

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: MatSu Food Bank DBA****Federal Tax ID: 92-0150918****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials****MatSu Food Bank DBA - Food Bank Supplies****State Funding Requested: \$25,000****House District: Mat-Su Areawide (7-11)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Expand capacity for handling salvaged, donated and purchased foods.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$25,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$25,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

In addition to FY2015 Capital Budget request, the food bank applies for funds through Mat Su Borough Health and Human Services grants. Funding is also gathered through individual donations, corporate giving and local foundations such as Rasmuson and the Mat Su Health Foundation.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

MatSu Food Bank is expanding beyond what the Pantry of Wasilla can provide in storage of dry, cool and frozen food stuffs. In working with the private sector, the food bank is partnering with a for-profit company to assist with the costs of operating a large storage facility to allow for safe storage and distribution to other agencies in order to help feed a broader area of the Mat-Su Borough. The existing building has been unoccupied for several years; the funding request would help with remodeling and upgrading in order to operate a large storage facility safely and efficiently.

Project Timeline:

The partnership is working toward a summer start up for storage and critical repairs are already in progress such as electrical upgrades. The food bank hopes to occupy the building by mid-June 2014 in order to handle the summer intake of food such as fresh produce from farmers and local store donations. The bank has contracted with local businesses to repair the cooler and freezer, electrical up grades and to remodel the office areas.

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

MatSu Food Bank

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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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