

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Copper River Basin Child Advocacy Center, Inc.****Federal Tax ID: 26-1108855****Project Title:****Project Type: Maintenance and Repairs****Copper River Basin Child Advocacy Center, Inc. - Heating System****State Funding Requested: \$50,000**  
One-Time Need**House District: 39 / T****Brief Project Description:**

Replace heating system.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$50,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2014 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$50,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:*

None.

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Project Summary: The Copper River Basin Child Advocacy Center (CRBCAC), respectfully requests funds to replace the heating system at the building used to service the Copper River Region and Valdez. The current system is approximately 20 years old and in a state of disrepair causing energy inefficiency and undo expenses, as well as interruptions in services being provided by not only the CRBCAC, but also the Office of Child Services (OCS) which is housed in the building. Currently, the CRBCAC has a long-term lease with the Copper River School District (CRSD), for one dollar per year with the balance of the market value in rent donated by the CRSD, to operate in the building and has spent substantial funds to convert the building to accommodate the needs of abused children and families as well as house the Office of Children's Services (OCS). Both of these necessary services, here in the Copper River Region are being impeded by recurring boiler/heating failures. The CRBCAC, with the approval of the Copper River School District (landlord) are requesting a Legislative Capital Appropriation to replace the existing heating system with an energy efficient, low maintenance heating system.

Need for project: Over the last three years, the CRBCAC has extensively spent time and funds to convert the building to a safe and child friendly environment as well as to co-locate with the OCS office. Since the CRBCAC opened its doors in 2009 we have seen over 58 families with child maltreatment cases. In an effort to better support the coordination and investigation of child maltreatment cases in the Copper River Basin, the CRBCAC and other community partners have developed the Multi- Disciplinary Team (MDT). The CRBCAC MDT consists of many professional backgrounds such as the Alaska State Troopers, OCS, District Attorney's office, Mental Health professionals, Medical professionals and Tribal liaison. The CRBCAC MDT has developed strong partnerships that foster collaboration and effective response to child endangerment in

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the Copper River Basin.

The CRBCAC has spent a total of approximately \$51,000 in costs for the heating system repairs and maintenance of the building. \$25,500 in construction costs, in order to house OCS offices, and \$25,500 in repairing the current heating system and the damages caused by boiler failure. In 2011, the boiler failures led to freezing/broken pipes that flooded the 1st floor office space. In 2012, the same occurrence led to another flooding of the 1st floor office space. In addition, due to the boiler failures, the OCS office had to temporarily shut down their office due to having no heat. The CRBCAC has contracted with the state to maintain the co-located OCS offices, however it has been a challenge to be able to seek and hire local certified contractors to repair the heating system on an emergency basis. The certified HVAC contractor services are available from the Anchorage area, over 200 miles one-way. The aforementioned issues with inadequate heating, freezing pipes and flooding have been a burden to the CRBCAC and the OCS offices in providing services in our area. The CRBCAC does not possess the capacity either in funds or resources that are necessary to continue to deal with the existing issue.

Organizational Information: CRBCAC is a not-for-profit organization that ponderously relies on community support, individual donations, Community Revenue Sharing Funds, small Grant opportunities and Operating Grant Funding from the State of Alaska. The CRBCAC has a sound financial accounting system that ensures we remain in good standing with all funding agencies. We have a strong Board of Directors and broad based community support.

Total Request: \$50,000

Budget Detail: The CRBCAC is currently in the process of obtaining three bid quotes for installing a new heating system. The CRBCAC has obtained an estimate of \$50,000 from a certified HVAC company, although a budget for expenditure breakdown has not been provided to the CRBCAC yet.

### Project Timeline:

FY14

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

Copper River Basin Child Advocacy Center, Inc.

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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



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## Legislative Request for Copper River Basin Child Advocacy Center

### Heating System Replacement

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Budget for Copper River Basin Child Advocacy Center Legislative Appropriation Request

Boiler cost (parts)	\$22,000.00
Boiler installation cost (labor)	\$28,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>