

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Valdez****Federal Tax ID: 926000143****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

# Valdez - Senior Center Canopies for Emergency Egress

**State Funding Requested: \$150,000****House District: 6 / C**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Covered walkways for emergency exits

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$185,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$35,000)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$150,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:*

2014: \$35,000 City of Valdez

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Due to the amount of snow Valdez receives on an annual basis there are safety concerns with regard to the Senior Center's emergency exits for which it is very difficult to keep clear during the winter months. Wind driven snow gets impacted on these doors, and at times, cannot be opened. In a Community that can routinely receive annual snowfall levels over 300 inches, it takes a huge effort to keep these areas clear and safe. While both Senior Center staff and the City of Valdez maintenance department continually work to maintain a clear access, there are times no one is available to clear the snow (weekends, holidays, moving other snow, etc), and so at times these exits cannot be kept open due to the severity and intensity of the weather.

Funding is being sought to build canopies over two exit areas. The covers would extend from the building to a point the snow would be taken away by the plows. By building walkways over the two areas it would not only be possible get doors open in the case of an emergency, but it would also provide a year round safe passage way to/from the building for residents in wheel chairs.

**Project Timeline:**

2014-2015 Design

2015-2016 Construction

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

City of Valdez

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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