Historic Materials Preservation - U.S. Senator Ted Stevens FY2015 Request: \$1,000,000 **Papers Reference No:** AMD 58833 **AP/AL:** Appropriation **Project Type:** Education Category: General Government **Recipient:** Ted Stevens Foundation Location: Statewide **House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40) **Impact House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40) Contact: JoEllen Hanrahan Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2014 - 06/30/2019 Contact Phone: (907)465-2506 **Brief Summary and Statement of Need:** This appropriation will allow continued processing and digitization of documents that span four decades and that are invaluable in preserving the history of our state and the work of the nation's longest-serving Republican senator. State funding will contribute to the ongoing private financing efforts to preserve the collection for future generations of Alaska. This effort is similar to funding models used in other states to provide public resources, in addition to private donations, to preserve the historical documents of distinguished public servants. Funding will be used for purchasing necessary equipment and cataloging and processing documents in preparation for digitization. FY2016 Funding: FY2015 FY2017 FY2018 FY2019 Total Gen Fund \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 Total: \$1,000,000 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$1,000,000 ☐ State Match Required ☐ One-Time Project Phased - new Phased - underway ☐ On-Going ✓ Amendment ☐ Mental Health Bill 0% = Minimum State Match % Required

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:

No prior funding.

Project Description/Justification:

With over 40 years of service to the people of Alaska, the United States Senator Ted Stevens' collection of historic documents exceeds 4,700 boxes of official materials. These documents include photographs, films, video tapes, and other recordings that are central to Alaska's history. The files document the transition from a territory to a young state and include seminal pieces of legislation such as the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act, the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and the Alaska Railroad Transfer Act. On a national level, this includes the Title IX. Ted Stevens Amateur Sports Act.

The records are presently on deposit with the University of Alaska. Through private donors, the Ted Stevens Foundation has provided over \$1,125,000 to begin the work of preparing these documents for digitization and eventual release to the public. It is anticipated this project will take several years to complete.