

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Boys & Girls Clubs of the Kenai Peninsula****Federal Tax ID: 94-3067142****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

# Boys & Girls Clubs of the Kenai Peninsula - Nikiski Clubhouse Youth Transportation

**State Funding Requested: \$100,000****House District: Kenai Areawide (28-30)**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Boys & Girls Clubs will improve the safety and dependability of its youth transportation service at the Nikiski/North Star Elementary Clubhouse through the procurement of one 30-passenger bus.

**Funding Plan:**

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| Total Project Cost:           | \$132,005          |
| Funding Already Secured:      | (\$32,005)         |
| FY2015 State Funding Request: | <u>(\$100,000)</u> |
| Project Deficit:              | \$0                |

*Funding Details:**Operational In Kind**CDL Driver \$25/hr plus payroll taxes for 5 years funding secured through CCLC Grant \$11,880**Fuel Expense for 5 years funding secured through CCLC Grant \$20,125**Total In Kind: \$32,005***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Boys & Girls Clubs is a private non-profit corporation in its 47th year of service to Alaskan youth. Boys & Girls Clubs is affiliated with the national organization Boys & Girls Clubs of America and share their commitment to help youth of all backgrounds develop the qualities needed to become responsible citizens and leaders. Boys & Girls Clubs' mission is to empower and inspire the diverse youth of Alaska to realize their full potential by offering them hope, opportunity and a safe environment in which to grow.

**Capital Request**

30 Passenger Bus for youth transport youth to and from Club \$100,000

The Nikiski Club currently serves 95-100 youth per day. This Club has 223 current members.

Clubhouse staff provides after school and summer nationally recognized programming with proven positive outcomes. This includes academic assistance including before school Spanish and reading programs, after school tutors, homework assistance/completion, mathematics, accelerated math and reading, and character building workshops. We also provide enrichment activities including Karate, dance, swimming, sewing, cooking, photography, Robotics, arts, science, healthy habits, drama and community outreach programs. We serve nutritious and balanced suppers and snacks during the school

year and breakfast, lunch, and snacks during the summer through the State of Alaska Child and Adult Care Food Program and the Summer Food Sponsor Program.

The Nikiski Club has recently become the recipient, along with two of our other sites, of a 21st Center Community Learning Center Grant. We have agreed to bus students/Club members home in the evening during the school year and to and from the program during the summer months. Without such transportation, a large percentage of our members would not be able to attend or participate in our youth development and academic programs. The bus would also be used for educational field trips giving youth in a rural area the opportunity to explore and get exposure to places and things they may not otherwise have the chance to do so. In addition, the bus will ensure that kids and families that have transportation issues are able to benefit and participate in our programs, are fed a well rounded meal, and have a safe and positive place to be during the after school and summer hours.

### Project Timeline:

Bidding and procurement Winter 2014, shipping and service in Spring/Summer 2015.

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

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Kenai Peninsula

### 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

January 13, 2014

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter in regards to the Nikiski Boys and Girls Club. I am a teacher at Nikiski North Star Elementary.

I have seen the impact that having a bus makes on these children. The majority of our students only attend this program due to being able to ride the bus home. Not only does B & G offer quality afterschool programs; they also offer a warm meal and positive interactions with both their peers and adults.

As a teacher and a parent, I can't express enough how much of a positive impact this program makes on our students, mine included. I believe that the Kenai Peninsula Borough School district has a great motto: She is why and he is the reason. The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Kenai Peninsula takes this to heart and keeps these children the highest priority.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Brianna Redfern  
3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher  
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