

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Copper Valley Community Library Association****Federal Tax ID: 00-0000000****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

Copper Valley Community Library Association - Glennallen LIO Building Deferred Maintenance and Relocation

State Funding Requested: \$197,911
One-Time Need**House District: 6 / C****Brief Project Description:**

Relocation and renovation of the log cabin owned by the library association and rented to the Glennallen Legislative Information Office (LIO) since 2005/2006.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$197,911
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	(\$197,911)
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

None

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Copper Valley Community Library Assoc. is submitting a proposal for the purpose of relocation and renovation of the log cabin owned by the library association and rented to the Glennallen Legislative Information Office (LIO) since 2005/2006.

Prior to 2005/2006 the LIO was located in an office space within the main library building. In considering our project of a proper foundation for the log cabin it was determined the building was presently sitting several feet into today's highway right-of-way. Given that consideration, it seems, the proper approach would be to move the building onto a new foundation constructed adjacent to the library. We estimate the present foundation logs are now some 80 years old. During 2002/2003 the interior of the log cabin was refurbished into its present attractive state including refinishing of interior walls, new ceiling and insulation, new windows and treatment of exterior logs. At that time available funds did not allow for a proper foundation.

The service of the Glennallen LIO has always been of importance to the communities in the Copper River Valley. It provides a gathering place where people can participate in legislative activities, discuss issues between themselves and meet with their state representatives or senators. It provides a means of information about events in the U.S. Congress of concern to local citizens. With expansion of computer technology business owners, administrators, state or school district employees can remain at their desks while participating in legislative action. The Glennallen LIO staff assists this process by answering questions, faxing or e-mailing copies of legislation under discussion.

**\$150,000
Approved**

Much of the history of the log cabin has been lost. What written history can be found establishes the use of the log cabin in 1937 as the first building on the highway between Glennallen and Palmer. It served as headquarters for the Alaska Road Commission, later as a doctor's office and then as our library. Oral history places the building originally in Chitina. As the Kennecott mine began closing down the building was moved to Glennallen either in whole or torn down and reassembled. The Copper Valley Community Library received a charter in 1954 through the Alaska Territorial Dept. of Library Services. It first operated from a Quonset hut located in the area of today's Fish and Game office, from the library moved to the log cabin and finally into its present building. During the 60 years the library has operated it has expanded in facility size, collection and services offered. Today's facility is a fully modern library that serves the Greater Copper River Valley. With the exception of a few grants providing training for senior citizens, the library has always been operated through dedicated community volunteers. Funding for the libraries operations comes from the Alaska State Library, Community Revenue Sharing, rental income, donations, bequests, book sales and fines. At present the library has a six member board of directors.

Project Timeline:

FY 15-16

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

Copper Valley Community Library Association

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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