

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)

Grant Recipient: Ketchikan Area Arts & Humanities

Federal Tax ID: 23-7058116

Project Title:

Project Type: Other

Ketchikan Area Arts & Humanities Council, Inc. - Completion of Renovation of Main Street Gallery (Debt Retirement)

State Funding Requested: \$130,000

House District: 1 / A

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

The Ketchikan Area Arts and Humanities Council is seeking a grant from the State to close out a construction loan taken in 2009 and end the operating expense of space rental/mortgage for the organization.

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$488,500

	<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>
Rasmuson Foundation	\$358,000	2008				
Local Funds	\$278,000	2008				
Other Funds	\$153,000	2009				
Total	\$789,000					

Explanation of Other Funds:

M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Ketchikan Area Arts and Humanities Council is seeking a grant from the State of Alaska to close out a construction loan taken in 2009 and end the operating expense of space rental/mortgage for the organization.

In 2008 the Ketchikan Area Arts and Humanities Council (KAAHC) purchased the historic building at 330 Main Street in downtown Ketchikan. Funds to purchase the building were raised within the community - from the City of Ketchikan and individuals of the community. Two thirds of the renovation costs have been funded through grants from the Rasmuson Foundation and the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust.

As the economic downturn begins to affect Ketchikan more acutely, our local municipalities are faced with the difficult decision of how to balance their budgets and are considering eliminating their crucial unrestricted operating funding for the Arts Council. In this past year the Arts Council has made significant steps toward reducing operating expenses, increasing earned income and developing programs that reach out into our community to provide low cost, meaningful education and activities for everyone. By funding the closure of the construction loan costs, the State of Alaska will reduce the monthly

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operating expenses of the organization by 7%. As economic belts are tightening, a 7% decrease in monthly operating expenses is significant to the organization. As with all non-profits, the Ketchikan Arts Council's cash flow every month is limited, and the reduction of any expenses can mean the difference between the full time employment of three Alaskan residents, the recirculation of over \$790,000 within our community through arts related events and expenditures, and the continued support of the arts, arts related events, and artists in our community.

Culture and Recreation

The Ketchikan Area Arts and Humanities Council (KAAHC) was designated in 1982 by the Ketchikan City Council as the official arts agency of Ketchikan. Since that time KAAHC has vigorously strived to earn the honor and exceed expectations. Arts Council programming is designed to provide high quality arts related activities and events for the entire community to experience and take part in. Events include a 9 month performing arts series that brings world class performances to our isolated community and includes Ketchikan's Wearable Art Show – the first of its kind in the world! KAAHC also presents rotating monthly Gallery shows featuring Ketchikan and Alaskan artists. KAAHC presents one of two summer community wide events – the Blueberry Arts Festival which draws over 7000 people annually, and features over 100 local artists and vendors. The Arts Council presents Ketchikan's two day annual Winter Arts Faire featuring Ketchikan artists' works along with food and entertainment during the holiday season. KAAHC has taken a leadership role in assisting the community's municipalities to administer the statewide Percent for Art program and has developed Ketchikan's own "Ketchikan Public Art Works" making the logistics of incorporating public art into our community a fair and rewarding process not only for our local government but for the artists and community members. Lastly, with the purchase and renovation of the Arts Council's new building, the organization has the opportunity to provide much needed space for the community to teach and partake in arts classes and small events within the new space. The Arts Council is also developing new earned income strategies centered on the new building. We will be renting the space for conferences, parties and celebrations. We are uniquely situated to take advantage of this particular market as there is no other space in Ketchikan with the same atmosphere and technological attributes. The opportunity to use the new building for the creative process of the community, and to support and encourage artists, as well as the organization is only as limited as our imagination.

Project Timeline:

2011 - or when funds are received

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

Ketchikan Area Arts & Humanities Council

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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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

THE COMMUNITY OF KETCHIKAN

FISCAL YEAR 2011 STATE FUNDING REQUEST



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APPLICANT

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