

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Kasilof Regional Historical Association****Federal Tax ID: 92-0030894****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

Kasilof Regional Historical Association - Kasilof-Victor Holm Cabin Restoration and Access

State Funding Requested: \$20,000**House District: Kenai Areawide (28-30)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Victor Holm Cabin Restoration and Access

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$29,500
Funding Already Secured:	(\$5,500)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$20,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$4,000

*Funding Details:**Local volunteers will be providing labor and equipment with an in-kind value of at least \$5,500.***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The historic Victor Holm property on the Kasilof River was recently given to the Kasilof Regional Historical Association (KRHA). Victor Holm lived at this site on the river from 1890 through 1940. He left behind a wealth of artifacts and two dove-tailed log cabins that are now on the National Historic Register. The cabins require some restoration work for stabilization and to prepare them for public display. Access to the property also needs to be rerouted as the road built to the property in 1947 currently crosses private property.

The purpose of the work is to preserve this rare, intact historical site and enable KRHA to show the property to the public.

Restoration work required includes repairs of windows, doors, roofing and an elevated meat cache attached to one of the cabins. A small outbuilding sits atop of a hand dug well. The well hole is dangerous and needs to be filled in, requiring the outbuilding to be moved. Electric lines need to be installed from the meter loop on the property to the cabins for basic electrical needs.

Volunteer labor and equipment will be utilized for moving materials, clearing the property of non-historic debris, replacing interior finishes in the cabins and transporting the artifacts from storage and placing/displaying them in the cabins.

In 1947 Victor Holm's property was bought by Charlie and Freda Lewis, who saved all of the artifacts that Victor had left behind and turned one of his cabins into a private museum. In 1999 Freda Lewis donated the cabins and artifacts to the Kachemak Heritage Land Trust for preservation. At that time local volunteers inventoried all of the artifacts. While under the Land Trust's care one of the cabins was restored in a joint project with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the other cabin

was moved a safe distance away from an eroding bluff with a grant from the Alaska State Office of History and Archaeology.

Project Timeline:

The first priority will be building restoration work which needs to happen before the artifacts can be returned to the site. That should happen within the first building season after the funds are received. We expect to finish the project within 2 years of receiving funds.

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

Kasilof Regional Historical Association

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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