

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**

**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)**

**Grant Recipient: Tundra Women's Coalition**

**Federal Tax ID: 920068684**

**Project Title:**

**Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

# Tundra Women's Coalition - Construction of Children's Advocacy Center

**State Funding Requested: \$600,000**

**House District: 38 / S**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

TWC's regional CAC helps provide the MDT response for families after a concern about child sexual abuse. This is the one program not included in TWC's construction project completed in 11/09.

**Funding Plan:**

**Total Cost of Project: \$1,750,000**

|                     | <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> |
| Federal Funds       | \$487,000              | 09        |                               |           |                                |           |
| Denali Commission   |                        |           |                               |           | \$260,000                      |           |
| Rasmuson Foundation | \$403,000              | 07        |                               |           |                                |           |
| Other Funds         | \$200,000              | 10        |                               |           |                                |           |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>\$1,090,000</b>     |           |                               |           | <b>\$260,000</b>               |           |

*Explanation of Other Funds:*  
Paul G Allen Family Foundation

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Tundra Women's Coalition's Children's Advocacy Center replacement project will benefit two distinct service groups:

- 1) victims of child sexual abuse and their family members through new construction of the CAC, which has been temporarily placed in a residential-grade duplex.
- 2) families who are escaping domestic violence, who will be provided with two transitional housing units in the duplex currently occupied by the Children's Advocacy Center.

The CAC provides services to about 150 children per year where there is a concern about child sexual abuse, as well as to their family memers. This is a multi-disciplinary team response that involves law enforcement, child protection, medical personnel and many others. Since TWC relocated to our new facility, the CAC program has had to operate out of an old duplex since there was not space for them. The duplex is causing major problems for families accessing services, who have to walk outside from one side of the unit to the other side before, during and after an interview of a child. Also, the rooms aren't soundproof (which is why parents have to walk outside during an interview to the other side of the duplex). It simply isn't functional. Once the CAC is able to move to a newly constructed program space, the duplex can be used for transitional housing for families fleeing domestic violence- creating space (appropriate space) for more programming and services. Both the CAC and this housing opportunity are projects that are in line with the Governor's Choose Respect initiative focusing on

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\$600,000  
Approved

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ending family and sexual violence and child abuse.

TWC's capital project was under budget and well organized and constructed. It was completed in 11/09. Due to cautious budgeting, the one program left out of this project was TWC's regional children's advocacy center. This decision was made a few months before construction started; the center had been a part of the process throughout most of the planning and design stages. With some unexpended funds from the project that is wrapping up, and an appropriation and some assistance from the state, this project will be viable and will complete the new construction process for all TWC programs that had been located in the old facility.

Though I have checked "no" on the project going through a public review process, please note that at nearly all levels of planning the CAC was part of TWC's overall facility replacement plan. Additionally, that program was covered in the many letters of support TWC received for the facility replacement project. I have attached only two samples, as support for the new building was widely known and included in packets delivered to the legislature two years ago when we were completing that funding package. Additional support materials can be provided upon request, however.

### Project Timeline:

With this \$600,000, this project will be completed in 2010 and the CAC could possible relocate into the new space as early as November 2010. (this won't be a summer 2011 project- this will be an immediate project).

TWC has reviewed the timeline and budget in depth and it is clear that with this legislative appropriation and the other public and private dollars that are already secured, this project will be built this summer.

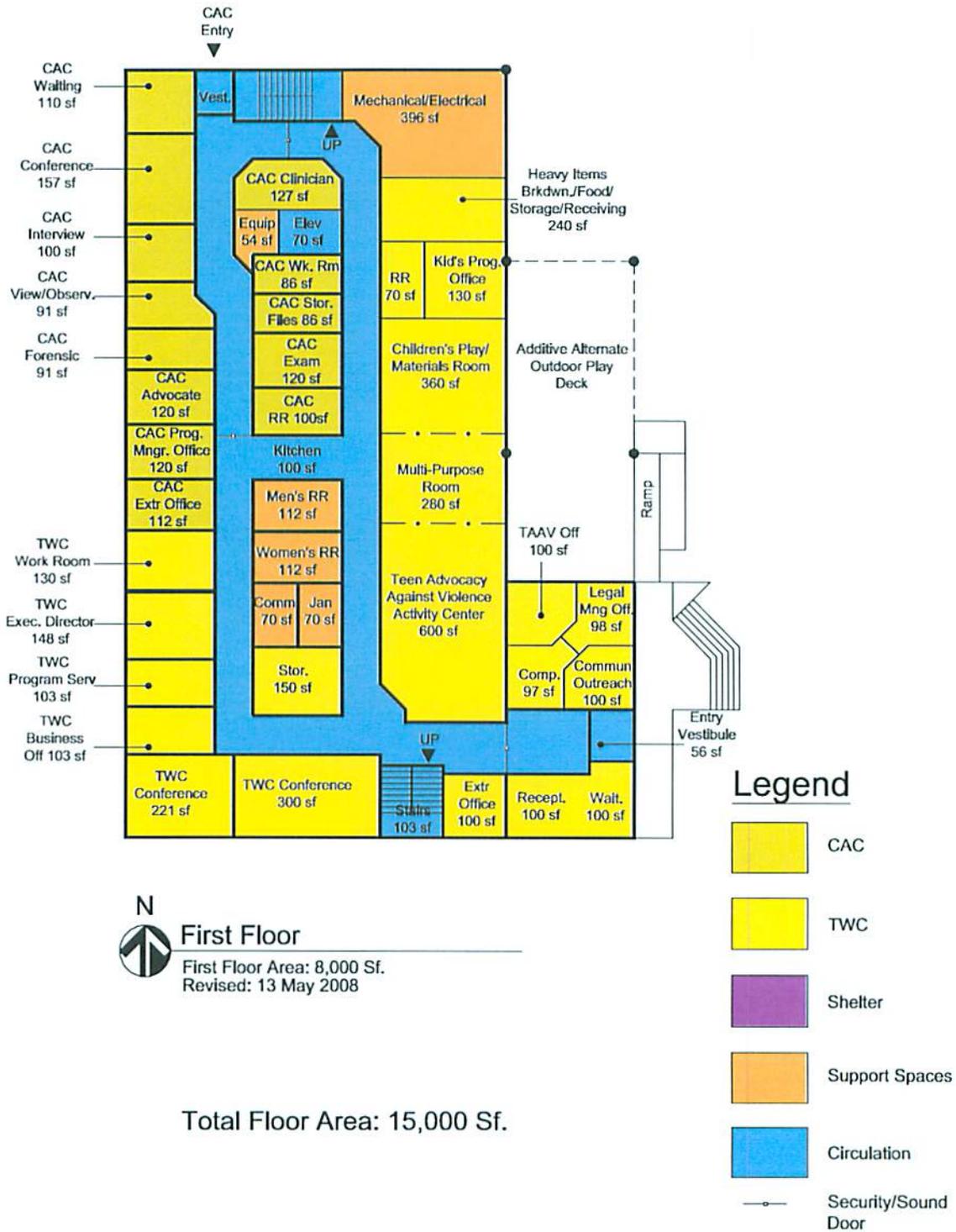
### Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

TWC

### Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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 Bethel, AK 99559  
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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



**TWC Shelter - Program Spaces**  
 Tundra Women's Coalition - Bethel, Alaska



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October 29, 2007

Alaska Housing Finance Corp.  
Attn: Kris Duncan  
PO Box 101020  
Anchorage, AK 99510

Dear Kris Duncan:

Bethel Community Services Foundation, a public charitable organization that funds projects in the Yukon Kuskokwim region supports the Tundra Women's Coalition (TWC) capital project and their grant application.

BCSF has awarded TWC a \$30,000 grant toward land acquisition relevant to this project. The programs and services TWC provides are critical in this community and for the entire region.

We hope to see TWC continue all of their programming, including the emergency shelter, the Children's Advocacy Center, Teens Acting Against Violence, Children's program and all of the other services in a new, safe facility designed to meet their needs.

Sincerely,

Gerard J Drake  
Business/Facility Manager



# YUKON-KUSKOKWIM HEALTH CORPORATION

"Working Together to Achieve Excellent Health"

October 31, 2007

Alaska Housing Finance Corp.  
HAP-CDBG Grant Program  
Attn: Kris Duncan  
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&

Community Development Block Grant Program  
State of Alaska, DCCED  
211 Cushman St.  
Fairbanks, AK 99701-4639

Re: Tundra Women's Coalition HAP-CDBG & CDBG Applications

To Whom It May Concern:

The Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation is in full support of the Tundra Women's Coalition and their efforts to replace their existing facility.

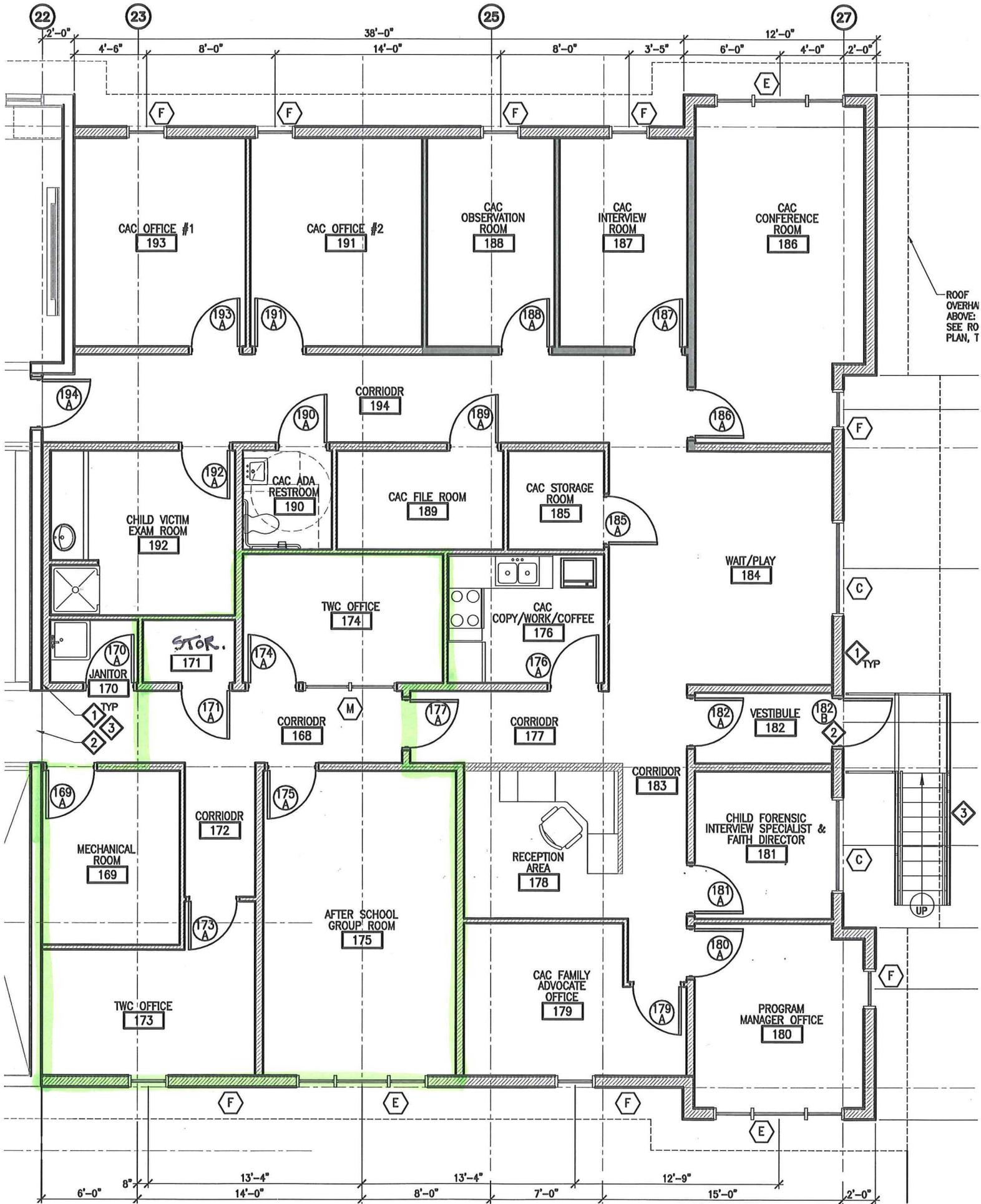
YKHC depends upon TWC as a critical partner of the Sexual Assault Response Team. The programs and services TWC provides in this community and for the entire region are not available from any other source.

We hope to see TWC continue all of their programming, including the emergency shelter, the Children's Advocacy Center, Teens Acting Against Violence, Children's program and all of the other services in a new, safe facility designed to meet the needs of staff and program participants.

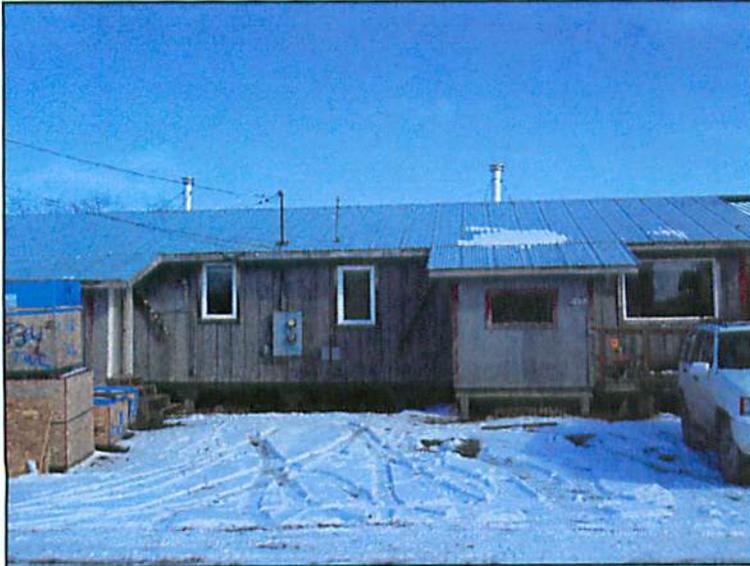
Sincerely,



Gene Peltola  
President/CEO



**Photos of TWC Children's Center  
(Regional Children's Advocacy Center serving Y-K Delta)  
Located in residential duplex due to demo of old TWC  
Bethel, Alaska**



Duplex Exterior



Elena Aluskak, Program Manager, in bedroom-turned-office.



Observation Room for Interviews and Team Meeting Room in retrofitted bedroom



Above: Children's Center work room in the duplex kitchen



Left: Two staff desks in the duplex living room

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May 3, 2010  
Governor Sean Parnell  
State of Alaska  
P.O. Box 110001  
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Governor Parnell:

Bethel Community Services Foundation, a public charitable organization that funds projects in the Yukon-Kuskokwim region, supports the Tundra women's Coalition (TWC) capital project for construction of the Children's Advocacy Center and their grant application.

BCSF joined many other organizations in granting funds to TWC for construction of their new facility. The CAC was the one program left out of this construction project due to budget constraints. We hope that the \$600,000 appropriated through the legislature to build the CAC this summer remains in the budget, as this program provides critical services in the community and region. Additionally, housing the CAC in a new space will allow TWC to use its duplex for residential/transitional housing purposes for victims of domestic violence.

Respectfully,

Gerard J Drake  
Executive Director