

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Alaska Arts and Culture Foundation****Federal Tax ID: 92-0171993****Project Title:****Project Type: Planning and Research**

Alaska Arts and Culture Foundation - Cultural Trust Needs Assessment

State Funding Requested: \$50,000**House District: Statewide (1-40)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Initial research and assessment of Alaska's arts and cultural institutions, agencies and organizations as a precursor to development of a statewide cultural trust.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$60,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$10,000)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	(\$50,000)
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:**FY 13 is the first and single year of funding***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Four years ago, The Alaska Arts and Culture Foundation (AACF), in partnership with the Alaska State Council on the Arts, received funding from the Western States Arts Federation to host a series of meeting with Alaskans who care about arts and culture to discuss the importance of arts and culture and how long-term sources of support for arts and culture should be identified and made viable. Now, AACF would like to do a thorough assessment of what artistic and cultural opportunities and activities are provided to Alaskans, where, how and by whom. This needs assessment will provide a clear picture of Alaska's arts and culture resources -- where they are, what benefits they provide to their communities, how many jobs they provide.

What is a Cultural Trust? An arts and culture endowment, which is a private-public mechanism to enhance funding to communities, agencies and arts and culture organizations. Such a Trust will ensure that this sector serves Alaskans for generations to come, regardless of annual state appropriation to the Alaska State Council on the Arts. We envision that this is MUCH LARGER than the Alaska State Council on the Arts, and will not replace the appropriation.

The entities that we will survey include individual artists, arts organizations (including local arts agencies like the Fairbanks Arts Association), schools, universities, museums, libraries, historical societies, civic groups, Alaska Native corporations, IRA Councils, and many other nonprofit and state agencies.

Project Timeline:

The project will be completed and funds expended during FY 13.

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

Alaska Arts and Culture Foundation

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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