

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Edzeno' Native Village Council (Nikolai)****Federal Tax ID: 92-015320****Project Title:****Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

Edzeno' Native Village Council (Nikolai) - New Health Clinic Match

State Funding Requested: \$200,000**House District: 38 / S**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Provide cash match to leverage new clinic federal and foundation funding.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$1,430,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$170,000)
FY2014 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$200,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$1,060,000

Funding Details:

The Council is using it approved \$170,000 FY2013 CIP to leverage a \$600,000 HUD ICDBG award during 2013. An additional \$200 FY2014 CIP is requested to leverage State CDBG and Rasmuson Foundation funding during winter, 2013. Construction will take place in 2014.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Edzeno' Native Village Council Legislative Capital Improvement Project Funding Request

Nikolai Health Care Clinic Match

CIP Funding Request

Edzeno' Native Village Council (ENVC) has worked with the Denali Commission and the ANTHC to plan for a new 1,000 s.f. primary health care which has an estimated total development cost estimate of \$1,430,000. ENVC expects to receive 75% funding from HUD's Indian Community Development Block program but requires 25% cash match in order to score points in the "rating and raking" that ENVC must provide. This application will be submitted during 2013. As a result, ENVC received a \$170,000 Legislative Capital Improvement Project (CIP) appropriation to provide part of required match funding to leverage a HUD Indian Community Development Block (ICDBG) I the amount of \$600,000. In addition, ENVC will be requesting \$460,000 from the Rasmuson Foundation grant for the purpose of constructing the planned Nikolai Health Care Clinic which requires a \$200,000 FY2014 CIP to provide match. The planned Nikolai Health Care Clinic will provide a "one-stop" primary health care services facility for the residents of Nikolai (100 population). The planned new building will be designed to house the following health care services:

- Primary health care clinic
- Behavioral health services program

- Dedicated dental room

The planned Nikolai Health Care Clinic will provide useful facility space at the least cost by replacing the existing clinic building which is inferior, too small, energy inefficient and has been recommended for replacement by the Denali Commission's "Code and Conditions" survey of it. The planned new health care clinic will provide the following spaces:

Purpose	Room Space	Total Space
1) 1 each CHAP/Itinerant Exam Room	=	150 sq. ft.
2) Clinic Waiting Room	=	163 sq. ft.
3) Clinic Office	=	165 sq. ft.
4) Dental Room	=	155 sq. ft.
5) 1 each Unisex/Handicapped Toilets	=	70 sq. ft.
6) Janitor Closet	=	40 sq. ft.
7) Pharmacy Area	=	55 sq. ft.
8) Mechanical/Electrical	=	70 sq. ft.
9) Itinerant Quarters/kitchen/laundry	=	169 sq. ft.
10) Hallways/Arctic Entry	=	102 sq. ft.

Total Space: 1,139 sq. ft.		

Community Profile

Community Overview History

Historically the ancestors of the people of Nikolai were nomadic, travelling with the seasons and the availability of fish and game throughout the Upper Kuskokwim region. Summer and winter camps were established based on the accessibility of different wildlife. Many of the camps were established in the foothills of the Alaska Range where wildlife was plentiful and the topography made it easier to spot game. They referred to themselves as Dina'ena, translated as "the people", and were referred to by Athabascan neighbors as Dichinane'k Hwt'ana (Timber River People) and Dikinane'k Hut'ana (Upper Kuskokwim People). For many generations there was a settlement located on the Tozana River that provided a strategic location for harvesting fish and game. This location later became the first site of the village of Nikolai, named after Chief Nikolai who settled there after fleeing his home on the Innoko River. Old Nikolai was not established until after 1910 and was the location of a trading post built by Captain Holten who traded with the people of Upper Kuskokwim. In 1910 the first Council was organized in Nikolai by the Russian Orthodox Church. Although the village of Nikolai has moved several times, establishing a permanent winter camp on the Upper Kuskokwim made it easier to gain access to trade goods that were brought in by river boat. The current site of the village of Nikolai was established after 1918. The first school in Nikolai was built by residents and was established in 1948. In 1976 Nikolai became a part of the Iditarod Area School District. Nikolai was incorporated as a second class city in 1970.1 Culture

The Russian Orthodox Church Bells.

1 History summarized from (Collins, 2004)

Nikolai has continued to keep some of its cultural activities alive. Among these, subsistence living is one of the most important. Subsistence activities are practiced throughout the year and Nikolai Community Plan Page 7 are passed down to younger generations through the knowledge of local areas and taboos. Nikolai is home to two tribes the

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Edzeno' (Nikolai) Tribe and the Telida Tribe. Many Telida tribal members moved to Nikolai after the Telida school closed. Telida and Nikolai tribal members share in common the Upper Kuskokwim Athabaskan language which is still spoken by many of the Elders in the community. Preserving the Upper Kuskokwim language is very important to Nikolai elders and the younger generation alike. The Russian Orthodox church is also an important part of the local culture in Nikolai. There is currently not a Russian Orthodox priest living in the community however services are occasionally read by a local community member. A favorite holiday is Russian Orthodox Christmas which is celebrated on January 7th. According to U.S. 2010 Census the total population of Nikolai is 94 people.

Needs Statement

The existing clinic has lack of storage space, lack of adequate medical supplies storage, is not an ADA accessible facility and has no trauma room which prevents the staff from providing to the Village an appropriate level of daily and emergency services according the Denali Commission sponsored "Code and Conditions" survey of the facility. This survey also indicated that the existing clinic has marginal insulation in the floors, walls and roof and is energy inefficient. Due to the above deficiencies and others, the "Code and Conditions" survey recommended that the existing clinic be replaced with a 2000 s.f. modern clinic following Denali Commission "clinic prototype" design and criteria. Since then, the Denali Commission has expended funding to complete a new clinic design.

The present clinic (768 square feet) is housed within the washeteria/water treatment building. The existing clinic is too small and the "Code and Conditions Survey" noted the following:

Arctic Entries: The arctic entry for the building is the entry vestibule. It is in satisfactory condition but is smaller than guideline requirements.

Waiting Room: The waiting room is too small and functions marginally. There is no supervision of the waiting area.

Trauma/Tele-med: None provided.

Office/Exam: The exam room is small but functional.

Administration/Records: None provided.

Patient Holding/Sleep: None provided.

Ancillary Spaces: There are no ancillary spaces.

Specialty Clinics: None provided.

Pharmacy/Lab: None provided.

Handicapped: Toilet Room: The toilet room lacks sufficient clear space for handicapped accessibility, in addition to non-accessible fixtures.

Storage: None provided

Janitor Closet: The janitor closet is located in the mechanical room.

Need for New Clinic:

The Edzeno' Native Village Council has determined that securing a modern clinic in the Village is needed to establish and enhance health services that are essential to the future well being of Village residents and for the orderly development of Nikolai. The planned Nikolai Health Clinic fulfills the one Edzeno' Native Village Council' community development priorities identified in the 20qq Nikolai Community Plan and it will directly improve the health and welfare of Village residents. To fulfill these needs, the Edzeno' Native Village Council is seeking funding through a number of funding sources to construct the planned Nikolai Health Clinic.

As described in this business plan, there is not adequate functional facility space at the existing 768 square foot clinic and

which also has a number of deficiencies that impede effective health care service delivery. The existing clinic's "Code and Conditions Survey" report concludes; "The lack of adequate space for medical supplies, the lack of trauma room, and the lack of additional work spaces prevent the staff from providing the level of care needed on a daily and emergency basis." In addition, the Edzeno' Native Village Council through its community planning process has embraced a long-term community development strategy to relocate and/or develop new community facilities and infrastructure to higher elevations out of the 100 year flood zone area of the Village.

As discussed above, the general lack of decent, modern clinic facility space in Nikolai Traditional is hindering the performance of primary health care services and as a result, the health and welfare of Village residents is being harmed and threatened.

Future State Support

Edzeno' Native Village Council (ENVC) has not requested funding for this Project from the State in the past and if this CIP request is funded there will be no further requests to the State for this Project. ENVC will utilize this \$170,000 CIP to meet the 25% cash match requirement of HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant program and to leverage Rasmuson grant funding.

Project Timeline

	Project Period 2013 ----- 2014							
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr
	JFM	AMJ	JAS	OND	JFM	AMJ	JAS	OND
HUD ICDBG Grant Award				X				
Fire Marshal Approval			X					
Rasmuson grant approved					X			
Materials delivery						X		
Foundation installation							X	
Exterior Construction						X--X		
Project interior completion							X---X	
Furnishings/equipment installed								XX
Project start-up							X	
Final report to HUD,State and Rasmuson Foundation								X

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Project Timeline:

Project construction funding will be raised during 2013 and construction will take place during 2014 at a cost of \$1,430,000.

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

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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