

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Alaska Christian College****Federal Tax ID: 92-0174205****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

# Alaska Christian College - Access Road Widening and Safety Corridor for Students

**State Funding Requested: \$150,000****House District: Kenai Areawide (28-30)**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

To widen, pave, and add lighting to an existing single lane unpaved road for the pedestrian safety of Kenai Peninsula College (UAA) and Alaska Christian College (ACC) students.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$175,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$25,000)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$150,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:*

2012- Emergency generator purchase for campus power outages- \$49,000

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

This property is a Borough owned easement. The access road from the Kenai Peninsula College (UAA) into New Hope Counseling Center and Alaska Christian College via E. Poppy Road is only 12 feet wide. It is a single lane easement built on gravel and broken asphalt. As an easement and right of way, it has been approved by the Kenai Peninsula Borough for widening and will be brought up to Borough specifications for maintenance and care of the roadway after completion. Dozens of pedestrians use this road, and the current conditions--including no sidewalks, no lighting, and no drainage from spring run-off-- make the situation unsafe. The traffic for KPC (UAA), New Hope Counseling Center, Poppy Lane Flowers, and ACC that all converge and use the same road. In the Fall of 2013, ACC began providing food services to the students living in the new Kenai Peninsula College (UAA) dormitories who may come up to three times a day, seven days a week, during open college sessions. Year-round and at all hours of the day and night, pedestrians use this roadway, exposed to traffic as well as animals in the area. With the potential of many pedestrians daily, it is only a matter of time until someone is injured due to this precarious roadway.

We have a letter of support from CEO/Director Gary Turner of KPC supporting the project justification as a joint project of both accredited colleges.

**Project Timeline:**

If funded, the project would begin immediately June 2014 with the removal of the overburden, followed by removal of the current roadway to meet Kenai Peninsula Borough specifications. It would then be completed with blacktop and lighting by August or September, 2014 at the latest. Our desire is to have the project completed by the time classes begin for both colleges.

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

Kenai Peninsula Borough will maintain the roadway per their scope

**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



Kenai Peninsula College  
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Jan. 9, 2013

Dear Speaker Chenault, Senator Micciche and Representative Olson,

I sincerely request your support of a road upgrade to Royal Place, the lane that leads to Alaska Christian College (ACC). This one-lane road constitutes a safety issue for the 40-50 ACC students who walk it daily to either attend Kenai Peninsula College classes or patronize K-Beach businesses.

This safety concern also extends to those driving this road particularly in winter when there can be just enough room for one car to drive it. There are many instances of vehicles trying to pull to the side to let the other pass or to provide safe passage to students, but they inevitably get stuck and need to be towed or pushed out. Since snow is plowed to each side of this lane, there is nowhere for students to walk except in the road.

These issues will be exacerbated even further when KPC begins housing up to 102 resident students beginning in Aug. 2013. KPC and ACC will be partnering on a number of student-oriented activities wherein our students will be walking to ACC and ACC students will be walking to KPC. Additionally, up to 30 KPC students will be walking to ACC up to three times daily to eat in their dining facility as a result of a Memorandum of Understanding signed by Dr. Keith Hamilton and me.

In order to make this a safe passage for our students, ACC employees and visitors, Royal Place would need to be widened, the base upgraded and also lighted.

Thank you for your consideration and support

Sincerely,

Gary J. Turner  
Director/CEO

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