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MEMO

To: The Board of Trustees
From: Samantha Ponts, Program Officer
Date: May 20, 2026
Re: Recover Alaska, AURORA – Alaska’s Unified Response on Reducing Alcohol-Harm

The following information is submitted as an addendum to the Recover Alaska grant proposal considered during the April, 2026 Program and Planning Committee meeting.

The budget as presented in the Program and Planning Committee memo assumes all pending non-Trust funding is secured. Some funding supports the broader Recover Alaska operations, while others are specific to the AURORA project.

During the Program and Planning Committee on April 22, staff were asked to provide a contingency budget scenario in the event a portion of the pending funding is not secured. Please reference the attached spreadsheet, “Recover Alaska AURORA Budget”.

Option A (\$1,244,000 two-year total; highlighted in yellow in the attached spreadsheet) reflects the original proposed budget and assumes all outside funding is secured. This option represents the full project scope as presented in the original P&P Committee memo.

Option B (\$786,000 two-year total; highlighted in yellow in the attached spreadsheet) reflects a reduced budget scenario if a portion of the outside funding is not secured. Under this option, the AURORA project would still move forward with some minor modifications, including:

- Reduced travel and community engagement
- Reduced rural liaison and community-level data collection support
- Fewer trainings and feedback opportunities
- Fewer iPads

Also requested during the Program and Planning Committee meeting were the Recover Alaska FY24-FY25 mini-grant award numbers and regional distribution data. Please see attached spreadsheet “Recover Alaska AURORA Mini-Grants FY25-FY26”.

AURORA Annual Budget

Expenses	Trust	Option A	Annual Total	Option B	Annual Total	
Total Personnel	40000	250000	290000	250000	290000	
Out of town Travel NOT Alliance	10000	12500	22500	0	10000	Three ppl on two trips
Total Travel/Training	10000	12500	22500	0	10000	
AURORA Facilities	1200	4000		0	1200	Reduced support of Recover Facilities
Total Facility	4000	36000	40000	32000	36000	
Total Supplies	1000	1000	2000	1000	2000	
Equipment		10000	10000	0	0	Will work without project-specific iPads
Total Equipment	0	10000	10000	0	0	
Accounting and Auditing fees		30000	30000	10000	10000	No federal audit required if funding not received
Community Data Collector Stipends	10000	25000	35000	5000	15000	Fewer hours of community-level data collection
Data Management & Analysis Contractor	10000	50000	60000	10000	20000	Reduced data collection & training (i.e. 14 hours of community capacity building vs. 24 hours, etc.)
Statewide Plan Facilitation & Development	25000	7500	32500	0	25000	Fewer mtgs/rounds of feedback
Rural Data Liaison		50000	50000	20000	20000	Significantly reduced partnership with Rural Liaison
Local Micro-grants		60000	60000	15000	15000	Three \$5k micro-grants
Promotional Materials		10000	10000	0	0	
Curriculum Development		30000	30000	0	0	
Data Collector Training		20000	20000	20000	20000	
Other Professional Fees (marketing)		30000	30000	30000	30000	
TOTAL OTHER	45000	312500	357500	110000	155000	
TOTAL	100000	622000	722000	393000	493000	
2-Year TOTAL	200000	1244000	1444000	786000	986000	
Secured Funding		500000	500000	500000	500000	
Needed Funding			944000		486000	

Name	Community
AARS Fun Day 2025	Wasilla
Big Brothers Big Sisters of AK	Statewide
Presbyterian Hospitality House	Fairbanks, Wasilla
Alaska Creative Economies	Anchorage, Statewide
Anchorage Recovery Center	Anchorage
Chevak School Walk	Chevak
Family Centered Services of Alaska	Fairbanks, Wasilla, Statewide
Haida Canoe Revitalization Group	Kasaan
Kaguyak Village	Kaguyak
Kin Support Program Haa Yatx'u Saani	Juneau, Other community
Mocktails & Masterpieces	Anchorage
NAMI Juneau	Juneau
Native Village of Dot Lake	Dot Lake
Olivia's Healing Through Sewing	Fairbanks
Organized Village of Kasaan	Kasaan
Pasifika Pathways	Anchorage, Palmer, Wasilla
Polynesian Association of Alaska	Anchorage
Presbyterian Hospitality House (copy)	Fairbanks, Wasilla
Railbelt Mental Health & Addictions	Nenana
Rams General Store	King Cove
Ruby Sports Association	Ruby
SWAAG Camps	Bethel
Copper River Celebrate Recovery	Glennallen
Kachemak Bay Sober Garden	Homer
SWAAG Cama'i Dance Festival	Bethel
Thank God for the #Kickback	Anchorage, Wasilla
RurAL CAP Hooper Bay Celebration	Hooper Bay
NAMI Juneau Peer Support Class	Juneau
Spirit of Youth Awards	Statewide
BAG: Shakespeare in the Park	Bethel
Beauty for Ashes Transitional Housing Supplies	Statewide
AKTCA Summer Recovery Events	Anchorage, Fairbanks, Palmer, Wasilla, Juneau, Other Community
Arciniega Street Productions	Anchorage, Fairbanks
STAR Presentations	Statewide
Tanacross	Tanacross
Tavie's Table	Anchorage, Statewide, Fairbanks, Palmer, Wasilla
Yuut Basketball Association	Bethel
Project Homeless Connect	Bethel
City Recovery	Fairbanks
NAMI Fairbanks	Fairbanks

Open Community Crafting
Spenard Song Circle
Ketchikan Wellness Coalition
The Alaska Afterschool Network, ACT
Big Sister Helping Little Sister

Fairbanks
Anchorage
Ketchikan
Statewide
Fairbanks, Statewide

Description

food, activities, prizes, produce sales, sports
alcohol-free event supplies
summer psycho-education groups for struggling FAI youth
Ongoing all-age community events
Community cookout bbq
Driver's ed on drunk driving
Treatment facility summer socials
Red cedar dugout canoe for drug/alcohol free trip from Kasaan to Juneau
Dance group Regelia new/repairs for members for upcoming performance
Intergenerational harvesting
Guided painting session with mocktails
Annual queer dip, fire, & dance with strong indigenous focus
Peer-to-peer alcohol support group
Tribal sewing nights
Weekly movie night, recovery meeting, and community gathering
Holistic sports & Education support
Color Your Mind art therapy
Adventure-based camping trip for struggling youth
Traditional food prep, native language practice, healing, & cultural connection & revitalization
Craft sewing night/day
4th of July village party
Summer arts & dance camps
recovery program expansion & tech
Salmonfest-Sober Garden
Yup'ik culture festival, Bethel
Celebrate sobriety and fellowship
Sobriety Celebration recognizing individuals who have chosen to live a healthy lifestyle and sharing personal stories about journey of sobriety
covers people in recovery for application costs & stipends
50 youth spotlights, Positive Media & Recognition Campaign
Bethel Actors Guild (BAG) production
Faith-based, sober transitional housing

recovery celebrations and games for therapeutic court participants and their families

Queer Community Speed Dating
Child safety presentations to students
Weekly community activities for youth and adults
"Holistic Recovery for Black Women"
Fur Rondy Basketball Tournament

Kuskokwim Consortium Library gather organizations in a 1 stop shop of services & collect data for funding pursuits

NYE Game Night
Supplies & Staff Support for peer recovery support group

Weekly sober arts & craft event
Musical events (open mic, karaoke, open jam, songwriter's circle)
Digital Drugs Summit
2024 Alaska Out-of-School Time Conference
Youtube channel development