



## CITY OF WASILLA

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COUNCIL MEMORANDUM NO. 91-42

FROM: Deputy Administrator

DATE: June 18, 1991

RE: Community Development Block Grants

Council has agreed to sponsor the Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry and the Mat-Su Regional Economic Development Corporation in their requests for funds from the Community Development Block Grant program. However, we have been advised that the City may only sponsor one grant applicant, up to a maximum of one hundred thousand dollars, for each grant category.

The two organizations have considered their various options and have elected to pursue their respective requests for sponsorship by the City. Representatives of each organization are prepared to present to Council additional information regarding their proposals.

After the respective presentations, Council is requested to select one of the applicants grant proposals for sponsorship by the City.

Robert E. Harris  
Deputy Administrator

*Council selected  
the Museum of Alaska  
Transportation & Industry  
6/24/91*



# MUSEUM OF ALASKA TRANSPORTATION & INDUSTRY

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## Background:

The Museum of Alaska Transportation & Industry (known as MATI) has worked since 1976 to preserve the history and artifacts of a changing Alaska. Its contribution to the community as a tourist destination is well known. Attendance at the Museum averages more than 70,000 persons annually. During the past three years, 6,724 students from Valley and Anchorage schools participated in the Museum's education program.

## Relocation Project:

In April 1991, the Museum's non-renewable lease with the State Fair expired. In preparation for that eventuality, the Museum purchased ten acres of land in Wasilla where a permanent home could be built. The Fair is allowing MATI to continue operations on the fairgrounds with the expectation that the new building at Jacobsen Lake will be ready for occupancy by the end of 1992.

Considerable individual and government support from local and state-wide sources have brought the relocation project to near-completion. Ten acres of land have been cleared, graded, seeded and fenced. A concrete slab foundation was poured to receive a 170' x 50' panelized metal structure. CDBG-REDI grant funds will be used to construct offices, library, gift shop, exhibit hall, artifact storage, and space for community education activities inside the 26' tall structure. Electrical wiring, and mechanical systems will be installed.

## Financial Support:

Total cost of the relocation project is \$700,000. We are requesting \$100,000 from CDBG-REDI.

The attached list shows amounts and sources of the cash and in-kind match for requested grant funds. This represents participation in the project of more than seventy individuals and sixty-five businesses. For example, land clearing and grading were accomplished with assistance from the Alaska Army National Guard and the Operating Engineers Training Trust. A lot of people have contributed towards the timely completion of this project; their efforts and commitment should not be put on hold.

A stipulation of the CDBG-REDI grant program is that all other sources of funding be exhausted. Private and government support have been generous. We have sought corporate funding and found interest in funding exhibits, not electrical wiring and plumbing. No other source of support is currently available to provide sufficient funding for completion of the building. If MATI is forced to withdraw its request now, our ability to proceed with the relocation will be crippled.

#### Benefits to the Community:

With the move from Palmer to Wasilla, MATI is moving toward full realization of its potential. While activities were limited under restrictions of a lease, now special events for railroad, aviation, and auto buffs can be planned for the new site.

We all know what benefits tourist destinations bring to the community at large. As visitors pass through town, they stop for lunch, they shop, perhaps spend the night at a campground or bed and breakfast. Each of those businesses hire employees and every dollar spent spreads through town.

Timely completion of the interior of this Museum building is the crucial factor in the Museum's ability to begin operations in Wasilla. The grant is crucial to completion of the relocation project. Your vote is crucial to our ability to compete for the grant.

MUSEUM OF ALASKA TRANSPORTATION & INDUSTRY  
 Financial Summary-Relocation Project  
 May 31, 1991

PROJECT FUNDS COMMITTED

Grants:		
State Cultural Grant	FY 90	\$30,000
State Cultural Grant	FY 91	\$30,000
State Cultural Grant	FY 92	\$30,000
State Capital Grant	FY 86 & 90	\$100,000
State Capital Grant	FY 92	\$30,000
City of Wasilla	FY 90	\$11,000
City of Wasilla	FY 91	\$20,600
City of Wasilla	FY 92	\$10,000
State Planning Grant		\$19,000
Alaska State Museum Grant-in-Aid		\$6,500
State Jobs Bill		\$3,500
Interest Income (Project Funds)		\$7,875
Private:		
Alaska Housing		\$22,645
Museum Reserve Account		\$10,000
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TOTAL		\$331,120
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COMMUNITY SUPPORT COMMITTED		
Services Provided by Business & Volunteers		\$268,880
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FUNDS NEEDED TO COMPLETE PROJECT		
CDBG-REDI Grant		\$100,000
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TOTAL FOR RELOCATION PROJECT		\$700,000
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MUSEUM RELOCATION PROJECT  
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	BUDGET	CDBG/REDI	OTHER FUNDS/FUNDING SOURCE	NON-CASH DONATIONS
	\$			
Land Purchase	35,000		\$35,000 State Cap Project Grant	
Pre-construction				
Survey	5,000			5,000 *
Site Planning	10,000		10,000 State Planning Grant	10,000 *
Access Road	10,000			500 *
Temp Power	500			500 *
Temp Phone	500			2,000 *
Temp Office/Outhouse	2,000			500 *
Temp Gate	500			500 *
Permits:				
Corp of Engineers	100			100 *
Railroad Right of Way	100			100 *
Engineering Design/Steel Building				
Skeleton/Purchase	35,000		35,000 State Cap Project Grant	
Architectural Schematics	4,000		4,000 State Planning Grant	
Mechanical Engineering	2,500		2,500 State Planning Grant	
Electrical Engineering	1,500		1,500 State Planning Grant	1,500 *
Structural Engineering	1,500			
Fire Marshall Approval				
Soils/Engineering	8,000		1,000 State Planning Grant	7,000 *
Site Preparation				
Tree Cutting	1,000			1,000 *
Remove Overburden	10,000		1,000 State Cap Project Grant	9,000 *
Burn Debris	2,000			2,000 *
Stock Topsoil	5,000		5,000 State Cap Project Grant	
Level Subbase	8,000		8,000 State Cap Project Grant	
Dumpster Placement	4,800			4,800 *

	BUDGET	CDBG/REDI	OTHER FUNDS/FUNDING SOURCE	NON-CASH DONATIONS
	\$			
Gravel Top	15,000		City of Wasilla FY 90	5,000 *
Electrical Underground Layout	3,000			3,000 *
Septic	4,000		State Cap Project Grant	
Water	2,000		State Cap Project Grant	
Misc(Equip/travel/fuel,etc)	10,000		State Cap Project Grant	5,000 *
Building Erection				
Gravel Base	10,000		City of Wasilla FY 91	5,000 *
Foundation	22,000		Alaska Housing	
Prepare Under slab:				
Electrical	3,000			3,000 *
Heating	3,000			3,000 *
Plumbing	3,000			3,000 *
Pour slab (Office Only)	6,000		Alaska Housing	5,355 *
Erect Steel Building	10,000			10,000 (Promised)
Weather-in Ridge Cap	2,000		Interest(Cap Proj Grnt)	
Windows	8,000	4,000		4,000 *
Doors	4,000	2,000		2,000 *
Reseal Urethane	3,000		Interest(Cap Proj Grnt)	125
Temp Wiring	1,000			1,000
Electrical Service	5,000		Interest(Cap Proj Grnt)	2,000
Misc.				
Framing: Offices	20,000	10,000	City of Wasilla FY92	
Warehouse	10,000	5,000		5,000
Exhibit Area	5,000	2,000		3,000
Wiring: Offices	40,000	20,000	State Capital FY92	10,000
Warehouse	20,000	10,000		10,000
Exhibit Area	20,000	10,000		5,000
Plumbing: Offices	6,000	3,000	State Capital FY92	3,000
Warehouse	3,000	1,000		2,000
Exhibit Area	3,000	1,000		2,000
Heating: Offices	25,000	10,000	State Capital FY92	5,000
Warehouse	9,000	3,000	State Capital FY92	3,000
Exhibit Area	9,000	3,000	Museum Reserve Acct	3,000
Finish Offices				
Sheetrock	6,000	3,000	Museum Reserve Acct	

	BUDGET	CDBG/REDI	OTHER FUNDS/FUNDING SOURCE	NON-CASH DONATIONS
	\$			
Tape/Texture	4,000			
Paint	2,000	2,000	2,000 State Capital FY92	2,000
Carpet	4,000			4,000
Finish Warehouse				
Sheetrock	2,000			2,000
Fire Taping	2,000			2,000
Paint	1,000			1,000
Work Area	1,000			1,000
Storage Area	1,000			1,000
Misc.	5,000			5,000
Finish Exhibit Area				
Sheetrock	6,000	3,000	3,000 Museum Reserve Acct	1,000
Tape & Texture	4,000	2,000	1,000 Museum Reserve Acct	2,000
Paint	2,000			5,000
Misc.	5,000			
Administration (CDBG/REDI)				
Progress Reports/Bookkeeping	500			
Audit Requirements	2,000	500		
Davis/Bacon Requirements	300	2,000		
Regulatory Agencies Approval	200	300		
City of Wasilla Admin.	200	200		
10 Acre Site Finish:	3,000	3,000		
Inventory Bases/Standards	2,000		2,000 State Cultural FY92	1,000
Design	1,000			10,000
Install Labor	10,000			
Materials	4,000		4,000 State Cultural FY92	
Walkpaths				
Preparation	1,000		1,000 State Cultural FY92	
Gravel	2,000		2,000 State Cultural FY92	
Signs/Labeling	2,000		1,600 City of Wasilla 90 & 91	400 *
Fence				
Ground Preparation	1,000		1,000 State Cap Project Grant	2,000 *
Drive Posts	2,000			4,000 *
Hang Mesh/Barbed Wire	4,000			2,500 *
Gates	2,500			2,500 *
Purchase Fence	9,000		6,500 AK State Museum Grant	2,500 *

	BUDGET	CDBG/REDI	OTHER FUNDS/FUNDING SOURCE	NON-CASH DONATIONS
	\$			
Purchase Fence	3,500		3,500 State Jobs Bill Grant	
Landscaping	3,000		1,500 State Cap Project Grant	1,500 *
Grass Seed	1,000			1,000 *
Fertilizer	2,000			2,000 *
Preparation	2,000			2,000 *
Install				
Trees				
Layout	500			500
Transplant	2,000			2,000
Park Area				
Preparation	2,000			2,000 *
Picnic Tables	4,000			4,000 *
Relocation:				
Rail Stock				
Complete Inventory	1,000		1,000 State Cultural FY92	
Purchase Track	10,000			10,000 *
Install Track	5,500			5,500 *
Siding Connection at Palm	3,000		2,500 State Cultural FY92	500 *
Siding Connection at Wasi	3,000		2,500 State Cultural FY92	500 *
Moving of Rolling Stock	10,000			10,000 (Promised)
Aviation Artifacts				
C-123	3,000		3,000 State Cultural FY92	
DC-3	3,000		3,000 State Cultural FY92	
C-47A	3,000		3,000 State Cultural FY92	
Other Aircraft	2,000		2,000 State Cultural FY92	
Vehicles				
Inventory	500			500 *
Drive	500			
Haul on flatbed	2,000			
Whitney Section House				
Foundation			500 State Cap Project Grant	
Excavation	4,000		2,000 State Cap Project Grant	4,000
Wiring	2,000			2,000
Heating	1,000			1,000
Plumbing				
Move	4,000		4,000 State Cultural FY92	



	BUDGET	CDBG/REDI	OTHER FUNDS/FUNDING SOURCE	NON-CASH DONATIONS
	\$			
Shop Building	17,000			2,000
Purchase/FOB site	4,000		15,000 City of Wasilla FY91	4,000
Foundation/Slab	6,000			6,000
Erecting	5,000			5,000
Wiring	2,000			2,000
Plumbing	3,000			3,000
Heating	1,000			1,000
Doors	1,000			1,000 *
Windows	1,000			1,000
Finish	1,000			
Relocation Manager	60,000		60,000 State Cultural FY90/91	
TOTALS	700,000	100,000	\$331,120	268,880

\* Donation Completed

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
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**WESTSIDE ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

The Matanuska-Susitna Economic Development Corporation is a nonprofit organization established in 1987 to do regional economic planning and development in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. The MSEDCE is governed by an eighteen member board of directors representative of private industry and public interests. In 1989 the MSEDCE received designation from the State of Alaska as an ARDOR (Alaska Regional Development Organization). The MSEDCE is the parent organization of the Westside Enterprise Development Center in the City of Wasilla.

The Westside Enterprise Development Center is an incubator designed to assist in the start-up and expansion of small business. The incubator consists of a administrative support center and space available for subleasing to client businesses. The goals of the Westside Enterprise Development Center include:

- \* providing counseling and technical assistance to small business in planning, marketing and business operations;
- \* organizing formal interagency technical assistance and informal investor networks;
- \* creating 20 new jobs by assisting 6 new businesses during first two years of operations;
- \* establishing a Technical Advisory Team to supervise the the operations of the Center and coordinating technical expertise for a small business support network;
- \* implementing a small business and microenterprise development revolving loan fund targeted towards low and moderate income (LMI) clients and range from \$2,000 to \$15,000;
- \* expansion to include a forest products development center, a technology innovation center and an agricultural products development center.

The schedule of project implementation includes initial start-up operations, organizational development, and recruitment, selection and implementation of 6 small businesses.

Proposed leveraged sources of funding include:

CDBG-REDI Grant application	100,000
Alaska Capital Matching Grant	100,000
Client subleases	12,000
Private sources	25,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$237,000</b>