

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 - Fairbanks Park Toddler Play Equipment

State Funding Requested: \$50,000**House District:** Anchorage Areawide (16-32)

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Replace aging play equipment for the toddler age group at Fairbanks Park.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$93,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$43,000)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	(\$50,000)
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

In 2011 APF fixed the trail, entryway, signage and parking at Fairbanks Park, investing \$43,000 in its renovation. The existing toddler play equipment is unsafe, and this Phase II renovation request is for new equipment and play surfacing.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

In 2006 this Fairview Neighborhood rallied around improving the safety of Fairbanks Park by applying for an APF Challenge Grant. A new fence was installed in 2007, changing the pathway from the nearby liquor store and extinguishing the daytime drinking that had occurred in this park for many years. Volunteers worked many hours during the Fairview Day of Caring, planting roses near the new fence. Since that event neighbors feel the park is safer.

In 2011 APF invested funding in a new entryway, new trash containers, a new parking area, and a resurfaced trail for Fairbanks Park. During that time the contractor on site placed a protective cone on the toddler play equipment. While the jagged item has been removed, the equipment has outlived its useful life and needs removal and replacement.

Neighbors identified new and safe play equipment as a priority on their 2011 Park Report Cards. Neighbors support this request.

Project Timeline:

Summer 2013

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

Municipality of Anchorage

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Title:	Executive Director
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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

Anchorage Park Foundation

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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.

The Anchorage Park Foundation mobilizes public support and financial resources for Anchorage parks, trails, and recreation opportunities. Do you have a vision for parks, trails, open spaces and recreation in Anchorage? Consider the Anchorage Park Foundation your opportunity to fund community projects through public-private partnerships.

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Anchorage Park Foundation

Fairbanks 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.

In 2011, Fairbanks Park recieved a D on its Report Card. Due to safety concerns, a fence was installed in July 2008 by APF & APRD, and is reported by community members as a very positive first step forward in helping prevent transients from the Gambell area enter the park. However, safety is still the #1 concern for Fairbanks Park. Community members identified pruning the rose shrubs and trees in green areas as a way to improve visibility, creating a safer park environment. They have also identified new and safer play equipment for toddlers to be added to the neighborhood gathering space.

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 Fairbanks Park. We invite the Alaska State Legislature to join us in investing in the future of Fairbanks 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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Fairbanks Park Fix It List

- Prune roses and trees to increase visibility due to safety concerns
- Add dog stations and trash containers throughout the park to improve cleanliness
- Upgrade the playground to create welcoming play areas for older children
- Add picnic tables and inviting new plaza to create a new neighborhood gathering place



Fairbanks Park, Safety Upgrades to Toddler Equipment

Project Cost Estimate

Project Budget	Cost
Phase I: (Completed Summer 2011) Signage & Parking Renovations	\$43,000
Phase II: (FY2013) Site Improvements	\$10,000
New Engineered Wood Fiber (Fall Surfacing)	\$5,000
New Play Equipment	\$35,000
TOTAL	\$93,000
2012 Request	
Phase I: Funding Spent	\$43,000
State Funding Request	\$50,000
Total Project Budget	\$93,000



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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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Rodda", is written over a horizontal line.

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.



Fairview Community Council
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February, 2012

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Anchorage Park Foundation
Beth Nordlund, Executive Director
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Anchorage, AK 99501

Re: \$200,000 request for State Legislative Funding to replace Fairview Lions Park tot
play equipment - 57885

Dear Beth,

I am writing to express the Fairview Community Council's strong support for your fundraising efforts to revitalize two of Fairview's neighborhood parks. The community has benefited greatly from the recent improvements to our parks through the work of the Anchorage Park Foundation. The parking and signage improvements in Fairbanks Park and Fairview Lions Park are signals of positive change that we appreciate very much.

We are pleased to voice our support for the much needed replacement of the play equipment in Fairbanks Park. The equipment has long outlived its useful life and is unsafe and unsightly in its current state. We support your request of \$200,000 to assist in replacement of this equipment.

Thank you very much for working with the Fairview Community Council to advance our efforts to revitalize our neighborhood parks. Contact me at 907-952-0814 or President@FairviewCommunity.org.

Sincerely,

Michael Howard, Fairview Community Council President

Cc: Fairview Community Council Executive Board