

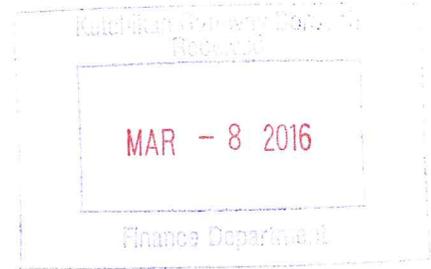


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March 5, 2016

Ketchikan Gateway Borough
Attn: Cynna Gubatayao, Finance Director
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Ketchikan, AK 99901



Re: 2017 Community Grant Application

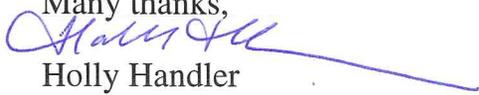
Dear Ms. Gubatayao,

Enclosed please find Alaska Legal Services Corporation’s 2017 Community Grant Application. We very much appreciate the Borough’s support over the years, and hope that the Borough will continue funding these services for Ketchikan residents. Now, more than ever, **local support is critical** to maintaining and developing other grants that fund our Ketchikan office.

Support of the cases we handle in the Borough is shared by the Borough, the City of Ketchikan, and several different state, federal, and private funding sources.

We appreciate that the Borough understands the economic benefit our services have to the community at large. Through the community’s investment in our services, we can offer the community economic benefit through increased health care benefits, additional supports for family caregivers, more seniors being able to live independently at home, individuals being able to efficiently pass on modest estates, and a well-functioning rental market.

Thanks in advance for your consideration of this application. If you require any other documentation for the grant, please feel free to contact me at the above number, or our controller Tracey Janssen at 222-4520. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Many thanks,

Holly Handler
Supervising Attorney

Enc.



KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH

1900 First Avenue Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

GRANT REQUEST

Amount requested: \$ 18,000

- Other Financial Commitments (total in-kind/cash match, other agency funds, etc.): \$71,720
- Other Funds Required (not yet committed/identified): \$0

Program/project title: Elder and Family Advocacy Project

ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

Organization name: Alaska Legal Services Corporation

Address: 306 Main Street #301

City: Ketchikan **State:** AK **Zip:** 99901-6483

Telephone: 225-6420 **Fax:** 225-6896

E-mail: ketchikan@alsc-law.org

Executive Director: Nikole Nelson **Telephone:** 222-4508

Name of contact person: Holly Handler **Title:** Supervising Attorney

Telephone: 586-6425 **Cell phone:** 321-9433

Total organization budget for current year: \$89,720

Date of incorporation: 1966

Is your organization tax exempt under section 501c(3) or other sections? If no explain:

YES



KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH

1900 First Avenue Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

Which of the following Ketchikan Gateway Borough areawide powers does your project address (check one)?

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) | |

Staff composition in numbers

Paid full-time: 1 paralegal

Interns:1 (volunteer summer legal intern)

Other: Full time paralegal assisted by 2 Juneau staff attorneys and Juneau office manager

Total: 1 primary staff + 4

Detail the purpose(s) of your request with justification and explanation

ALSC is the only agency that provides free general civil legal representation to Borough residents. Our project serves the legal needs of the low-income and elderly in cases deemed “high priority.” We can only serve about half of the eligible people that apply for our services, so we select the cases where there is no other option for legal assistance, and the most compelling issues that will have the greatest impact.

In 2015 we closed 59 cases for KGB residents. Those cases included 29 elderly clients and 51 clients experiencing physical or mental disabilities. Among the benefits our clients received:

- 11 clients completed wills or other advance planning documents
- 7 clients received protection from illegal debt collection or harassment
- 5 clients received orders regarding custody, divorce, support or guardianship to stabilize their family or income
- 11 clients received benefits or advice concerning Medicaid
- 9 clients preserved their right to housing or were able to get relief under the Landlord Tenant Act
- 2 clients were able to receive advocacy services concerning their disabilities; and
- 9 clients received assistance with Social Security disability benefits



KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH

1900 First Avenue Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

Local funding is critical to maintain our Ketchikan office. As we face possible federal and state grant reductions, local funding ensures that Ketchikan residents will be able to access our local office full time and receive a full range of legal services necessary to maintain life essentials like housing, food, safety and medical care.

Statement of measurable goals and objectives of project(s) or program(s):

Project Objective	Quarterly Goal
Counsel & advice, advocacy services, or full direct representation	10-15 households
Community education presentations	1-2 presentations

In addition to these quantitative objectives, ALSC aims to enhance our clients' ability to solve legal problems independently and hopefully prevent legal problems from repeating. Examples include legal information we provide at local resource fairs, maintaining the AlaskaLawHelp website, and guiding clients through *pro se* court forms.

Are there other projects related to or dependent on this project? Is this project dependent on other activities or actions? If yes, describe projects, actions or activities specifying phases where appropriate.

Although ALSC constantly engages with other local agencies to coordinate services and make appropriate referrals, ALSC can operate this Project independently of other agency Projects and activities.

Discuss project management and qualifications.

Attorney services will be provided by attorneys Holly Handler and Eric Vang, with the assistance of our paralegal Devra Milam and a summer legal intern. For this particular Project, funding will ensure a full-time on-site paralegal will be available to Borough residents. The Project will also receive support from pro bono attorney volunteers and lay volunteers during the grant period, including a possible summer law student intern. Direct attorney representation will be complemented by a system of referrals and collaborative service provision founded in relationships with other Ketchikan service providers.



KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH

1900 First Avenue Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

ALSC's financial management has been validated by annual audits, available upon request. The Agency's central accounting office provides support and technical services to our Ketchikan office.

Individuals will complete intake applications in our office, at an intake site in the field, during a home visit, or submit applications over the telephone, facsimile, or mail. Once the office has reviewed an application to determine if the individual meets financial and other eligibility requirements, the application will be considered on its merits at a case acceptance meeting. Selection of cases for direct representation will be based on the Board's priorities for case acceptance, the urgency of the client's need, the probability that attorney advocacy will have an impact on the outcome, the availability of attorneys, and the suitability of referring the client to our pro se classes or other self-help remedies.

We are pleased to announce that we have just completed an office move to the second floor of the Plaza Mall. We are joining several other service agencies, such as SAIL and HOPE, that are co-located on the second floor, to create a one-stop service center for the aging and disabled. We look forward to being able to provide services so close to our partners, and ensure our clients have full and reliable handicapped access to our space.

ALASKA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION	
KETCHIKAN OFFICE- OPERATING BUDGET	
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016	
PREPARED ON: MARCH 2, 2016	
	BUDGET
REVENUES:	AMOUNT
KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH	\$ 18,000.00
CITY OF KETCHIKAN	\$ 18,500.00
ST OF AK-DHSS-CAREGIVER	\$ 22,000.00
ST OF AK-DHSS-COMMUNITY INITIATIVE	\$ 12,900.00
ST OF AK-DHSS-NTS	\$ 18,320.00
TOTAL 2016 REVENUE BUDGET	\$ 89,720.00
EXPENSES:	
SALARIES	
SALARY, PARALEGAL	\$ 50,180.00
SALARY, ATTORNEYS	\$ -
SALARY, OFFICE MANAGER	\$ -
TOTAL SALARIES	\$ 50,180.00
FRINGE BENEFITS	
FICA EXPENSE	\$ 3,840.00
HEALTH INSURANCE EXPENSE	\$ 15,000.00
WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE	\$ 240.00
RETIREMENT EXPENSE	\$ 2,090.00
TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS	\$ 21,170.00
FACILITY EXPENSES	
OFFICE RENT EXPENSE	\$ 11,200.00
LOCAL TELEPHONE EXPENSE	\$ 1,700.00
LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE EXPENSE	\$ 200.00
POSTAGE EXPENSE	\$ 300.00
TOTAL FACILITY EXPENSES	\$ 13,400.00
OTHER EXPENSES	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 1,000.00
EQUIPMENT LEASE/MAINTENANCE	\$ 420.00
LIBRARY EXPENSES	\$ 50.00
INSURANCE EXPENSE	\$ 700.00
OTHER COSTS	\$ 2,800.00
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 4,970.00
TOTAL 2016 EXPENSE BUDGET	\$ 89,720.00

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Annual Salary for Executive Director:

\$88,152

All contractors expected to be paid more than \$2,500 per year:

None

Funding paid to entities outside the Borough boundaries:

ALSC's project budget includes \$960.00 to cover staff attorney time for Juneau staff attorneys providing representation to KGB clients, and \$140.00 in Juneau office manager time devoted to support of KGB activities, such as telephonic intake, entering applications into client database, performing conflict checks, providing backup reception to Ketchikan clients when our paralegal is out of the office, and assisting clients with documentation gathering.

Annual cost and long-term operation and maintenance costs:

All of our costs are reflected in our regular budget. We do not have long-term costs aside from annual salaries and ordinary office expenses.

ALASKA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION	
KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH PROGRAM BUDGET PROPOSAL	
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016	
PREPARED ON: MARCH 2, 2016	
	BUDGET AMOUNT
EXPENSES:	
SALARIES	
SALARY, PARALEGAL	\$ 9,830.00
SALARY, ATTORNEYS	\$ 960.00
SALARY, OFFICE MANAGER	<u>\$ 140.00</u>
TOTAL SALARIES	\$ 10,930.00
FRINGE BENEFITS	
FICA EXPENSE	\$ 830.00
HEALTH INSURANCE EXPENSE	\$ 2,600.00
WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE	\$ 50.00
RETIREMENT EXPENSE	<u>\$ 350.00</u>
TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS	\$ 3,830.00
FACILITY EXPENSES	
OFFICE RENT EXPENSE	\$ 1,860.00
LOCAL TELEPHONE EXPENSE	\$ 320.00
LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE EXPENSE	\$ 20.00
POSTAGE EXPENSE	<u>\$ 60.00</u>
TOTAL FACILITY EXPENSES	\$ 2,260.00
OTHER EXPENSES	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 230.00
EQUIPMENT LEASE/MAINTENANCE	\$ 100.00
IN-HOUSE COPYING COSTS	\$ 100.00
LIBRARY EXPENSES	\$ 20.00
INSURANCE EXPENSE	\$ 170.00
OTHER	<u>\$ 360.00</u>
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 980.00
TOTAL 2016 EXPENSE BUDGET	\$ 18,000.00

**BUDGET NARRATIVE
KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH GRANT**

Salaries, fringe benefits, facility expenses, and other expenses would be charged to this grant.

SALARY EXPENSES

The source document for all expenses that would be charged to this grant would be the semi-monthly payroll timesheet. A timesheet is prepared by each employee. Alaska Legal Services Corporation (ALSC) utilizes a salary schedule system approved by the Board of Directors to set employee salaries. Work on this project would be performed by the paralegal in Ketchikan with assistance from the attorneys in Juneau. The grant would be charged the actual salary cost for time worked on cases for clients covered by the grant. The grant would also be charged for a prorated portion of personal leave, holiday leave, and general work recorded during the quarter.

FRINGE BENEFITS

FICA expense would be charged to the grant at the approximate rate of 7.65% of gross salaries each quarter. Workers' compensation insurance expense would be charged to the grant at the approximate rate of 0.5% of gross salaries each quarter. Health insurance would be charged to the grant at the approximate rate of 30.74% of gross salaries each quarter. Employer retirement expense would be charged to the grant at the approximate rate of 3.3% of gross salaries each quarter. These charges are based on the percentage of time worked on this grant by each employee. Total fringe benefits are estimated to be 42.19%. All fringe benefit items are allocated based on the hours listed on the semi-monthly timesheets by the employees

FACILITY EXPENSE

The rental rates for the office rent expense are set in lease agreements. The current rental rate for the Ketchikan office is \$.85 per square foot per month. The current rental rate for the Juneau office is \$1.80 per square foot per month. The grant would be charged quarterly based on the percentage of time charged to the grant by the employees working on the project. The office rent expense will be calculated for each employee and allocated at the end of each quarter. The cost of local telephone service would be calculated each quarter for each employee and allocated based on the percentage of time spent on this grant by each employee. Long distance telephone expenses and postage expenses will be charged at the actual cost for expenses identified for this project.

OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES

The grant would be charged for a portion of the actual cost of office supplies, equipment lease and maintenance expense, in-house copying costs, library supplement expenses, professional liability insurance and other miscellaneous costs. All office supplies, equipment, library, and insurance costs would be calculated for each employee at the end of each quarter. The costs would then be allocated based on the hours listed on the semi-monthly timesheets by the employees.

ALASKA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION	
FISCAL YEAR 2015 STATEWIDE FUNDING	
FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2015 TO DECEMBER 31, 2015	
GRANT DESCRIPTION:	FISCAL YEAR 2015 01/01/15-12/31/15
LSC BASIC FIELD	\$ 649,975.32
LSC NATIVE AMERICAN	\$ 507,650.57
LSC PRO BONO INNOVATION FUND	\$ 11,927.89
STATE OF ALASKA-DHSS-NTS-GRANTS	\$ 151,252.18
STATE OF ALASKA-DHSS-NFC-GRANTS	\$ 86,542.34
US HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT	\$ 230,525.78
AMERICORPS INDIAN TRIBES PLANNING GRANT	\$ 5,493.11
DEPT OF JUSTICE-LAV GRANT	\$ 116,985.21
OVC WRAPAROUND GRANT	\$ 141,079.48
BJA-TRIBAL CIVIL LEGAL ASSISTANCE	\$ 17,020.42
BJA-TRIBAL CRIMINAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE	\$ 13,784.95
AK MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY	\$ 62,857.58
STATE OF AK-DCCED GRANT	\$ 500,855.41
AK DHSS-COMM INITIATIVE GRANTS	\$ 250,000.00
MAT-SU BOROUGH GRANTS	\$ 39,373.83
UNITED WAY OF MAT-SU	\$ 2,500.00
MUNICIPALITY OF ANCH-HSCMG GRANTS	\$ 67,810.63
NET ASSETS-MUNI OF ANCH-HSCMG	\$ 66,476.42
MUNI OF ANCHORAGE-CDBG	\$ 90,370.93
NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH GRANTS	\$ 97,482.46
FBX NORTH STAR BOROUGH GRANTS	\$ 50,000.00
CITY OF KETCHIKAN	\$ 18,500.00
KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH GRANTS	\$ 23,173.14
AK BAR FOUNDATION-IOLTA GRANTS	\$ 19,874.65
AVCP PROFESSIONAL SVCS CONTRACTS	\$ 148,740.93
BRISTOL BAY NATIVE ASSN GRANTS	\$ 147,229.75
KOTZEBUE IRA CONTRACT	\$ 11,599.47
MANIILAQ CONTRACTS	\$ 69,437.40
VILLAGE TRAVEL FUND NET ASSETS	\$ 739.00
TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE PROF SVCS CONTRAC	\$ 77,427.22
CHILKAT INDIAN TRIBE CONTRACT	\$ 196.47
NANCY SCHAFFER WOMENS FUND CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 2,616.26
PARTNERS IN JUSTICE CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 105,821.37
PARTNERS IN JUSTICE NET ASSETS	\$ 90,918.92
TRIBAL FUNDS NET ASSETS	\$ 40.49
JUNEAU OFFICE DONATIONS	\$ 1,866.06
AK COURT SYSTEM-EARLY RES. PROJECT	\$ 5,726.29
APBP-EARLY RESOLUTION PROJECT NET ASSETS	\$ 691.03
JUNEAU HOPE FOUNDATION GRANTS	\$ 22,392.37
WELLS FARGO MILITARY GRANT	\$ 19,577.18
EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS FELLOWSHIP	\$ 16,779.73
TOTAL REVENUE BUDGET	\$ 3,943,312.24

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March 2, 2016

This letter is in support of Alaska Legal Services-Ketchikan. Without the services of this agency the population we work with would have no advocacy or direction in dealing with legal issues of Landlords, Benefits, End of Life decisions and other areas essential to daily living. It is a vital service to the community and venerable adults. Alaska Legal has always been there for the community and in turn needs to be funded and supported to be able to continue the good, valued services they provide. Thank you,

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SOUTHEAST SENIOR SERVICES

Care Coordination Program

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March 3, 2016

Dan Bockhorst, Borough Manager
Ketchikan Gateway Borough
1900 First Avenue, Suite 210
Ketchikan, AK, 99901

Dear Borough Manager,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter of support for Alaska Legal Services. They have greatly improved the lives of many elders in the Borough of Ketchikan.

We have been very pleased with the services that are provided for low-income seniors. Alaska Legal Services is the only agency to help with Millers Trust Accounts, Landlord issues, Power of Attorney documents, Advance Directives, and Wills for all the elders who can't afford an Attorney to help them. They do free community wide legal educational workshops, as well. The staff is caring and sensitive to the needs of the elders, and the organization has proven its ability to provide quality, professional services.

Based on our time working with Alaska Legal Services, we are confident that their services will go a long way to helping our elders maintain their health and safety. For the benefit of our elders, we strongly believe these services are a must in Southeast Alaska. Thank you for the possibility to advocate on Alaska Legal Services' behalf.

Sincerely,

Bernice Metcalf
Care Coordinator/Senior Advocate
Southeast Senior Services
1016 Water St., Upper Level
Ketchikan, AK, 99901



A PROGRAM OF CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICE





First City Homeless Services
P.O. Box 23065
Ketchikan, AK 99901

email: ktnfchs@gmail.com

EIN: 26-2565838

FCHS Board:
Evelyn Erbele, chair
Susan Peters, tres.
Charlotte White, sec'y/w. c.
Jerrl Taylor-Elkins
Agneta Moran

First City Homeless Services – Day Shelter
400 Main Street
(in the social hall of First United Methodist Church)
Monday – Saturday 8:00am-4:00pm
Sunday – 8:00am – 2:00pm
Self-serve breakfast every morning and Brown Bag lunch on Saturday

phone: 1.907.225.0888

March 5, 2016

Letter of Support for Alaska Legal Services

Dear Devra,

First City Homeless Services – Day Shelter want to affirm the assistance Alaska Legal Services has afforded the men and women who come to the Day Shelter.

Your scheduled monthly visits are important in that from day to day people's legal needs change and they know not where to go for help.

The extra efforts of your office makes by coming to the Day Shelter instead of insisting that the client come to you is appreciated.

If there is anything more that FCHS can do to facilitate your services to the homeless and hungry of Ketchikan please let us know.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Erbele
chairperson

ALASKA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RESOLUTION NUMBER 16-02

February 27, 2016

A RESOLUTION of Alaska Legal Services Corporation supporting a Community Grant Program application to the Ketchikan Gateway Borough for funding to support legal assistance work in ALSC's Ketchikan office.

WHEREAS, Alaska Legal Services Corporation (ALSC) dedicates its financial resources to the provision of civil legal assistance to Alaskans living at or below ALSC's eligibility ceilings; and

WHEREAS, population statistics indicate that approximately 3300 persons who would be financially eligible for ALSC assistance or representation live within the Ketchikan Gateway Borough; and

WHEREAS, approximately one-half of the persons in those households are likely to encounter a legal problem in any given 12-month period for which legal advice or representation would be appropriate, according to the Alaska Supreme Court Task Force Report on Access to Civil Justice (May 2000); and

WHEREAS, in past years the Ketchikan office of ALSC had received funding from the Borough to provide services to Borough residents; and

WHEREAS, the Ketchikan office of ALSC currently receives funding from the City of Ketchikan to provide services to residents within City of Ketchikan limits; and

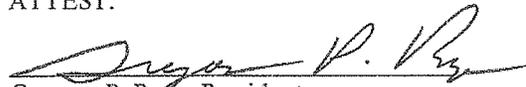
WHEREAS, ALSC's local offices in Juneau, Anchorage, Dillingham, Fairbanks, Bethel, Kotzebue, Barrow and Palmer all receive some measure of local funding to support local services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is expected to make local funding available for application by appropriate agencies for FY 2017; and

WHEREAS, ALSC has benefitted local economies by helping to secure Medicaid benefits and services for disabled individuals, allowing the elderly and disabled to age in place, assisting family stabilization, reducing domestic violence, preventing unlawful foreclosure, and promoting safe, stable rental housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors of Alaska Legal Services Corporation hereby authorizes and encourages Alaska Legal Services Corporation to submit one or more funding proposals to the Ketchikan Gateway Borough, for those specific projects or positions which will best meet the needs of Borough residents.

ATTEST:



Gregory P. Razo, President
For the Board of Directors

WHAT STATE AND/OR FEDERAL COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS WILL THIS PROJECT SATISFY OR CORRECT?

ALSC acts as a watchdog agency to help ensure that various state and federal agencies are complying with the laws that govern their programs as they relate to low-income individuals.

For example, our office represents Borough residents that have a viable defense to termination of Medicaid benefits, and we have advocated statewide to ensure that the State's termination standards provide due process under the United States and Alaska Constitutions. We also provide services to resolve landlord tenant disputes to ensure compliance with the Fair Housing Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. This program is operating in Ketchikan to ensure that Borough residents have access to fair housing investigative resources and legal representation to civilly prosecute serious fair housing claims. The program can also offer legal education seminars on fair housing laws to landlords and housing agencies.

HOW WILL THE PROJECT IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT?

For every \$100,000 of funding for Alaska Legal Services, our agency contributes a **half a million dollars** in economic benefits to the communities we serve.

The economic impacts that ALSC provides include the following:

- 1. Income for low-income households** to pay for daily necessities such as food, housing, utilities and transportation, which also reduces the welfare burden on state and local governments. This may be the result of representation in cases involving social security disability benefits, child support, unlawful wage garnishment, and illegal bank sweeps.
- 2. Dollars saved for debt-strapped families** through negotiated settlements, bankruptcy, or consumer protection cases that provide a fresh start and, in many cases, avert worse problems such as eviction, foreclosure and homelessness before they can impose much greater economic costs on society as a whole.
- 3. A permanent economic stimulus effect** resulting from the federal dollars brought into the state each year by legal aid advocates' successful representation in dollar-generating matters such as social security disability insurance, SSI, Earned-Income Tax Credits (EITC) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance. These dollars circulate through local economies, providing income for businesses and jobs for working people.
- 4. Increased tax revenues for the state and local jurisdictions** in the form of taxes paid by the occupants of the jobs supported by the economic stimulus effect.
- 5. Cost savings for taxpayers** from ALSC's success in addressing community-wide problems such as homelessness and domestic violence.
- 6. Efficiencies in the courts** made possible by ALSC's representation of clients and assistance to self-represented litigants.
- 7. Economic benefits for health care providers**, including Medicaid reimbursements for costs of providing emergency care to uninsured low-income people that the providers would otherwise have to write off.

AN ANALYSIS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS AND SOCIAL BENEFITS OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY ALASKA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION is available online, or by request to ALSC:
http://www.greatprograms.org/Economic_impact_assessment/pdfs/L_Alaska%20Report%20by%20The%20Resource%202012.pdf