

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Ester Volunteer Fire Department****Federal Tax ID: 920111226****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

Ester Volunteer Fire Department - Wildfire Water Storage Tank Installation

State Funding Requested: \$40,000**House District: 38 / S**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Install a 33,000 gallon buried water tank and 500 gallon per minute pump in the western part of the Ester Volunteer Fire Department's service area to increase water supply capability in this wildland fire zone of concern.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$95,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$55,000)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$40,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

A 33,000 gallon tank worth \$55,000.00 has been donated to this project and will be used as a matching grant.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Several areas of the eastern side of the Ester Volunteer Fire Department's service area have been identified as "zones of concern" in the Fairbanks North Star Borough's Community Wildfire Protection Plan. These zones of concern suffer significantly increased fire risk due to the fuels present and topography. A reliable water supply point in this area of the fire service area will greatly increase firefighting effectiveness, and may help to lower residents' insurance rates.

The proposed project would store 33,000 gallons of readily available firefighting water in the western part of the Ester Volunteer Fire Department's fire service area. The project will consist of burying a 33,000 gallon tank, building a small pump house, and completing earth work to provide drive-through access for fire department vehicles. The Ester Volunteer Fire Department is exploring two potential locations for the project with the Fairbanks North Star Borough's Planning and Zoning Department: 1) in the area of Old Ridge Trail and the Old Nenana Highway; and 2) near the intersection of Cripple Creek Road and Isberg Road.

Project Timeline:

All funds will be expended and the project completed in FY 2015.

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

Ester Volunteer Fire Department

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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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