

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Anchor Point Public Library****Federal Tax ID: 92-0030894****Project Title:****Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

Anchor Point Public Library - New Library Planning

State Funding Requested: \$20,000
Future Funding May Be Requested**House District: Kenai Areawide (28-30)****Brief Project Description:**

Anchor Point Library Planning

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$2,200,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$160,000)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	(\$20,000)
Project Deficit:	\$2,020,000

*Funding Details:**Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:**Local Fund Raising - \$55,000**Foraker Group -- Pre-development plan - \$55,000, funded by Rasmusson Foundation**Land and site preparation - \$50,000***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Anchor Point Public Library is in need of a new, larger building. Currently the library is housed in one end of the VFW building. We have had a use agreement with the VFW that was to last for 15 years or the life of the building, whichever came first. The fifteen years has long since passed and the VFW has expressed that it would like to see us out of their building in the next two years because the VFW is now cramped for space and needs the space that is used by the library. The present section that is used by the library is 1600 square feet. Sixteen hundred square feet was adequate 20 years ago, But with an increased number of books, and the increase in the circulation numbers and the number of daily patrons we are very cramped for space. There are two small tables for patrons.

We have in the last 10 years added six computers plus a wireless internet connection for our patrons to use. Some of the table space that was used for reading is now occupied with patron laptop computers. With the Online With Libraries (OWL) project that was largely federally funded we now have broadband internet service and have received video conferencing equipment that will allow for distance learning with the University of Alaska and other educational institutions. All of these additional uses will be required to be held when the library is closed because there is no room during normal operation hours. The needs of the community could be better met with a building of at least 3200 square feet and at a location closer to the Chapman Elementary School.

In August of this year the library was forced to be closed by the insurance company because the entry foundation and floor had rotted and were determined to be unsafe. The library was closed for a week and a half while the old entry was torn down rebuilt.

This funding request is to support planning. The project should apply to the state's matching grant program for libraries for its full construction request.

Project Timeline:

We were advised by the Foraker Group not to approach foundations and Alaska businesses until we obtained some funds from the State of Alaska. If funded in 2014, a timeline of one year for raising matching funds with construction completed in 2015.

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

Anchor Point Public Library, 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