

Agency: Department of Natural Resources**Project Title:****Project Type:** Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

Gruening Cabin Major Maintenance and Residency Program Startup

State Funding Requested: \$30,000
One-Time Need

House District: Juneau Areawide (31-32)

Brief Project Description:

Initiate an Artist in Residence program for State Parks, including preparation of a first site at current state historic structure (Gruening Cabin), and preparing program governance and procedures, and marketing materials.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$30,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$30,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

2012: Gruening Cabin Structural Report (SHPO), and emergency roof repairs were done with state capital improvement funds (maintenance funds)

2011-2013: Stabilization and renovation work done with maintenance funds.

This work has made the cabin more stable and nearly ready for public uses.

2014: Latrine improvements planned -- maintenance funds.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Project Description:

Initial implementation of the Alaska State Parks Artist in Residency program will be with the Gruening Cabin, an available and appropriately located state historic structure. One time program development costs will be incurred, some specific to the Gruening Cabin and others associated with the statewide program. The one-time tasks include:

- Develop an Artist in Residency selection and oversight board to include State Parks Staff and the area's Citizens Advisory Board
- Develop application form, criteria for selection, length of stay, donation of artwork ,etc.
- Develop a site/cabin history and residency manual, emergency response procedures, security procedures and contact list.
- Prepare Artist orientation procedures with parks staff -- checklist.
- Advertisement, brochure, web page development
- (AIR local area board expenses -- none anticipated)

These program development tasks may be addressed with extended seasonal staff time.

One time program development costs:	17.6
Site (Cabin) improvement and preparation costs:	12.4
Total CIP Request:	30.0

Project Justification and Background:

Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation aims to develop the Artist in Residence (AIR) program as part of its initiative to engage residents and visitors in "Arts in the Parks" programs. The Gruening State Historic Park Cabin in a beautiful cove location near Amalga Harbor in Juneau provides an available resource that has been considerably upgraded in recent years. The AIR Program would provide a valuable purpose for spring-summer-fall use of the cabin, and will enable public use and access. Providing a cabin history for the artists and the public will be a valuable addition.

In the summer of 1948, Earnest Gruening, Territorial Governor of Alaska, built a cabin twenty-six miles north of Juneau. Known as "Eagle Rock" within the Gruening family, the cabin was built on a 4.9 acre tract of land bordered by the Peterson Salt Chuck on the northeast and Favorite Channel and Amalga Harbor to the West. In 1989 the family sold cabin to State of Alaska for use as an historical park, now known as Ernest Gruening State Historical Park. Gruening wrote much of the manifesto for statehood called "The State of Alaska" in 1953 at the cabin. He and his family entertained national and foreign leaders at the cabin, including Adlai Stevenson, Governor Earl Warren and numerous U.S. Senators.

Because of this rich history and the peaceful and scenic location of the cabin it is an ideal location to initiate the Alaska State park's first Artist in Residency program.

In 2012, the Alaska State Parks Office of History and Archeology completed a Structural Report for the cabin. With this report complete, State Parks staff was able to begin restoration and repair to the cabin. A large tree limb fell on the cabin roof, necessitating immediate replacement. A new metal roof, gutters and snow guards, as well as deck repair, were completed. Additional structural work included installation of new foundation posts. Cabin interior improvements include new doors, flooring, stair case and kitchen renovation. A new rainwater catchment system and a wood pellet stove insert were also installed. The goal is to make the structure sound and safe for visitor use and enjoyment, including a proposed Artist in Residency program.

Stabilization and renovations to the Gruening Cabin are mostly completed. Funds used have been state capital improvement funds. These funds will be used (FY14) to replace the latrine.

To prepare the cabin for an Artist in Residency (AIR) Program, funds (12.4 as indicated above) are needed for the following:

Larger water catchment tank	2.0
Insulation of cabin to improve heat retention	5.0
Furniture and kitchen/household supplies	5.1
Fire suppression equipment & stair railing	.3

Project Timeline:

- (1) Program policies and procedures development and approval -- fall/winter 2014/2015
- (2) Website and marketing materials produced and posted -- winter/spring 2015
- (3) Install larger water catchment tank at the Gruening Cabin, stair railing, fire suppression equipment; and insulate cabin to improve heat retention -- Fall-winter 2014/2015
- (4) Acquire and install furniture and kitchen/household supplies -- winter/spring 2015

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

Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, DNR

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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