

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)

Grant Recipient: KRBD - FM

Federal Tax ID: 23-7444805

Project Title:

Project Type: Equipment and Materials

Rainbird Community Broadcasting Corporation - KRBD FM Digital Equipment Upgrade

State Funding Requested: \$35,000

House District: 1 / A

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Replacing aging on-air, production and news consoles, plus staff computers and network server.

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$60,000						
	<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			\$25,000	2010		
Total			\$25,000			

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

KRBD, as many in the community know, is moving from its present location at 123 Stedman St. to 1101 Copper Ridge Rd. just off the Third Ave. Bypass. We will be renovating the 1101 Copper Ridge location in the next 6 to 8 months and we also find this an opportune time to do some upgrades of equipment. We would like to replace aging on-air, production and news consoles, plus staff computers and network server. These pieces of equipment provide critical infrastructure to the station and some are up to 15 years old and long passed normal use expectancy. Since we are putting all of our resources into the renovation and moving there is nothing left over for purchase of new equipment to compliment the new space.

Purchase and replacement of this equipment during the renovation process accomplishes several things. The first is fewer days spent off air while we transition from one facility to the other. Only critical signal transmission equipment will be necessary for transfer and will only take about two days to complete. A full transfer of all equipment would take us off the air for a week or longer. Second, is continued viability and operational stability. As the equipment ages it becomes harder and more expensive to support and repair. Future funding may not be available to replace this equipment thus resulting in band-aid fix situations when there is a failure. Not only does this hinder the day to day operations of the station but it also potentially impacts the delivery of vital emergency information to Ketchikan and surrounding communities. Third is expandability. New digital consoles allow us the ability to expand and adapt to new and developing technologies.

Public Safety: Though it may not seem readily apparent, KRBD does serve a vital role in the Public Safety of Ketchikan and Southern Southeast Alaska. We have already secured State funding for the purchase of generators and are planning on installing them during the new building renovation. This will make KRBD the only station in Ketchikan with the capability of broadcasting without city generated power. However, if our older studio equipment was to fail, this information may be delayed in its broadcast and possibly result in loss of life, limb or property. New equipment can drastically help to prevent

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\$70,000
Approved

6:15 PM 5/4/2010

this type of delay.

Support for Essential Services: For many people in Southern Southeast Alaska KRBD is the only source of news and information. To those people KRBD is an extremely important essential service. New equipment will help us continue this service for those who need it. Also, as mentioned above KRBD is an essential service for information in case of an emergency locally, statewide or nationally. Replacing old equipment helps to maintain this service without interruption.

Culture and Recreation: Since its inception KRBD has been a purveyor of the arts and culture. With the replacement of outdated equipment we can increase our capacity for creating and delivering content of cultural importance on multiple platforms. In addition, with our move to the new facility on Copper Ridge Rd. we intend to bring back the "Live Day" broadcasts which featured local musicians playing live over the air on a monthly basis. New equipment will greatly help us produce these broadcasts because it will increase our capabilities to control the sound on a professional level.

Note: After July 1, 2010 the mailing address will be 1101 Copper Ridge Road, Ketchikan, AK 99901

Project Timeline:

Within one year of receipt of funds.

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

KRBD

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Name: Nathan Grambau - General Mgr
 Address: 123 Stedman St.
 Ketchikan, AK 99901
 Phone Number: (907)225-9655
 Email: nathan@krbd.org

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



PROJECT NAME

Digital Equipment Upgrade

APPLICANT

KRBD – FM Licensed to Rainbird Community Broadcasting

FUNDING REQUEST

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April 20, 2010

The Honorable Sean Parnell
Alaska State Capitol Building
Third Floor
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Parnell:

Re: FY 2011 Capital Budget - City of Ketchikan Projects

On behalf of the City of Ketchikan, I wish to take this opportunity to stress the critical nature of the infrastructure projects included in the FY 2011 Capital Budget for the City of Ketchikan.

As you know, the past several years have seen substantial decline in both timber and tourism industry dollars coming into the City of Ketchikan. These declines have severely impacted our ability to deal with the continuing major infrastructure improvement needs that the City of Ketchikan is experiencing. Although we have incurred debt for many major capital improvement projects, there simply is too much for one municipality to shoulder without assistance.

Again, I wish to stress the critical importance of all of these projects to the City of Ketchikan and urge you for your continued support. These projects truly are of utmost importance to the City of Ketchikan.

In closing, the City Council and I look forward to working with your office in the future to address matters of importance both to Ketchikan and the State of Alaska.

Should you have any questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lew Williams, III
Mayor

cc: City Councilmembers
Karen Rehfeld, OMB Director
Randy Ruaro, Deputy Chief of Staff
Ray Matiashowski