

Original sponsor: Community and Regional
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Other Funds -0-
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ALASKA SPECIAL OLYMPICS

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March 20, 1984

Ms. Shirley Dreas
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Dear Ms. Dreas:

Enclosed is the program perspective on Alaska Special Olympics, Inc. that you requested. We understand that this document will be used to introduce Alaska Special Olympics, Inc.'s request for grant funds for fiscal 1985.

We are requesting \$100,000 to support athlete activities and assist in covering a portion of the administrative overhead.

We appreciate your time and attention to our request. Please contact me at 279-1411 if I can provide you with any further information.

Sincerely,

Tom Koecher
Vice President of the
Board of Directors

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Enclosures
Copy to Mr. Vern Sayles
President of the Board of Directors

ALASKA SPECIAL OLYMPICS, INC.

A PERSPECTIVE

Special Olympics, Inc.--Background

In 1968, The Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation created the Special Olympics, Inc. to provide an athletic forum for the mentally handicapped. Since its inception the program has received international acceptance and is now the largest sports training and athletic competition program for mentally retarded children and adults in the world.

Sports and physical activity have been shown to be among the quickest and surest routes to health, growth and self-confidence for the mentally retarded. For years, the mentally retarded have been told "You can't do it." The Special Olympics program reaches out with a guiding force to say "You can do it. We'll give you the chance."

Alaska Special Olympics, Inc.--An Overview

The Alaska Chapter of Special Olympics, Inc. was created eleven years ago under the guidance and approval of the national office of Special Olympics, Inc. It was established to serve the mentally retarded citizens of Alaska through year-round sports training, conditioning, and athletic competition.

The Alaska Chapter currently serves 21 designated areas within the State and has over 400 registered athletes. This group is augmented by an equal number of voluntary coaches, trainers, and coordinators who plan, organize, and implement the year round training, area games, and the annual State Winter and Summer Games.

The Alaska Special Olympics, Inc. is directed by a voluntary board of directors whose background includes business, law, medicine, and education. The Board provides direction and management of all State and area programs.

Alaska Special Olympics, Inc. has a full time paid Executive Director who is responsible for the operations of the Special Olympics program throughout the State. The Executive Director acts as a liaison for the Board and national office. In addition, the Executive Director must coordinate efforts in each of the 21 state areas to ensure compliance with national standards for athlete training and competition as well as administration of Board policies.

Each designated area is managed by a volunteer Area Coordinator who sees to the development and training of the athletes and coaches of their respective areas. Additionally, the Area Coordinator is responsible for the management of all local games and the raising of funds for their local area.

Alaska Special Olympics, Inc. receives its financial support primarily from public contributions. As such, it relies on major fund raising events like the Special Olympics Mileage Event (S.O.M.E.) sponsored by the Alaska State Troopers. A special appropriation by the Alaska Legislature

through the Department of Community and Regional Affairs was awarded this past year to provide support for the State Winter and Summer Games.

Each designated area works to promote funding in its respective community. All funds collected by designated areas are expended on behalf of the athletes in that area.

Funds administered by the State Chapter are disbursed on behalf of all 21 areas. The majority of the funds administered by the State Chapter are used to provide transportation, food, and lodging for athletes, coaches, and coordinators at the Winter and Summer Games. Additionally, funds were expended to send 36 athletes and 13 coaches to the International Games this past July in New Orleans, Louisiana. The International Games occur once every four years and athletes are chosen based on their performance during the State Summer Games.

The involvement of the community in providing the bulk of Alaska Special Olympics funding is the underlying concept of the program. Community participation and funding makes Special Olympics a community experience and is vital to the athletes' development.

Nature of Expenditures

Administration of the Special Olympics program in Alaska is the responsibility of the Alaska Special Olympics Board of Directors. Funds earned or granted to the State program are spent on behalf of all state athletes and are not dedicated to one designated area.

To provide the necessary administration, the Board retains a full-time paid Executive Director. A part-time secretary is also necessary for proper administration of the areas.

Besides salaries and benefits for the paid positions, other administrative costs include office rent, communications, Executive Director travel, Alaska Special Olympics program promotion and necessary office supplies and equipment. The remaining State Chapter expenditures are used in direct support of athletic competition, athlete and coach travel and lodging, and to cover the expenses of various fund raising events.

Each designated area promotes fund raising in its respective community to meet the direct expenses of its area athletes. Area expenditures most frequently take the form of supplies, athletic equipment and until recently, athlete and coach travel and lodging expenses for State-wide games.

Application of Requested Funding

Alaska Special Olympics, Inc. is requesting a grant from the State of Alaska via the Department of Community and Regional Affairs for \$100,000. The requested funds would be applied as follows:

1. Hire a full-time program director/trainer.

2. Provide partial travel and lodging expenses for Alaska Special Olympic athletes and coaches attending the Special Olympics International Winter Games in March 1985 located in Park City, Utah.
3. Support the Alaska Special Olympics, Inc. Winter and Summer Games for 1984/85 and the State Special Olympics Bowling Tournament.
4. Cover administrative expenses associated with the International and State Winter and Summer Games and State Bowling Tournament.
5. Other expenses associated with program development to enhance athlete and community participation.

Alaska Special Olympics, Inc. has been requested by Special Olympics, Inc. to hire a full-time program director/trainer. The duties of the program director/trainer would include training of the athlete coaches in each designated area, ensuring that national Special Olympic standards for athlete training and competition are observed and that each athlete is qualified for the event for which he or she is being trained. Additionally, the program director/trainer would conduct clinics for coaches and area coordinators on new athlete training methods.

Extensive travel would be involved with the position due to the number of designated areas.

In March 1985, Special Olympics, Inc. will hold its International Winter Games in Park City, Utah. Alaska will be represented by a minimum of 35 athletes, coaches, and trainers. Although Alaska Special Olympics has in the past received reduced air fare rates from Alaskan air carriers, the cost of attending the International Games remains high. Grant funds would be used to supplement the contributions from the designated areas.

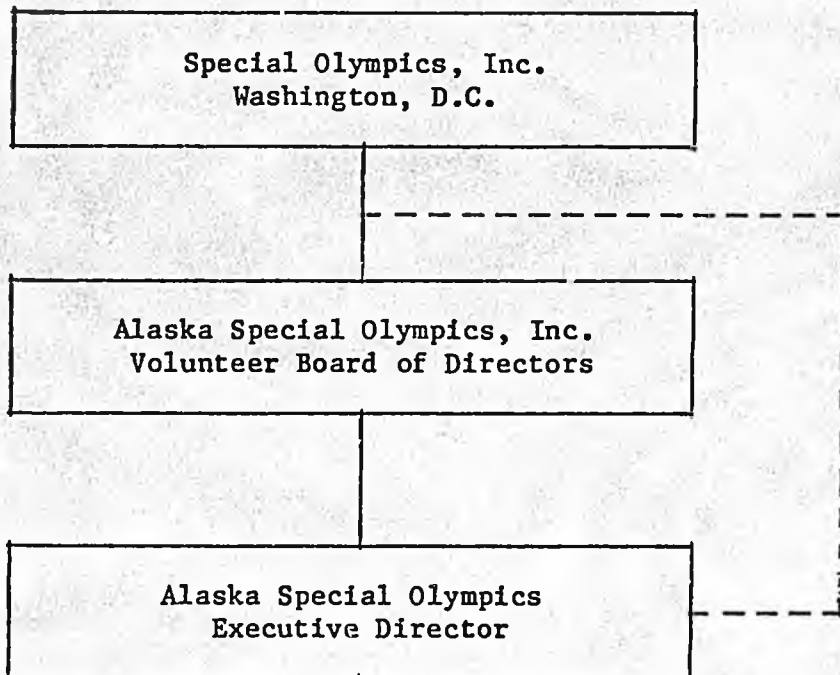
In fiscal 1984, Alaska Special Olympics, Inc. received a grant from the Department of Community and Regional Affairs to use in support of the State Winter and Summer Games and the State Bowling Tournament. Again, in 1985 we will hold these competitive events which are the single most important annual events for the area athletes. Promotion of these games within the communities is very important and costly. As more athletes are attracted to the Special Olympics program, the State Games increase in size and expense.

Alaska Special Olympics, Inc. has worked as efficiently as possible to keep its administrative costs low. Volunteers are in large part responsible for the low overhead cost of the program. But the Alaska program continues to grow in athletes and in designated areas. Additional office staff is needed to properly administer the day-to-day operations and interact with the areas.

Promotion of the Alaska Special Olympics, Inc. program is the responsibility of the State Chapter office. Additionally, support of designated area programs through informational brochures and radio and television public service announcements are provided by the State Chapter office. Grant dollars applied to administrative cost provide the needed capital for direct athlete support.

ALASKA SPECIAL OLYMPICS, INC.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



<u>Designated Areas</u>	<u>Athletes</u>
Anchorage	175
Bethel	14
Dillingham	3
Fairbanks	80
Glennallen	4
Homer	6
Juneau	11
Kake	1
Kenai	17
Ketchikan	12
Kodiak	12
Kuskokwim	8
Mat-Su	14
Nome	3
Northway	1
Seward	4
Sitka	7
Tok	1
Unalaska	1
Valdez	70
Yakutat	1
	<u>445</u>

ALASKA SPECIAL OLYMPICS, INC.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

For the Twelve Months Ended September 30, 1983

	General Fund	S.O.M.E. 82/83	Sponsor an Athlete	Programs International Games	Other Games/ Programs	Total
<u>Revenues</u>						
Program revenues		\$107,225	\$3,080	\$37,149	\$19,340	\$166,794
Governor's Grant-1984	\$ 15,000					15,000
Restricted Donations	12,200					12,200
Other donations	32,419			1,745		34,164
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>59,619</u>	<u>107,225</u>	<u>3,080</u>	<u>38,894</u>	<u>19,340</u>	<u>228,158</u>
<u>Expenses</u>						
Salaries and benefits	42,825				7,522	50,347
Travel/lodging	7,786	11,991		38,231	6,474	64,482
Office rent	3,359					3,359
Insurance	2,536					2,536
Communications	2,739					2,739
Supplies	3,238					3,238
Program promotion	2,908	1,087		1,330	4,798	10,123
Program equipment and supplies	8,341	7,485	525	2,991	147	19,489
Other	648	441	164	3,353	1,243	5,849
Funds returned to designated areas	6,550	44,702				51,252
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>80,930</u>	<u>65,706</u>	<u>689</u>	<u>45,905</u>	<u>20,184</u>	<u>213,414</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$(21,311)</u>	<u>\$ 41,519</u>	<u>\$2,391</u>	<u>\$(7,011)</u>	<u>\$ (844)</u>	<u>\$ 14,744</u>

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