

UAF University Park Early Childhood Development Center **FY2024 Request:** **\$2,500,000**
Reference No: **64796**

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Renovation and Remodeling
Category: University
Location: Fairbanks (Areawide) **House District:** Fairbanks Areawide (HD 31 - 35)
Impact House District: Fairbanks Areawide (HD 31 - 35) **Contact:** Michelle Rizk
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2023 - 06/30/2028 **Contact Phone:** (907)450-8187

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

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Funding:	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	Total
1004 Gen Fund		\$6,000,000					\$6,000,000
1048 Univ Rcpt							\$0
1108 Stat Desig	\$2,500,000						\$2,500,000
Total:	\$2,500,000	\$6,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,500,000

☐ State Match Required
 ☐ One-Time Project
 ☒ Phased - new
 ☐ Phased - underway
 ☐ Ongoing
 0% = Minimum State Match % Required
 ☐ Amendment
 ☐ Mental Health Bill

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Project Description/Justification:

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serve the intended purpose. This facility improvement also helps expand childcare offerings in the Fairbanks area, where these services are limited in the community, impacting employee workforce needs and productivity. UAF is also exploring agency partnerships for increasing childcare offerings; this renovation is a requirement to support this effort. The \$2.5 million is for a potential partnership with the Fairbanks North Star Borough.