

Cook Inlet Tribal Council - Completion of Dena'ina House Demonstration Education Project	FY2012 Request:	\$3,000,000
	Reference No:	50456

AP/AL: Appropriation Category: Development Location: Anchorage Areawide House District: Anchorage Areawide (HD 17-32) Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2011 - 06/30/2015	Project Type: Education Recipient: Cook Inlet Tribal Council Contact: Jo Ellen Hanrahan Contact Phone: (907)465-2506
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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Cook Inlet Tribal Council - completion of the Dena'ina House construction which is a long-term residential facility designed to address student homelessness and residential transiency which are major barriers to Native student success.

Funding:	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	Total
Gen Fund	\$3,000,000						\$3,000,000
Total:	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

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

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

FY2011 - \$3,000,000 GF SLA10, Ch 43, Sec 13, Pg 126, Ln 28

Project Description/Justification:

Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC) - completion of the Dena'ina House construction which is a long-term residential facility designed to address student homelessness and residential transiency which are major barriers to Native student success.

Homelessness and residential transiency of Alaska Native students in Anchorage is high, both because of poverty and the instability of families that move to the city from rural villages. Homelessness/transiency is a major contributor to absenteeism, poor school performance and drop out rates. Dena'ina House is proposed as a cost-effective strategy for providing stable homes for Native students, aged 14 to 18, who are homeless/transient and at high risk for educational failure - a group not adequately served by existing programs. The project will provide long term foster care/educational support for approximately 20-30 residents, linking them with the successful school-within-a-school education program that CITC already provides in public schools. It will provide home-based tutoring, together with counseling to strengthen self-esteem, and develop values related to responsibility, the value of hard work, resiliency, community service and respectful relationships.

In FY11, funding is being used for site research, procurement and to refine and finalize the program design. The FY12 timeline includes architectural planning, construction/renovation and for the program to begin as a pilot. Anticipation for FY13 is for full-scale operation.