

United States Senate

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April 16, 2010

The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
Chairman
Senate Appropriations Committee
S-131, U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thad Cochran
Vice Chairman
Senate Appropriations Committee
S-131, U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tom Harkin
Chairman
Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor,
Health and Human Services, Education,
and Related Agencies
Senate Dirksen Office Building, Room 131
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thad Cochran
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Inouye, Vice Chairman Cochran, and Chairman Harkin:

As the Committee begins its consideration of the Fiscal Year 2011 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, I am writing to inform you of the following additional projects important to Alaskans:

Alaska Hawaii Indigenous Alliance
Amount: \$4,500,000
Location: Northwest Arctic Borough, Alaska
Intended Recipient: University of Alaska

Alaska Native Digital Literacy Pilot Project
Amount: \$250,000
Location: Anchorage, Alaska
Intended Recipient: Koahnic Broadcast Corporation

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) Medical Center Staffing and Operational Enhancement
Amount: \$2,500,000
Location: Statewide Alaska
Intended Recipient: Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

Alaska Resource Education Virtual Mineral Quests - From Exploration to Reclamation

Amount: \$350,766.64

Location: Statewide Alaska

Intended Recipient: Alaska Resource Education

Bethel Hospital Warehouse (new facility)

Amount: \$2,000,000

Location: Bethel, Alaska

Intended Recipient: Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation

Build a 13,750 square foot Program Services Complex in Kenai

Amount: \$3,250,000

Location: Kenai, Alaska

Intended Recipient: Frontier Community Services

Build Dormitories for the Star of the Northwest Magnet School and ATC

Amount: \$17,000,000

Location: Northwest Arctic Borough, Alaska

Intended Recipient: North West Arctic Borough School District

Build New 3050 sq. ft. Library

Amount: \$1,710,218

Location: Ester, Alaska

Intended Recipient: John Trigg Ester Library

Building the Future in Fairbanks 2010

Amount: \$49,900

Location: Anchorage, Alaska

Intended Recipient: Blood Bank of Alaska

Characterization of Geothermal Resources of the Bering Straits Region

Amount: \$820,000

Location: Nome, Alaska

Intended Recipient: Bering Straits Native Corporation

Chistochina Clinic and Multi-Use Facility

Amount: \$500,000

Location: Chistochina, Alaska

Intended Recipient: Mt. Sanford Tribal Consortium

Climate Change & Ocean Acidification Education

Amount: \$350,000

Location: Seward, Alaska

Intended Recipient: Alaska SeaLife Center

Cook Inlet Tribal Council's Growing Graduates Program: Building Alaska's Future

Amount: \$1,000,000

Location: Anchorage, Alaska

Intended Recipient: Cook Inlet Tribal Council

Construct a new residential substance abuse treatment facility to replace existing facility

Amount: \$500,000

Location: Point MacKenzie, Alaska

Intended Recipient: Alaska Addiction Rehabilitation Services, Inc.

Construct Remote Schools in Rural Villages

Amount: \$7,000,000

Location: Kenai Peninsula Borough, Alaska

Intended Recipient: Kenai Peninsula Borough

Continue a Joint Recreation and Employment Project with the Tlingit-Haida Tribe

Amount: \$200,000

Location: Southeast Alaska

Intended Recipient: Southeast Alaska Independent Living, Inc.

Convene an Alaska Native Education Summit

Amount: \$144,800

Location: Anchorage, Alaska

Intended Recipient: First Alaskans Institute

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention

Amount: \$7,000,000

Location: Statewide Alaska

Intended Recipient: State of Alaska

Electronic Health Record Demonstration Project

Amount: \$5,000,000

Location: Statewide Alaska

Intended Recipient: Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

Employment support for Special Olympics Alaska

Amount: \$208,000

Location: Statewide Alaska

Intended Recipient: Special Olympics Alaska

Energy Innovation "Green" Health Care Facilities

Amount: \$15,000,000

Location: Aleutian Pribilof Region, Alaska

Intended Recipient: Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association

Engaging Parents, Schools and Communities for Students Success

Amount: \$81,400

Location: Statewide Alaska

Intended Recipient: Alaska Congress of Parents and Teachers

Enhance Family Wellness Training Center

Amount: \$1,800,000

Location: Anchorage, Alaska

Intended Recipient: Southcentral Foundation

Establish Nuka Training Institute

Amount: \$1,700,000

Location: Anchorage, Alaska

Intended Recipient: Southcentral Foundation

Expand the Petersburg Medical Center Clinic to service a 38% increase in patient demand for services

Amount: \$500,000

Location: Petersburg, Alaska

Intended Recipient: City of Petersburg

Expansion of the Joyce K. Carver Memorial Library

Amount: \$ 5,900,000

Location: Northwest Arctic Borough, Alaska

Intended Recipient: City of Soldotna

Facilitate ANSWER Camp (Alaska Native Student Wisdom Enrichment Retreat)

Amount: \$400,000

Location: Juneau, Alaska

Intended Recipient: SERRC - Alaska's Educational Resource Center

Galena iGrad Beyond

Amount: \$349,000

Location: Statewide Alaska

Intended Recipient: Galena School District

House 25 formerly homeless individuals in Anchorage

Amount: \$400,000

Location: Anchorage, Alaska

Intended Recipient: Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc. (RurAL CAP)

Kenai Community Library Expansion

Amount: \$1,500,000

Location: Kenai, Alaska

Intended Recipient: City of Kenai

Meeting Alaska's Future – A Capital Project to Build a New Facility

Amount: \$242,000

Location: Anchorage, Alaska

Intended Recipient: Blood Bank of Alaska

Municipal Employee Training and Development

Amount: \$605,000

Location: Anchorage, Alaska

Intended Recipient: Municipality of Anchorage

New Clinic Construction Project

Amount: \$162,000

Location: Kasaan, Alaska

Intended Recipient: Organized Village of Kasaan

Planning and Design for a new long term healthcare facility on Kodiak Island

Amount: \$1,365,000

Location: Kodiak Island Borough, Alaska

Intended Recipient: Kodiak Island Borough

Planning and design for residential treatment facility

Amount: \$250,000

Location: Nome, Alaska

Intended Recipient: Norton Sound Health Corporation

Planning for Cancer Detection/Treatment and Research Center
Amount: 250,000
Location: Nome, Alaska
Intended Recipient: Norton Sound Health Corporation

Project GRAD
Amount: \$27,000,000
Location: Kenai Peninsula Borough, Alaska
Intended Recipient: Project GRAD USA

Program Enhancements for Akeela House Recovery Center
Amount: \$500,000
Location: Anchorage, Alaska
Intended Recipient: Akeela, Inc.

Provide Adaptive Sports, Therapeutic Recreation, and Inclusion
Amount: \$600,000
Location: Statewide Alaska
Intended Recipient: Challenge Alaska

Purchase 2 Vans in Juneau
Amount: \$60,000
Location: Juneau, Alaska
Intended Recipient: Juneau Youth Services

Purchase and Renovate Southeast Island School District - Toby Coate Vocational
School
Amount: \$1,000,000
Location: Thorne Bay, Alaska
Intended Recipient: City of Thorne Bay

Rasmuson Scout Reservation Camp Upgrades
Amount: \$400,000
Intended Recipient: Great Alaska Council, Boy Scouts of America

Reclaiming Central Yup'ik Language and Culture
Amount: \$200,000
Location: Anchorage, Alaska
Intended Recipient: Koahnic Broadcast Corporation

Recruit and retain more physicians in Alaska

Amount: \$1,000,000

Location: Anchorage, Alaska

Intended Recipient: Providence Health & Services Alaska –Family Medicine Residency

Regional Long Term Care Facility

Amount: \$2,500,000

Location: Bethel, Alaska

Intended Recipient: Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation

Rural Independent Living Outreach Project

Amount: \$500,000

Location: Statewide Alaska

Intended Recipient: Statewide Independent Living Council of Alaska

Retrofit all schools with LED lights

Amount: \$2,200,000

Location: Northwest Arctic Borough, Alaska

Intended Recipient: North West Arctic Borough School District

Seafood Technology Curriculum Development

Amount: \$54,500

Location: Throughout Coastal Alaska, FITC Kodiak, Anchorage, Fairbanks, Alaska

Intended Recipient: Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation

Strengthen medical systems in developing countries using telemedicine and advanced technologies.

Amount: \$11,500,000

Location: Anchorage, Alaska

Intended Recipient: International Virtual E-Hospital Foundation

Strengthening Families Demonstration Project

Amount: \$500,000

Location: Anchorage, Juneau, Fairbanks, and 3 rural communities, Alaska

Intended Recipient: Thread

System development expansion for the state traumatic brain injury program

Amount: \$600,000

Location: Statewide Alaska

Intended Recipient: Alaska Public Telecommunications Inc.

Teach For America's Native Achievement Initiative

Amount: \$8,000,000

Intended Recipient: Teach For America

The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and Self Determination A Statewide
Research Project

Amount: \$1,221,000

Location: Juneau, Alaska

Intended Recipient: Sealaska Heritage Institute

To expand hospital facilities in Seward, Alaska

Amount: \$1,150,000

Location: Seward, Alaska

Intended Recipient: City of Seward

To provide for information technology upgrades at Bartlett Regional Hospital

Amount: \$1,500,000

Location: Juneau, Alaska

Intended Recipient: City & Borough of Juneau

Upgrade early learning facilities

Amount: \$250,000

Location: Alakanuk, Hydaburg, and Stebbins, Alaska

Intended Recipient: Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc.

Upgrade Ketchikan General Hospital Additions Project

Amount: \$8,000,000

Location: Ketchikan, Alaska

Intended Recipient: City of Ketchikan

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I certify neither my immediate family nor I have a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending item(s) I have requested, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. I further certify I have posted a description of the items requested on my official website, along with the accompanying justification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Begich". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a dark blue color.

Mark Begich
United States Senator