.00% Contingency:							237,240.24
12.00% Profit:							170,812.98
Estimate Total:							1,594,254.44

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RASMUSON FOUNDATION

TIER 1 (\$25,000 OR LESS) & TIER 2 (\$25,000+)

COVER SHEET

Legal name of organization Access Alaska, Inc.

Address of organization 121 W Fireweed Lane, Suite 105

City Anchorage State AK Zip Code 99503

Phone number 907/248-4777 Fax number 907/248-0639

Website address www.accessalaska.org

Date of incorporation 1983 Federal Tax ID# 92-0089550

Organizational status ☒ IRS 501(c)(3) ☐ Other (explain)

Mission of organization Our mission is to encourage and promote the total integration of people who experience a disability to live independently in the community of their choice. Through our assistance and support, individuals with disabilities can identify and obtain services in an effort to maintain their independence as opposed to living in an institution.

Name of chief executive James C. Beck Title Executive Director

CEO telephone number 907/263-1907 CEO email address jbeck@accessalaska.org

Contact for this application same as above Contact title same as above

Contact telephone number same as above Contact email address same as above

Application is ☐ Tier 1 Request ☒ Tier 2 Letter of Inquiry

Project title Access Alaska: Anchorage Office Relocate

Project budget \$ \$4,450,922 Amount requested \$ \$500,000

Specific purpose for which funds are requested

The project entails the purchase of the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center (ANHC) and renovation construction to convert the clinic to usable office space, suited to Access Alaska's present and future operations. The total projected cost of the project, including building acquisition is \$4,450,922. Access Alaska is requesting \$500,000 from the Rasmuson Foundation, plans to mortgage \$750,000, and is applying for a legislative capital appropriation for the remainder. The Rasmuson grant will be used to cover the cost of renovating the downstairs portion of the building (\$425,489) and furnishings for group and peer space.


Signature of authorized official (Board chair or chief executive)

01/17/12

Date

Typed name James C. Beck

Title Executive Director

FINANCIAL SUMMARY	LAST COMPLETE FISCAL YEAR (actual)	CURRENT FISCAL YEAR (budget)
Total revenue	\$11,361,071	\$13,340,672
Total expenses	\$11,287,710	\$13,148,152



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

P.O. Box 2508
Cincinnati OH 45201

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ACCESS ALASKA INC
121 W FIREWEED LN STE 105
ANCHORAGE AK 99503-2044

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Employer Identification Number: 92-0089550
Person to Contact: Ms. Fox
Toll Free Telephone Number: 1-877-829-5500

Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your request of Feb. 10, 2009, regarding your tax-exempt status.

Our records indicate that a determination letter was issued in February 1984, that recognized you as exempt from Federal income tax, and discloses that you are currently exempt under section 501(c)(03) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Our records also indicate you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are described in section(s) 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Michele M. Sullivan, Oper. Mgr.
Accounts Management Operations I

Executive Summary – Access Alaska Capital Project – Rasmuson Foundation Request

For nearly 30 years Access Alaska has promoted its mission for the total integration of Alaskans who experience disabilities and elder Alaskans into the community of their choice through the provision of “core” services: Independent Living skills instruction, peer to peer counseling, information and referral, individual and systems change advocacy, and de-institutionalization. Access Alaska also provides many other services such as durable medical equipment loan, self-directed mental health and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) case management, and training and technical assistance on disability rights laws and regulations. Access Alaska makes these services available to a “cross disability” population, meaning we serve all disability groups.

Access Alaska was the first Center for Independent Living (CIL) in the State of Alaska, incorporated in 1983. Like other CILs, Access Alaska was borne of an activist group – in this case a group of parents and students with significant disabilities who envisioned a brighter future than a life of institutionalization. Access Alaska is “consumer controlled,” meaning our staff and board are comprised of a majority of people with disabilities.

Access Alaska has the largest service catchment area of any CIL in the nation – over 400,000 square miles covering Southcentral, Aleutian, Southwest, Western, Interior and Northern Alaska. We serve this area through three offices – Anchorage, Mat-Su and Fairbanks. In federal fiscal year 2011, Access Alaska assisted 1,556 Alaskans to live more independently, including 659 individuals over the age of 60. In addition to its 61 office staff, Access Alaska employs approximately 300 personal care assistants, who provide direct in-home care.

Access Alaska has set out a long-term vision through its strategic plan for financial stability. Our “50 x 50” goal envisions a \$50 million dollar endowment by 2050. One of the steps along the path to this vision is for the organization to have more predictable expense budgeting, a stable base of operations in Anchorage and eventually a paid-for asset, allowing greater dollars to be directed toward program operations and endowment capitalization or investment.

Therefore, Access Alaska is endeavoring to purchase a permanent home for its Anchorage office. This office functions as the administrative hub of the entire organization and serves Alaska's most populous city. As programs have expanded over the past several years this space has been reconfigured and remodeled to the extent possible. Most recently it has become increasingly apparent that the space is insufficient to support current operations and is totally inadequate for planned growth. Vital to Access Alaska's present and future success is the need for group space for peer groups such as MS Yoga, or the TBI Support Group. Likewise, we have a great need for meeting space, as most recently the ever-expanding equipment loan program “took over” the conference room in our Anchorage office. As the organization matures and staff numbers increase, we see a real need for more collaborative workspace for our staff so that they may better respond to the needs of the people we serve and the programs we operate.

Alaskans will benefit from this project by having better access to Access Alaska's programs, and more useful, efficient spaces in which to pursue their independent living goals. This will be supported in turn by Access Alaska staff having more efficient, productive and collaborative workspace.

Access Alaska's board of directors and Executive Director began the process to purchase a suitable facility in Anchorage in 2009. Our planning effort included an internal study of historical and existing space use, considered planned program growth and produced a report of our future needs. We engaged the services of WHP Pacific to formalize our plan, validate the space program and produce concept drawings.

At this time Access Alaska was accepted into the Foraker Group's Pre-Development (Pre-D) program and began work updating earlier planning efforts as we continued to tour buildings that matched our criteria. Pre-D validated the space program; Access Alaska conducted a client density mapping exercise to determine where our customers live in Anchorage.

In the summer of 2011 Access Alaska's team toured the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center. We were initially attracted to the facility because of its neighborhood setting as well as accessibility to our customers. Its location is fairly central to the highest concentrations of people Access Alaska serves, including Fairview, Mountain View, Government Hill and even Muldoon. We also appreciate the provenance of the building, which has well-served the Anchorage community for many years. The facility is sized right, weighing in at just over 16,000 square feet. It is also priced right, listed at \$1,700,000.

In December 2011, Pre-D completed the program validation, obtained detailed cost estimates for the renovation, and produced concept drawings specific to the ANHC facility. The current status of the project is final negotiations on purchase terms are nearly complete and a purchase agreement is about to be signed.

The project entails the purchase of the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center (ANHC) and renovation construction to convert the clinic to usable office space, suited to Access Alaska's present and future operations. The total projected cost of the project, including building acquisition is \$4,450,922. Access Alaska is requesting \$500,000 from the Rasmuson foundation, plans to mortgage \$750,000, and is applying for a legislative capital appropriation for the remainder. The Rasmuson grant will be used to cover the cost of renovating the downstairs portion of the building (\$425,489) and furnishings for group and peer space.

The project will be sustained through Access Alaska's mortgaged purchase, which will be leveraged by our investment account held at First National Bank. The debt will be serviced by a strategic mix of earned unrestricted funds, grant funds and donor funds.

Jim Beck, Executive Director serves as the project director. Mr. Beck has held his current position for 9 years and has worked in the field of disability services for 26 years. Mr. Beck holds a Master of Public Administration degree with a concentration in nonprofit management. Mr. Beck has directed numerous large, multi-year projects and is an adept and accomplished leader, including the acquisition of legislative appropriations for both operating and capital projects.

Tier 2 (\$25,000 or more)
Itemized Project Budget

Organization: Access Alaska, Inc.

Date: January 17, 2012

Project title: Access Alaska - Purchase and Renovation of the
Anchorage Neighborhood Health Clinic Facility

Rasmuson request total: \$500,000

Under COSTS, list specific project components and the cost of each. Separate capital items from non-capital items (for example, do not include shipping, installation, or training as part of the cost of a capital item).

Under SOURCES of FUNDING, list the sources of funding for each component and indicate whether those funds are pending, committed, or secured; and whether they are cash or in-kind. Show how project revenues are allocated to costs.

COSTS (Expenses)		SOURCES OF FUNDING (Revenue)			
Item - List each project component	Item cost (quote or estimate)	Rasmuson request	Other funding	Other sources of funding - Name and list each source of revenue for each item.	Indicate whether revenue is pending, committed, or secured; whether cash or in-kind.
Phase I - Construction (hard costs) 14,580 sf					
Base: Manhours, material, labor and equipment					
14,580 sf entire upper level, lower level except dental. Includes \$35,000 for outbuilding rehabilitation (new garage door and demo to open up walls between units.	\$1,186,201	\$74,510	\$1,111,691	State of Alaska FY 2013 Capital Budget	Pending
Contingency 20%	\$237,240	\$0	\$237,240	State of Alaska FY 2013 Capital Budget	Pending
Profit: 12%	\$170,813	\$0	\$170,813	State of Alaska FY 2013 Capital Budget	Pending
Phase I - Project soft costs					
Property acquisition (includes adjacent outbuilding & land)	\$1,700,000	\$0	\$750,000	Access Alaska, Inc.	Committed
		\$0	\$950,000	State of Alaska FY 2013 Capital Budget	Pending
Estimated design costs @ 5%	\$79,713	\$0	\$79,713	State of Alaska FY 2013 Capital Budget	Pending
Project management costs @ 3%	\$47,828	\$0	\$47,828	State of Alaska FY 2013 Capital Budget	Pending

COSTS (Expenses)		SOURCES OF FUNDING (Revenue)			
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Other direct costs (building permit, special inspections, legal costs, etc.) @ 3%	\$47,828	\$0	\$47,828	State of Alaska FY 2013 Capital Budget	Pending
Furniture, fixtures, equipment & relocation @ approx. \$25/sf	\$364,500	\$0	\$364,500	State of Alaska FY 2013 Capital Budget	Pending
Contingency @ 12%	\$191,311	\$0	\$191,311	State of Alaska FY 2013 Capital Budget	Pending
Phase II - Construction (hard costs) 2,000 sf existing dental lab area					
Base: Manhours, material, labor and equipment					
2,000 sf on west side of lower level	\$193,848	\$193,848			
General Conditions: 10.5%	\$20,354	\$20,354			
Contingency @ 20%	\$38,770	\$38,770			
Profit: 12%	\$27,914	\$27,914			
Phase II - Project soft costs					
Estimated design costs @ 5%	\$14,044	\$14,044			
Project management costs @ 3%	\$8,427	\$8,427			
Other direct costs (building permit, special inspections, legal costs, etc.) @ 3%	\$8,427	\$8,427			
Furniture, fixtures, equipment & relocation @ approx. \$40/sf (more furnishings intensive area will require higher/sf cost than rest of building)	\$80,000	\$80,000			
Contingency @ 12%	\$33,706	\$33,706			
TOTALS	\$4,450,923	\$500,000	\$3,950,923		

BOARD GIVING

Board member contributors within the past 12 months of grant application

Legal name of organization Access Alaska, Inc. Date 01/17/12
 Total number of board seats (as stated in organization's bylaws) _____
 Total number of board seats currently filled 9 Total number of board seats currently vacant 3

BOARD SEATS	BOARD MEMBER (Board Members' names may be identified or kept confidential.)	STANDARD MEMBERSHIP OR DUES	INDIVIDUAL CASH CONTRIBUTION	EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION (if any)	NOTES
1	Member 1		\$100.00		
2	Member 2		\$100.00		
3	Member 3		\$50.00		
4	Member 4		\$440.00		
5	Member 5		\$100.00		
6	Member 6		\$250.00		
7	Member 7		\$5.00		
8	Member 8		\$20.00		
9	Member 9		\$50.00		
10	n/a				
11	n/a				
12	n/a				

Use an additional page if necessary.

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August 2011

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*indicates individuals who experience a disability.

TIER 2 Letter of Inquiry (for requests over \$25,000)

CHECKLIST FOR APPLICANT

Organization: Access Alaska, Inc.

Project title: Anchorage Office Relocate

Request amount: \$500,000

Check each box or line to indicate that the guidelines have been followed.

- ☐ Submit the original proposal and one photocopy, unbound, fastened only by a binder clip. Do not use staples, folders, or binders. Type application, using font size no smaller than 10.
- ☐ Submit only materials specifically requested.
- ☐ Provide requested materials in the order described below, with the Rasmuson cover sheet on top. If you include an optional cover letter, please place it under the cover sheet, and include it in both the original and photocopy sets.

Proposal Preparation

- ☐ Cover sheet (RF form) with original signature of top ranking official in your organization
- ☐ IRS 501 (c) (3) tax exemption letter
- ☐ Executive Summary (up to 2 pages, single-sided)
 - Brief history of organization
 - Mission
 - Services provided
 - Geographical area served
 - Number of beneficiaries
 - Description of project
 - Need for project
 - Current status
 - Timeline
 - Contribution of project to the quality of life for Alaskans
 - Project total cost
 - How much has been raised to date
 - Amount requested from the Rasmuson Foundation and what grant funds will purchase
 - How the balance, if any, will be raised
 - Future sustainability
 - Project director and qualifications
- ☐ Project budget worksheet (RF form)
- ☐ Documentation of board giving (RF form)

Sign, date, and include this checklist with application

I have read and understand the Foundation's guidelines and application instructions.

This application has been prepared accordingly.

Signature:  Date 01/17/12

Printed name and title James C. Beck, Executive Director

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

Department of Health and Human Services



907-343-6718

Mayor Dan Sullivan

February 23, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of *Access Alaska's* Capital Request for partial purchase and renovation of the *Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center (ANHC)* building. *Access Alaska* is seeking \$3.25 million in State capital funds for the partial purchase and renovation of the ANHC building in order to convert the existing clinic to usable office space so that *Access Alaska* may better serve the community.

The ANHC has recently moved from its former building in Anchorage's Fairview neighborhood, creating the perfect opportunity to meet *Access Alaska's* space needs while also enabling it to potentially relocate into the heart of the community that most uses its services.

Access Alaska has been serving people with disabilities and elder Alaskans since 1983 to live safely and independently at home rather than in expensive institutions. *Access* is a pioneer in providing cost effective long-term care solutions in the State, serving over 1,500 vulnerable Alaskans each year.

As such, *Access Alaska* is a key partner with the Municipality of Anchorage's ongoing efforts to address the needs of a growing aging population and our citizens with disabilities. This partnership includes the creation of the Aging and Disability Resource Center within the Municipality's Department of Health and Human Services.

Anything that can be done to sustain and support the ongoing work of *Access Alaska* also strengthens the community by enabling some of our more vulnerable citizens to remain active and engaged neighbors.

Please consider this important capital project and help *Access Alaska* continue its vital mission.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kenneth Takakuwa', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kenneth Takakuwa
Division Manager
Human Services



February 14, 2012

Senator Johnny Ellis
Alaska Legislature

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☐ Dear Senator Ellis:

I am writing in support of Access Alaska's Capital Request for partial purchase and renovation of the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center (ANHC) building. Access Alaska is seeking \$3.25 million in State capital funds for the partial purchase and renovation of the ANHC building in order to convert the existing clinic to usable program and office space so that Access Alaska may better serve the community.

Since 1983, Access Alaska has served people with disabilities and elder Alaskans to live safely and independently at home rather than in expensive institutions. Since its beginning Access Alaska has been a pioneer in providing cost effective long term care solutions in the state. They work with Alaska's most vulnerable populations, and serve over 1,500 Alaskans each year.

Access Alaska has outgrown its present Anchorage leased building space. Like every business, they depend on sensible cost control and predictable budgeting to effectively and efficiently provide services. As Alaska's population ages the need for Access Alaska's programs have grown. Following Access Alaska's philosophy of independent living, new programs have begun for individuals with traumatic brain injuries and to provide support to mental health consumers.

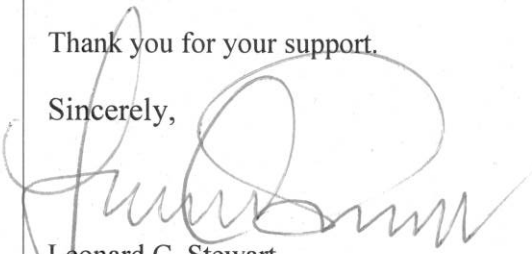
Additionally, many of Access Alaska's expanding programs require unique space; the durable medical equipment loan program is a prime example. This program requires specialized space to store, repair, sanitize and local donated medical equipment. Access Alaska's capital project design supports this program much more efficiently than current leased space, as well as allowing for projected growth over the next several years.

Since 2009 Access Alaska has worked with realtors, engineers and the Rasmuson Foundation/Foraker Group's Pre-Development program to develop a plan to provide for suitable program growth and future space needs. The ANHC fits the needs identified in the plan and puts Access Alaska in the heart of the community that most uses its services.

ANHC's new health center will open for business on September 17, 2012. At that time, the Fairview Center will be vacated and all contents will be moved. Access Alaska will be able to begin renovating the building to suit their purpose of providing services. We feel that the purchase of the ANHC is the right thing for the community and an important and intelligent strategic purchase for Access Alaska. We ask you to please support this important capital project.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,


Leonard C. Stewart
Executive Director



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To: Anchorage Delegation, Alaska Senate

From: J. Patrick Luby
Advocacy Director

Subject: Access Alaska Capital Request (Support)

Date: February 17, 2012

On behalf of the members of AARP in the Anchorage Municipality, we encourage you to support the capital request by Access Alaska to purchase and renovate the building currently housing the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center.

We understand Access Alaska is requesting \$3.25 million to purchase the facility and convert it to usable space for Access Alaska clients and staff.

As you know, Access Alaska has a long history serving people with disabilities and senior Alaskans, enabling them to live as independently and safely as possible. Each year they serve more than 1,500 of our fellow citizens. Access Alaska has been a pioneer in developing less expensive and more effective home and community based services for some of our most vulnerable citizens, including many older Alaskans who have had lifelong disabilities or have developed disabilities later in life.

The Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center facility will soon be vacated when they move into their new building (which has also enjoyed fiscal support from the Legislature). For the past several years Access Alaska has worked with the Rasmuson Foundation/Foraker Group Pre-Development program to plan for future growth in their programming and space needs. The ANHC building meets the plan recommended by Rasmuson and Foraker. It will also place Access Alaska in the heart of the community it serves.

We have worked with Access Alaska over the past several years and hold the organization in high regard. With the aging demographics facing Anchorage, our increasing veteran population, unfortunately our growing number of citizens with traumatic brain injuries, and the number of people with disabilities, physical and mental, the need for services from Access Alaska will only increase significantly in future years.

This is an opportunity to help both the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center and Access Alaska as well as the many citizens they currently serve and will be serving in the future. This capital request certainly makes sense to us. We hope you can make it happen.

Thank you for your consideration.

CC: Senator Bettye Davis
Senator Fred Dyson
Senator Johnny Ellis
Senator Hollis French

Senator Cathy Giessel
Senator Lesil McGuire
Senator Kevin Meyer
Senator Bill Wielechowski



February 21, 2012

Dear members of the Alaska State Legislature,

I am writing on behalf of the Access Alaska Board of Directors asking for your support of Access Alaska's \$3.25M capital request to help purchase and renovate the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center (ANHC) building.

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As a way to help control costs, Access Alaska seeks to purchase its own facility to meet its need for adequate space and provide for suitable program growth. Access Alaska has served people with disabilities and elder Alaskans since 1983, in leased office space in Anchorage. Lease costs increase annually and leased space seldom affords the flexibility and efficiency that can support our operations.

After a long and thoughtful search, Access Alaska has decided to purchase the ANHC building in Fairview. The building will meet our needs and help us plan for growth, however, the building needs certain renovations to be usable as an office as it is currently configured as a clinic.

Access Alaska respectfully requests a capital appropriation in the amount of \$3.25M to help purchase and renovate this. This building puts Access Alaska in the heart of the community that most uses its services. Access Alaska's ability to purchase the ANHC building will allow the organization to better serve people living with a disability by providing a long term, stable location.

This investment is well-planned and thoroughly vetted by the Foraker Group's Pre-Development program. We understand the costs involved and know that we can complete an excellent project that will house Access Alaska and assist Alaskans with disabilities and elder Alaskans for decades to come.

Thank you for your support of Access Alaska's efforts to secure the ANHC building.

Sincerely,

Mike O'Neill
President
Board of Directors, Access Alaska, Inc.



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ATLA is a public non-profit 501(c)3 agency which provides assistive technology solutions for Alaskans with disabilities

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February 13, 2012

Dear Members of the Alaska State Legislature:

I am writing in support of Access Alaska's Capital Request for partial purchase and renovation of the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center (ANHC) building. Access Alaska is seeking \$3.25 million in State capital funds for the partial purchase and renovation of the ANHC building in order to convert the existing clinic to usable office space so that Access Alaska may better serve the community.

Since 1983, Access Alaska has served people with disabilities and elder Alaskans to live safely and independently at home rather than in expensive institutions. Since it's beginning Access Alaska has been a pioneer in providing cost effective long-term care solutions in the state. They work with Alaska's most vulnerable populations, and serve over 1,500 Alaskans each year.

Access Alaska has outgrown its present Anchorage leased building space. Like every business, they depend on sensible cost control and predictable budgeting to effectively and efficiently provide services. As Alaska's population ages the need for Access Alaska's programs have grown. Following Access Alaska's philosophy of independent living new programs has begun for individuals with traumatic brain injuries and to provide support to mental health consumers.

The ANHC has recently moved from its old building leaving a huge hole in Anchorage's Fairview neighborhood. Since 2009 Access Alaska has worked with realtors, engineers and the Rasmuson Foundation/Foraker Group's Pre-Development program to develop a plan to provide for suitable program growth and future space needs. The ANHC fits the needs identified in the plan and puts Access Alaska in the heart of the community that most uses its services. We feel that the purchase of the ANHC is the right thing for the community and an important and intelligent strategic purchase for Access Alaska. We ask you to please support this important capital project.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mystie Rail".

Mystie Rail, Executive Director



Antonia Fowler , E.D.
Alaska MS Center, Inc.
3340 Providence Dr. Tower A, Suite 552
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Dear Members of the Alaska State Legislature:

February 14, 2012

I am writing in support of Access Alaska's Capital Request for partial purchase and renovation of the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center (ANHC) building.

So that Access Alaska may better serve the community, they are seeking \$3.25 million in State capital funds in order to convert the existing ANHC clinic to usable office space.

Since 2009 Access Alaska has worked with realtors, engineers and the Rasmuson Foundation/Foraker Group's Pre-Development program to develop a plan to provide for suitable program growth and future space needs. The ANHC has recently moved from its old building and thus fits the needs identified in the plan and puts Access Alaska in the heart of the community that most uses its services.

Since 1983, Access Alaska has served people with disabilities and elder Alaskans to live safely and independently at home rather than in expensive institutions. Since its beginning Access Alaska has been a pioneer in providing cost effective long term care solutions in the state. They work with Alaska's most vulnerable populations, and serve over 1,500 Alaskans each year. They also provide much needed space to other non-profits, such as ourselves for programs and support group meetings.

However, as their programs and services to the community are expanding so is their need for more space. Like every business, they depend on sensible cost control and predictable budgeting to effectively and efficiently provide services.

We feel that the purchase of the ANHC is the right thing for the community and an important and intelligent strategic purchase for Access Alaska. We ask you to please support this important capital project.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Antonia Fowler
Executive Director



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Equipping Alaskans who are blind and visually impaired with skills for success in life and work

February 23, 2012

Dear Members of the Alaska State Legislature:

I am writing in support of Access Alaska's capital request for \$3.25 million for the partial purchase and renovation of the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center building. This project will help Access Alaska better serve the community and be of significant value to the Fairview neighborhood.

Since 1983, Access Alaska has served people with disabilities and elder Alaskans to live safely and independently at home rather than in expensive institutions. We at the Alaska Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired have very much appreciated our ongoing partnership with Access to better serve community members with vision loss. We regularly refer community members to each other to make best use of resources and work together in common cause for full access to community life for Alaskans with disabilities.

Since its beginning Access Alaska has been a pioneer in providing cost effective long term care solutions in the state. They work with Alaska's most vulnerable populations, and serve over 1,500 Alaskans each year.

As Alaska's population has grown – and especially with the number of older Alaskans expected to reach 100,000 by 2020 – Access Alaska's programs have grown and likely will continue to grow.

Access Alaska's pre-development work through the Rasmuson Foundation and The Foraker Group has put the agency in a position to succeed with its renovation plans and ensure that the state's capital contribution will be well spent.

In 1985 the Alaska Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired was able to purchase its current facility through a capital grant from the Legislature. I know firsthand how valuable this asset is to fulfilling our mission to equip Alaskans with sight loss for success in life and work. The purchase of the ANHC building is the right thing for the community and an intelligent strategic move for Access Alaska. We ask you to please support this important capital project.

Sincerely,

Karla Jutzi, Executive Director

