

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Abused Women's Aid In Crisis, Inc.  
(AWAIC)****Federal Tax ID: 92-0061049****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades****Abused Women's Aid In Crisis, Inc. - Expanding Safe Spaces for Domestic Violence Victims and Children****State Funding Requested: \$2,000,000**  
One-Time Need**House District: Anchorage Areawide (11-27)****Brief Project Description:**

Abused Women's Aid in Crisis (AWAIC) is the only emergency shelter for domestic violence victims in Anchorage. For the past several years AWAIC's 52 bed shelter has been at or over capacity 50% of the time. This project focuses on developing space for programs that are focused on safety and are designed to achieve long term success and desirable outcomes for families. AWAIC needs additional shelter beds and programmatic space to meet the demands on services.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$3,000,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$185,000)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	(\$2,000,000)
Project Deficit:	\$815,000

*Funding Details:**AWAIC Capital funds = \$150,000**Foraker Group's Pre-Development Program = \$35,000**Estimated costs:**\$300,000 design and estimation**\$1,327,500 5,140 square feet x \$375**\$963,750 costs to finish the building, technology, furniture***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

AWAIC has been providing domestic violence services to the Anchorage community since 1977 and has occupied our current building since 1983. AWAIC's 52 bed emergency shelter and 24 hour crisis line provide immediate support to those seeking safety and support from abusive relationships. AWAIC is the only domestic violence service provider in Anchorage, a population of more than 290,000 people. In communities of like sizes in the lower 48 there are between three and six programs providing shelter and other domestic violence services. Anchorage has just one and the demand for shelter, nonresidential services, support and case management has grown such that the current building space is not sufficient to meet the needs of the community. On the majority of nights there are a dozen more residents in shelter than there are beds.

AWAIC has been working with the Foraker Group's Pre-Development Program to analyze AWAIC's space needs and has

determined that an expansion of at least 5,000 square feet is critical in order to function at a level that meets current community demand while leaving room for modest future growth. In addition to the over capacity shelter program, non-residential services are unacceptably overcrowded with four programs (six staff members) sharing one office. These programs served 587 adult and child victims last year in an office roughly 350 sq. feet in size. If each staff member is working with a participant, there are twelve adults in this tiny space with little privacy dealing with highly sensitive issues. These programs provide critical support aimed at ending the generational cycles of violence -- case management, permanent housing, employment and education, access to mental health support and more. In order to change Alaska's domestic violence situation it is critical that we invest in program space that aims to ensuring long term safety and stability for domestic violence victims.

AWAIC is requesting \$2,000,000 from the legislature to safely accommodate the demands on our shelter and nonresidential services for design and estimation, construction costs and soft costs related to the expansion of the current site, 100 W. 13th Avenue. AWAIC currently occupies the entire block of A Street to B Street and 13th Avenue to 14th Avenue. On the property is our 16,766 square foot shelter and two-story, 5,074 square foot transitional housing facility. There is room on the site to expand the facility and increase the number of beds in the emergency shelter and create much needed space for AWAIC's nonresidential programs. This project is critical in order to provide for the short and long term needs of domestic violence victims and children in Anchorage. The expansion of programmatic space is truly needed for our community and to safely meet the needs of victims of domestic violence and their children.

### Project Timeline:

AWAIC will be soliciting additional funding during this time.

If the funding from the legislature is secured the anticipated timeline is proposed as follows:

October 2014 -- Hire an architectural firm to do design and prepare permitting and construction documents

June 2015 -- Complete capital campaign

July 2015 -- Begin construction

January 2016 - Occupancy

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

AWAIC

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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