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Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)

Grant Recipient: The LeeShore Center

Project Title:

Federal Tax ID: 92-0069306

Project Type: Maintenance and Repairs

LeeShore Center - Facility Safety Upgrades

State Funding Requested: \$30,000

House District: Kenai Areawide (28-30)

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Install back up generator, window sensors and security cameras to ensure safe living environment for women and children residents of LeeShore's emergency shelter facility.

Funding Plan: Total Project Cost: \$30,000 Funding Already Secured: (\$0) FY2015 State Funding Request: (\$30,000) Project Deficit: \$0 Funding Details: The LeeShore Center has been managing multiple state, federal and local grants since 1985. Funding sources include: Alaska Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (1985- present);HUD / AHFC HUD Match (1990-present); DHSS Child Care Assistance Program (1989-present); United Way (1984-present); Capital Grant (2002-2007/2011-present), etc.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The LeeShore Center, located in Kenai, has been providing emergency shelter, crisis intervention (including 24-hour crisis hotline), walk-in services, advocacy, court-based legal advocacy, and transitional housing to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault for 29 years. During FY13, 155 women and children resided at our emergency shelter, we provided walk-in services for 457 individuals and answered 831 crisis calls. Ensuring a safe and secure facility for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault is critical.

LeeShore's main administration building and emergency shelter is secured by a multi-level security/alarm system but we lack a back up generator. This poses an extreme safety and security risk to our residents and staff. When power outages occur, our security system shuts down, including our facility entrance security system, which allows us to identify, screen and buzz-in individuals wanting access into the building. We also lose our phone system and are unable to answer victim crisis calls. In addition, our current 4-camera security system does not meet our security needs and only allows us to see individuals at the front door entrance and a small portion of the parking lot; we are unable to see high risk locations such as at the side of the building and a full view of the parking lot area. We also lack an effective alarm system for the 22 windows throughout the building. Our current alarm system only activates if a window frame is lifted while the system is fully on - the system will not activate if the window glass is broken.

LeeShore is requesting \$30,000 to 1)install a 20KW back up generator and 200 amp transfer switch, includes plumbing, electrical and installation costs for a total of \$11,300 2) install window glass break sensors on existing security system for a total of \$3,500 and 3)upgrade security camera system to include an additional six (6) outdoor dome cameras, one (1)

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terabyte DVR, and two (2) LCD CCTV monitors and installation costs for a total of \$15,200. Total project cost is \$30,000.

Project Timeline:

We are estimating the project will be complete by September 2014. If funded, project expenditures would occur as soon as possible after award notification in order to ensure facility safety and security.

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

Ongiong maintenance and operation costs will be provided by other funding sources.

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a	a community priority?		Yes	Х	No
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