

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc.****Federal Tax ID: 92-0082770****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

# Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc. - Facility Upgrades and Equipment

**State Funding Requested: \$100,000****House District: Mat-Su Areawide (7-11)**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Maintenance, repair and upkeep of structures; purchase of vehicles and equipment.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$110,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$10,000)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$100,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:**2014: In-kind contribution of \$10,000 for Susitna Place repairs.***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc. provides a variety of senior-specific programs and services including congregate and home-delivered meals; evidence-based physical fitness; information and referral; medical equipment loan; Commodity Senior Food Boxes; isolation prevention; lending library; computer and technology education; fall prevention; and senior housing management. Additionally, the Wasilla Senior Center acts as a community center where churches can meet, community members can gather, and groups can hold meetings.

Funding would be used to update Susitna Place, a low-income senior housing complex located on the Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc. campus. The complex is being transferred to Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc. on July 1, 2014 and needs flooring, interior paint and other updates. Ensuring "seniors have access to safe, affordable housing and supports appropriate to their needs" was listed in The Alaska State Plan for Senior Services FY 2012-2015 as one of the four overall goals.

Additionally, funding would be used to purchase equipment including three (3) home-delivery meals vehicles. Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc. provided over 80,000 meals, of all meal types, in FY 2013 and these numbers continue to climb as the senior population in the Mat-Su Borough steadily increases. The Alaska State Plan for Senior Services FY 2012-2015 lists an overall goal that "Seniors remain in their own homes and communities with high quality of life for as long as possible through the provision of home- and community-based services, including support for family caregivers." The provision of home-delivered meals helps to meet this goal. The Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc. home-delivered meals program has five routes driven weekdays, delivering meals to our most vulnerable, homebound seniors. We are in desperate need of vehicles to replace the unreliable, aging vehicles we currently have on our fleet to continue this important work.

**Project Timeline:**

Upon funding: Purchase vehicles.

August 2014: Susitna Place renovations begin.

February 2015: Susitna Place renovations complete.

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

Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc.

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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

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