

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: North Peninsula Community Council, Inc.****Federal Tax ID: 92-0030894****Project Title:****Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

North Peninsula Community Council, Inc. - Nikiski Public Viewing and Beach Access Park

State Funding Requested: \$250,000**House District: Kenai Areawide (28-30)**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Nikiski Public Viewing and Beach Access Park

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$500,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$199,619)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	(\$250,000)
Project Deficit:	\$50,381

Funding Details:

State grant 13-DC-158 (\$99,619 remaining) and State grant FY14 (\$100,000) both awarded for beautification projects. 13-DC-158 requires conversion to an unrestricted grant allowing property purchase. The FY14 grant has been awarded, and the signed grant agreement is expected by November, 2013.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Nikiski community desires a public viewing area overlooking Cook Inlet with beach access in the Nikiski community. The project was selected as a quality of life goal where its residents and community visitors can enjoy viewing of scenic mountains and volcanoes, Cook Inlet waters with boats and oil production structures, closer to the community business centers. The Council selected this high quality project to promote the unique community image while enhancing local business growth.

There are only three locations along the shoreline north of Kenai with public access and where viewing is possible. Two existing public viewing and beach access locations, namely Salamatof Beach Access Road and Nikiski Beach Access Road have had National Homeland Security restrictions limiting or denying access. The Salamatof Beach access is across private Conoco Phillips property where anytime beach access is not guaranteed. The Nikiski beach access also has Federal Homeland Security restrictions on the OSK dock. This project will secure properties outside of the restricted sites for public viewing and beach access. The preferred property is presently owned by Chevron, who has indicated that the use of the property as a park fits their vision for future use. The Council and the Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor have met with Chevron multiple times for discussing development by the NPCC for the park. The Chevron property also has historical significance in that the north parcel has the original site of the Nikiski Community Club cabin, a facility used for many years by homesteaders for community events. The north parcel also has native historical sites that would be enhanced for public viewing.

It is anticipated that this project will be multiple phased to include land selection, land and facility design, and land and facility development phases.

Project Timeline:

2014 - Secure converted 13-DC-158 funding for property purchase, negotiate a sale price with Chevron for their north parcel and purchase the bluff property using grant funds.
2014 - start land improvements with remaining funds for park development phase
2015 - secure 2nd phase funding and continue property improvements for establishing a viewing park.
2016 - Complete park properties with picnic tables, fire pits, parking, gazebo, and barbecue pits

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

North Peninsula Community Council

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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