

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)

Grant Recipient: Boys & Girls Clubs of the Kenai Peninsula

Federal Tax ID: 94-3067142

Project Title:

Project Type: Equipment and Materials

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Kenai Peninsula - Youth Technology and Internet Safety Outreach

State Funding Requested: \$35,000

House District: 35 / R

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

\$35,000 will be utilized to purchase computers and software for the youth technology center, and provide support for NetSMARTZ and Internet safety programs to Homer youth.

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$109,500

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Federal Funds	\$22,000	2010				
State Funds	\$8,000	2010			\$35,000	2011
Local Funds	\$10,000	2010	\$25,000	2010		
Other Funds	\$9,500	2010				
Total	\$49,500		\$25,000		\$35,000	

Explanation of Other Funds:

\$22,000 is ARRA funds, \$8,000 is summer food program reimbursements, \$10,000 is a corporate contribution, and \$25,000 is local cash support in the form of member dues, user fees and local fundraisers.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

On behalf of the young members at the Homer Clubhouse, we are requesting \$35,000 to purchase computers and software for the youth technology center, and provide critical NetSMARTZ and Internet safety programming to Homer youth. The technology center is the backbone for the Club's afterschool homework assistance program and summer career-exploration, robotics and digital arts programs.

The Homer Club supports 260 children and teens, of which 45% reside in single-parent homes and 50% qualify for the free or reduced meal program. On average, 80% of the members attend the Club for more than two years. There is no other age-appropriate program in Homer for older youth to attend while parents are working during the "afterschool" hours of 3 to 6 PM. The Club is truly a value to Homer's fragile economic base.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Kenai Peninsula are prudent in supporting the seven Clubs on the Peninsula. For example, the overall general administrative cost is 15% inclusive of the \$1.3 million expenses generated in 2009; a conservative G/A that is efficiently shared among the seven Clubs. Additionally, efforts to increase local revenue have been implemented by the newly formed resource committee. These parents and local supporters are dedicated to securing long-term

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sustainability. Efforts to leverage local funding and community partners have resulted in positive financial and in-kind support; however, federal funding shortfalls continue to challenge the Club's after-school and summer program.

Legislative funding to purchase computers and match local support for a technology instructor will not only enhance the Club's youth appeal but also allow the Homer resource development committee to develop a long-term program sponsor.

Project Timeline:

Summer 2010 - Vendor and equipment research
Fall 2010 - Vendor solicitations and/or quotes secured, orders submitted
Winter 2011 - Equipment received, staff trained and equipment utilized for youth programs

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

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Kenai Peninsula

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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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