



SEALASKA HERITAGE

March 15, 2023

Mayor and Assembly
City & Borough of Juneau
155 S. Seward St.
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Mayor and CBJ Assembly,

Sealaska Heritage Institute (SHI) respectfully requests \$500,000 in FY24 funds for the development and construction of its Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) Fab Lab/Makerspace in downtown Juneau. The development will only continue to enhance SHI's educational offerings in conjunction with the Juneau School District (JSD) by offering programs for enhanced school visits, after school programs, as well as weekend programs for children and families.

SHI programming is providing over \$2 million to the Juneau School District over the 2022-2023 year. Across six grant programs, SHI served 228 educators and 2,308 students in the Juneau School District in 2022.

The SHI STEAM Fab Lab/Makerspace, located adjacent to SHI's Walter Soboleff Building and the Atnané Hít Arts Campus, will incorporate Indigenous knowledge with western science-based approaches. The facility will serve students and families in Juneau and from throughout Southeast Alaska as well as educators to offer culturally-responsive STEAM learning.

Sealaska Heritage looks forward to providing an overview of this exciting project in the near future. We respectfully request \$500,000 from the City & Borough of Juneau in FY24 and appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rosita Kaaháni Worl, Ph.D.
President