

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Gakona Volunteer Fire Department****Federal Tax ID: 920149018****Project Title:****Project Type: Other**

Gakona Volunteer Fire Department of Gakona Alaska - Construction and Equipment and Facility Upgrades

State Funding Requested: \$250,000**House District: 6 / C**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Community building /classroom construction and equipment maintenance and upgrades.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$250,000***There is no other funding needed***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

To purchase and construct a 928 sq.ft. building to be used for community meetings, elections, training for fire dept classes, a fire dept./comm. office, and any other acceptable community functions. Gakona at this time does not have an acceptable place for community functions and we really need to be able have a place for these functions with out having to move fire fighting equipment outside durring periods of extreme cold. This funding if approved would also allow for maintence upgrades to our fire equipment of which all are over 20 yrs.old and would also provide maintenance and future up grades for the next several years. While we are not a large community we are a viable one and the community also includes the native villages of Gulkana and Gakona with in our boundries. While the fire dept. would appear to be the primary function to gain by this the community as a whole will be improved by have a central facility and by having the fire dept. being in a position to provide protection to the community.

Project Timeline:

If this is approved the construction part of this project would be complete by the end of calendar year 2010. The equipment upgrades should be complete by June 2011. The remaining operations would be on going.

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

Gakona Alaska Volunteer Fire Department

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Name: Michael Jenkins
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Total Project Snapshot Report

FY 2011 Capital Budget

TPS Report 53658v3

Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No

Contact Name: Kimberly
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For use by Co-chair Staff Only:

GAKONA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT

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February 5, 2010

Rep. Woodie Salmon
State Capitol Room 114
Juneau, Ak. 99801
Sir;

This is a brief overview of the project for the Gakona Volunteer Fire Dept.

Item 1. Construct a community facility in which to hold community meetings, elections, Local functions, and as classroom space for Fire Department training sessions. At this time we are using the fire barn which means we have to move our fire engines and tankers outside. While this is not a problem in warm weather it does call for concern during the longest part of the year when we have freezing temperatures.

The cost of this project is figured at \$115,000.00 which includes expanding the pad at our Location at mile 2.2 Tok Hwy. The cost of a 26 x 40 foot structure with all the included fixtures and connecting to the existing well and septic system.

Item 2. Finish the interior of our fire annex at mile 128 Old Richardson Hwy. Which is used for active fire engine parking in order to give us the shortest response time for Gulkana Village and the surrounding area.

The estimated cost of this project is \$10,000.00.

Item 3. Upgrades, maintenance, and replacement of our current equipment. All of fire engines and tankers are well over 20 years old and require part replacements and testing and certification for the pumping and drafting systems. All of which are past due. Also we need to retire and replace some equipment with items that meet current standards. We do not need to purchase brand new equipment items in any but a few cases as we can get acceptable used items that meet all the current standards. The on going cost estimate for this is approximately \$125,000.00.

All of these projects affect the life, safety, and well being of the residents of the community of Gakona, Ak. Which also includes the native villages of Gulkana and Gakona.

Your assistance in this will be greatly appreciated.

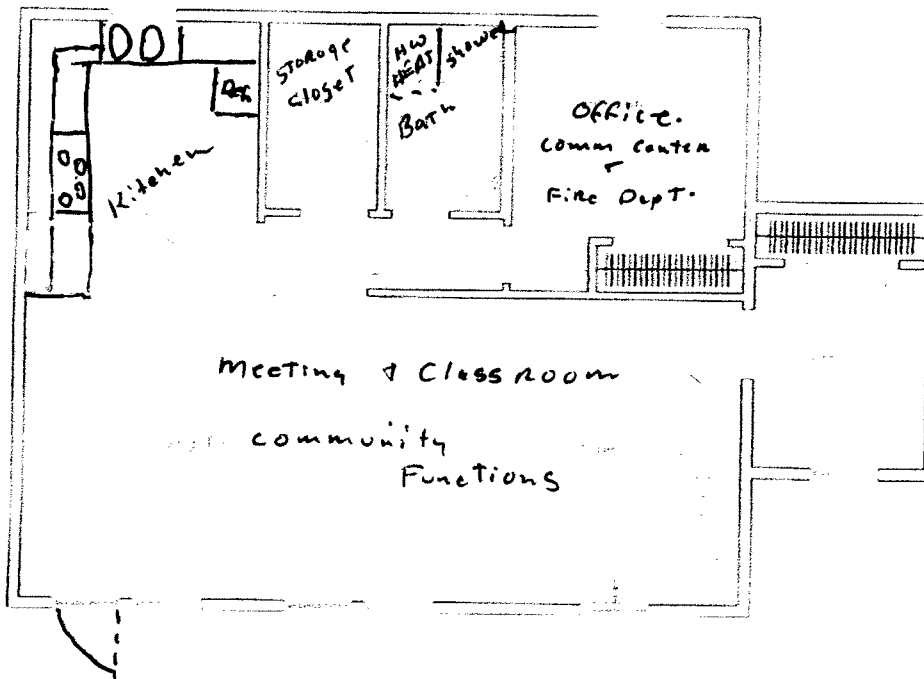
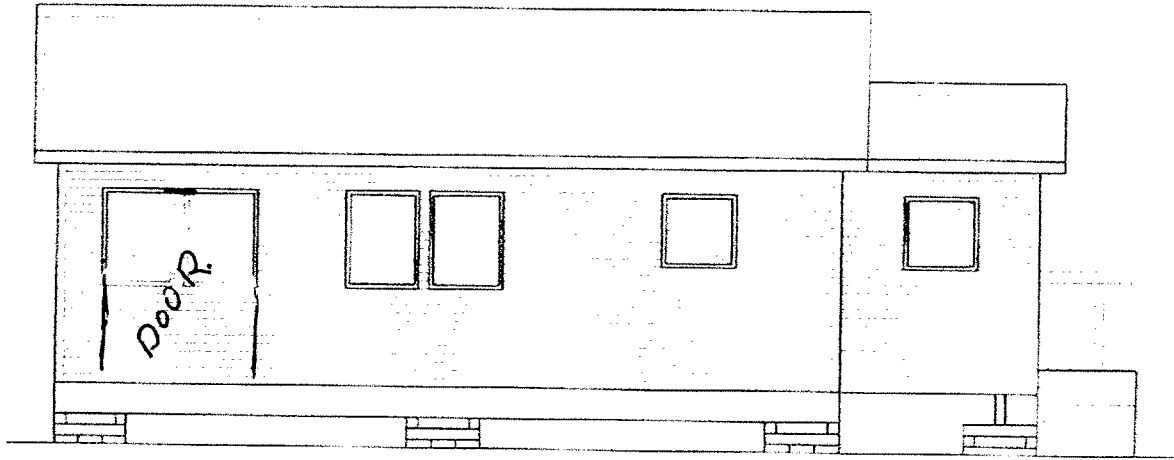
Sincerely


Michael Jenkins

Chief

Gakona Alaska Volunteer Fire Dept.

**26' x 40' 928 sq. ft.
Bath**



FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

TO: Dept of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
COMPANY: State of Alaska, DCRA
FAX NUMBER: 907-465-5867
FROM: John L. Devenport, Tribal Administrator
DATE: February 5, 2010
SUBJECT: Statement of Support, Grants to Named Recipient (AS 37.05.316) Application
PAGES (including this cover): 2

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MESSAGE: Accompanying this message is a description of a project titled: Gakona Volunteer Fire Department – Construction and Equipment and Facility Upgrades. The Gakona Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) is applying for funding under the Grants to Named Recipients program to fund the described project.

The GVFD is the nearest organized fire department to Gulkana Village. The GVFD provides substantial fire suppression support to the Village. Upgrades to the facilities and equipment as described in the project description would be a significant benefit to Gulkana Village. We therefore are in support of the grant application by the GVFD.

We ask that you give favorable consideration to the GVFD application.

Thank you.



February 10, 2010

Attn: Michael Jenkins, Fire Chief
Gakona Fire Volunteer Department
P O Box 337
Gakona, AK 99586

RE: Support of Gakona Volunteer Fire Department Fire Equipment Maintenance and Upgrades

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

The Native Village of Gakona supports the proposed Capital Project request for fire equipment maintenance and upgrades.

It is important to note, however, that the Native Village of Gakona already has a 1,000 s.f. meeting space at our Buster Gene Memorial Facility that has been used as a training facility by other entities. The building will function as an emergency shelter for the community should the need arise.

Please contact us for further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charlene Nollner", written over a horizontal line.

Charlene Nollner
Tribal Administrator

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