

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Boys & Girls Clubs of Southcentral Alaska****Federal Tax ID: 92-0036082****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

Boys & Girls Clubs of Southcentral Alaska - Northeast Clubhouse Program and Storage Equipment

State Funding Requested: \$47,500**House District: Anchorage Areawide (11-27)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Southcentral Alaska will purchase program equipment and fixtures for the Northeast Clubhouse to improve program delivery and meal service.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$237,500
Funding Already Secured:	(\$190,000)
FY2014 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$47,500)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:**Matching**Operational funding provided by Northeast Community Center Board \$170,000**Operational funding provided by BGCA OJP pass through \$20,000***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Boys & Girls Clubs is a private non-profit corporation in its 46th year of service to Alaskan youth. Boys & Girls Clubs is affiliated with the national organization Boys & Girls Clubs of America and share their commitment to help youth of all backgrounds develop the qualities

needed to become responsible citizens and leaders. Boys & Girls Clubs' mission is to empower and inspire the diverse youth of Alaska to realize their full potential by offering them hope, opportunity, and a safe environment in which to grow.

Forty-two Clubs serve over 12,000 young Alaskans each year, and Clubs welcome thousands of visiting families and youth at our community events and Clubhouse activities. Each day, Boys & Girls Clubs help our state's youth by:

- o Mentoring children during the peak juvenile crime hours of 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.;
- o Utilizing over 200 professionally-trained youth development staff and enriching our programs with 450 community-minded volunteers;
- o Providing a safe, supervised environment for young people during vulnerable hours; and
- o Addressing key issues such as violence prevention, healthy lifestyles and school and work readiness through outcome-based curricula.

NORTHEAST CLUBHOUSE REQUEST REQUEST: \$47,500

Clubhouse and Community Center Usage

Clubhouse Membership 2012 YTD -- 927 youth ages 6 -- 18 (up from 2011 membership of 825)
 Community Center Users 2012 YTD -- 2700 not including large community events
 Free meals, free Clubhouse membership for youth.

\$8,500 Moduform Tables 3 @ \$1,000, Chairs 30@\$100, plus estimated shipping
 \$10,000 2 heavy duty pool tables
 \$7,500 2 heavy duty air hockey tables
 \$10,000 3 Folding (school-type) Cafeteria tables
 \$6,000 30 heavy duty folding tables
 \$3,000 100 heavy duty folding chairs
 \$2,500 10 Gorilla Storage Racks

Nearly indestructible Moduform tables and equally strong chairs will replace worn and broken tables and chairs in the Club and Community Center. In the gamesroom -- where 900 youth members are served annually -- will be two new commercial grade pool tables and two commercial grade air hockey tables.

In the cafeteria area of the Club -- where Children's Meal Mission serves hot meals every day to children -- three new folding cafeteria-style tables will be added.

The community center will also have use of 30 new commercial-grade folding tables and 100 folding chairs. Storage areas will be refurbished with gorilla racks to aid in keeping this busy Club and Community Center neat and clean.

Project Timeline:

Equipment procurement in Winter 2013, and installation in Winter or Spring 2013-2014.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Southcentral Alaska

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No

For use by Co-chair Staff Only:



EIN #80-0060357

January 30, 2013

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to strongly encourage the State of Alaska to award grant money to the Northeast Community Center Boys and Girls Club located at 1251 Muldoon Road in Anchorage. Our competitive softball organization has been renting gym space at the club for the past several years. John Oats and his staff are wonderful to work with. They show support to many different youth sports groups in the Anchorage area.

Our players and parents really enjoy practicing at the Boys and Girls Club. John does a wonderful job of scheduling our time each month. He lets us know if there are any extra open days so that we can take advantage of even more practice time. We are blessed to work with such great people at the center.

The Boys and Girls Club provides a very valuable service to the East Anchorage community. They provide a safe, warm, clean and positive environment for young people to come and enjoy. I am sure that their equipment is in constant need of updating. Many children attend the center on a daily basis so I'm certain improvements and updating equipment are constant needs.

We support the request for funds to the Northeast Community Center Boys and Girls Club.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy Van Ryn". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Wendy Van Ryn
President
Arctic Storm Fast Pitch Softball
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We feed hungry kids in a safe community environment!

January 25, 2013

Dear Sir,

I strongly encourage the State of Alaska to consider the Boys & Girls clubs grant application for improvements to the equipment and programming at their Youth Center on Muldoon Rd.

The Children's Lunchbox has partnered with the Boys & Girls club to provide healthy, balanced meals every weekday throughout the year. I have been impressed with the learning components and participation offered by staff each day including physical activities, and the commitment to promote cooperation. I am thrilled to be a part of components that include proper portion controls and healthy food choices. Staff members are encouraging youth to volunteer with meal preparations, serving and clean-up. This is an excellent example of kids helping kids and speaks volumes about the important work going on there!

They actively seek out opportunities to assist other non-profit organizations, like mine, and work to make a real difference in our communities! I believe this program has a unique niche in meeting the needs of young people and is critical to education and building the self-esteem of youth in our community.

If I can answer any questions or provide additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lynette Ortolano
Program Director

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Northeast Community Council

January 31, 2013

Mr. John Oates, Manager
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Dear Mr. Oates,

The Northeast Community Council (NECC) is a longtime user of the Boys & Girls Club facility at the Northeast Community Center. We appreciate the Boys & Girls Club accommodating our meetings as well as supporting community events such as the Muldoon Community Picnic.

The NECC is writing this letter in support of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southcentral Alaska application for grant funding of \$50,000 from the State of Alaska to purchase program equipment upgrades and storage space for their members (cafeteria tables, folding tables, folding chairs, pool table, air-hockey table, foosball tables, etc.) for their Northeast Community Center Clubhouse.

We at the NECC are certain that this grant funding is of extreme importance to our society's youth. In a community that is growing by leaps and bounds, the Boys & Girls Club is a haven for providing young people with recreation, learning, and other essentials. Investing in our youth may take years to see a return on, but it is never money wasted.

Sincerely,

Carla Hadley McConnell
NECC Board President
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Anchorage, AK 99504

Noodlum Equities

January 29, 2013

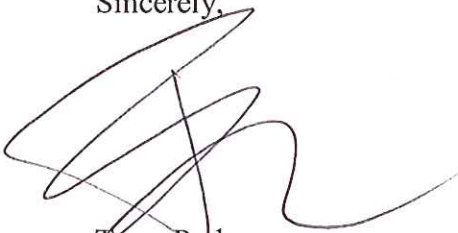
Dear State of Alaska,

It is my pleasure to write this letter of support for the Boys and Girls Club Northeast Community Center regarding their grant request. John has been the manager at the 1251 Muldoon Rd location for a year. In that time we have seen the number to calls with "problems" drastically reduced. This center provides a much needed place for the youth of the community to come together in a safe and stable environment.

I know many of the children who attend Boys and Girls Club look forward to their afternoon at the center. With the number of youth they serve I am sure there equipment is used frequently and is in need of updating. John has used the funds previously awarded to him in a responsible manner and I am sure he will do so with these funds.

We support the request for funds are granted to the Boys and Girls Club Northeast Community Center.

Sincerely,



Terry Parks
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January 29, 2013

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Volunteers of America Alaska I am writing this letter to support your application for the purchase of program equipment and storage space through the Capital Grant Program. Volunteers of America Alaska has a long history of working collaboratively with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Alaska to serve youth throughout the State of Alaska. VOAAK believes Boys & Girls Clubs of Alaska is a very effective and positive place for Alaska's children and teens.

Volunteers of America Alaska has utilized Boys and Girls Clubs of Alaska Community Centers for Prime for Life classes, Alcohol Free Super Bowl Parties, and trainings. Upgrading program equipment and storage space will not only better serve the youth of Alaska but will benefit community partners like ourselves.

Again, I would like to express Volunteers of America Alaska's support of their application to purchase program equipment and storage space which will benefit the youth in our community. This grant will also strengthen VOAAK and community partners' ability to positively impact the lives of Alaskan's through the use of their facility.

Thank you for consideration of their application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Elaine M. Dahlgren".

Elaine M. Dahlgren
President/CEO
907-279-9650

To Whom It May Concern:

As you are aware, I am the President of the Board of Directors of the NorthEast Community Center, located in Muldoon. The Center has been managed by the Boy's & Girl's Club for the last 12 years. As a Board we support the Club and it is a valuable asset to the northeast community area, which is greatly diversified.

It has come to our attention that the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southcentral Alaska is applying for grant funding of \$50,000, from the State of Alaska to purchase program equipment upgrades and storage space for their members (cafeteria tables, folding tables, folding chairs, pool table, air hockey table, fooseball tables, etc.) for their Northeast Community Center Clubhouse. For 45+ years, Boys & Girls Clubs of Southcentral Alaska has been providing essential services to the youth and families in communities throughout Alaska and for over 12 years in Northeast Anchorage. We believe wholeheartedly in the mission of the organization and feel that this funding for upgrades, will be money well spent for the youth and our community members.

Our Board of Directors of the NorthEast Community Center have partnered with the Boys and Girls Club of Southcentral Alaska who are operating the facility as both a Boys and Girls Club and a Community Center.

Thank you for considering this request. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at (907) 333-0117.☐

Sincerely,

Bob Reupke, Board President

To Whom It May Concern:

I support the state of Alaska granting the Northeast Boys and Girls Club the requested monies for the club. It is a safe haven for Anchorage's kids to stay off of the street, out of trouble, fed a good meal FOR FREE and be active. I would rather the state invest money towards the upkeep of the club and these kids in an environment that encourages positive behavior and gives them a chance than investing in jails and teens in trouble because they didn't have these options.

Thank you,

Kyla Rhodes

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January 29, 2013

To Whom it May Concern:

Our family is so grateful for the services offered at the Northeast Community Center Boys and Girls Club. Our three boys, ages ranging from 7 to 13, attend 3-4 days each week. The Club provides such exceptional after school care with caring mentors, nutritious meals, social interaction and physical activity.

The requested 2013 grant funds for program equipment upgrades and additional storage spaces would be so beneficial to the facility and the many children and families that it serves.

Sincerely,

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