

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)

Grant Recipient: White Mountain

Project Title:

Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition

White Mountain - Public Safety Building

State Funding Requested: \$857,177
One-Time Need

House District: 39 / T

Brief Project Description:

The City is seeking funds for a Public Safety Building. The Volunteer Fire Depart., Search & Rescue Depart., and Village Public Safety Officer will store and maintain their equipment in this facility. Viable and capable emergency services are a cornerstone for economic development in any community.

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$2,114,376

	<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			\$857,177	2011		
Local Funds	\$407,199	2010				
Other Funds			\$850,000	2009		
Total	\$407,199		\$1,707,177			

Explanation of Other Funds:
The City of White Mountain applied for FY 2009 Community Development Block Grant funds.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The City of White Mountain is requesting funding to construct a fire station and public safety building for its Volunteer Fire Department, Search and Rescue Department, and Village Public Safety Officer. The proposed Public Safety Building will house multiple City functions under one roof. The Volunteer Fire Department, the Search and Rescue Department, and the Village Public Safety officer will all store and maintain their equipment in this facility. Indeed equipment storage and maintenance will be the primary function of the proposed building. Though emergency services training will occur inside and immediately outside the facility, this training will be limited to equipment function and preparation. Classroom type activities, when needed, will take place in other community spaces. In addition, though a small office for the three emergency services will be included in one corner of the building, the prisoner holding cell which was proposed in FFY 2006 has been omitted from this year's proposal. Eliminating references to classroom training and a holding cell lowers the code requirements for the building and consequently the bottom line. Eliminating these two functions gives prominence to the main purpose of the building which is to provide adequate space to store and maintain emergency equipment. Secondary purposes of the building are to serve as a base of operations during large scale search and rescue efforts and to provide administrative space for all the public safety departments. This project is necessary because the City's current equipment garage is filled beyond capacity which necessitates outdoor storage of some emergency equipment and some general City equipment. This overcrowded situation makes it difficult to access emergency equipment in time of need, inhibits maintaining that equipment in a state of readiness, and has prevented the VFD from expanding its capabilities to fight fires or conduct searches and rescues because there is no room to grow. Additionally the current storage situation is not secure which has a detrimental

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\$857,000
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effect on keeping emergency equipment ready for action. Though not the norm, fuel and small tools have gone missing from VFD equipment over the years. In addition to maintaining equipment in a state of readiness, this project will also improve fire department and search and rescue personnel training. Currently, all training takes place outdoors because no other space is available. Although the outdoors will always remain a necessary component of emergency training in White Mountain, having heated, indoor garage space will greatly enhance the VFD's ability to prepare its members to respond to emergency situations. The City of White Mountain was awarded FFY 2006 Community Development Block Grant funds to create architectural & engineering plans for the public safety building. The land located for the building site was donated to the City from the White Mountain Native Corporation. The total in-kind contributions and cash matches totals \$407,199.00. The City was awarded an FFY 2008 CDBG grant for \$850,000 but due to the Legislature's decision not to fund the City's last fiscal year legislative request the project could not be completed and the grant funds were rescind by the State. The City again applied for FFY 2009 CDBG funds in the amount of \$850,000 and will again request \$857,177 from the State to complete the project. The total project cost comes to a total of \$2,114,376.00.

Project Timeline:

The City would go out to bid by 7/1/10 and award a contract by 8/1/10. A barge with materials and equipment 10/31/10. Gravel and sand stockpiled by 10/31/10. The project shut down for the winter by 11/20/10. The project would resume by 6/11. A second barge with equipment would arrive in early 7/11. A final barge in mid 9/11 would backhaul the crane and any equipment and materials no longer needed for the project. The building would be ready for occupancy by 10/31/11.

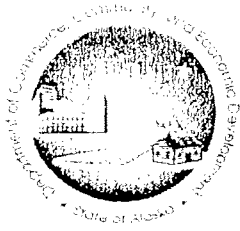
Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

White Mountain Volunteer Fire Department & City of White Mountain

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Name: Dan Harrelson, Mayor
 Address: 130 Rocky Road
 White Mountain, AK 99784
 Phone Number: (907)638-3411
 Email: wmocity@gci.net

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



DEPARTMENT OF
COMMERCE
COMMUNITY AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Division of Community Advocacy
Grants Section

Natasha Palin, Governor
Emil Notti, Commissioner
Michael Black, Director

March 23, 2007

The Honorable Tom Gray
Mayor, City of White Mountain
PO Box 130
White Mountain, AK 99784

RE: FFY 06 CDBG Application

Dear Mayor Gray:

I am very pleased to inform you that the City of White Mountain's application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the Fire Station and Public Safety Garage was recently evaluated by the application selection committee and approved for funding. **The application committee recommended the award be decreased to \$100,000.00 and allow only for design and engineering of an appropriate facility. Compiling cost estimates will also be part of the project so that an accurate cost for a completed facility will be known. The actual grant amount will depend upon the results of grant negotiations.**

Ms. Pauletta Bourne, Grants Administrator in our Fairbanks office, will be in contact soon to identify any stipulations which may be attached to this award and to negotiate your grant agreement. Pauletta will also assist you in identifying federal and state requirements which may be relative to your project.

If your project includes any use of land or real property, site control requirements must be completed within six months of this award letter. The federal environmental review requirements must also be completed by that time. If your application indicated that completion of this project depends on other sources of funding besides the CDBG program, documentation verifying receipt of those other funds must be submitted. The Department may rescind this award if these requirements are not met by October 2007.

Please note that this letter does not authorize you to incur costs or otherwise obligate the City or the State of Alaska with these funds until your grant agreement has been fully executed. Should you have any questions regarding this award, please feel free to contact Pauletta at (907) 451-2721.

Congratulations on your successful application. We at the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development look forward to working closely with you on this important project and offer our best wishes for your success.

Sincerely,

Emil Notti
Commissioner, DCCED

cc: Block Grants Section



Serving the fisheries of the Bering Strait Region

Bering Mission Dunrobert Hoon Gannell Golovin Koyuk Nome Saint Michael Savoonga Shaktoolik Stebbins Teller Unalakleet Wales White Mountain

November 10, 2009

Mr. Dan Harrelson, Mayor
City of White Mountain
P.O. Box 130
White Mountain, AK 99784

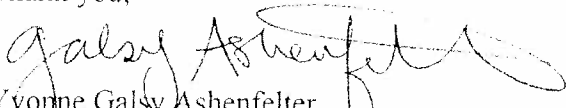
Re: 2007 OEF Award – Fire Station & Public Safety Building

Dear Mayor Harrelson:

The Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSED) received the City of White Mountain's (City) letter dated October 21, 2009, requesting an extension of the Fire Station & Public Safety Building award (Award) of \$100,000 to include year 2010.

Your request has been approved. The NSED Award of \$100,000 will be available to the City through December 31, 2010. NSED applauds the City for its diligence in pursuing this important project for your community. Please provide NSED staff with any progress on the project.

Thank you,


Yvonne Galsy Ashenfelter
Community Benefits Specialist

Cc: White Mountain City Council
Dan Harrelson, NSED Board Member
Davis Lincoln, NSED Liaison
Paul Ivanoff III, Community Benefits Director
File



City of
White Mountain
P.O. BOX 130
White Mountain, AK 99784
(907) 638-3411

November 9, 2009

Division of Community Advocacy
Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
211 Cushman Street
Fairbanks, AK 99701-4639

Re: City of White Mountain Contributions to Fire Station & Public Safety Garage Project

Dear Sir or Madam,

The City of White Mountain is writing this letter in confirmation of the City of White Mountain City Council's decision to commit \$7,000.00 in cash from City revenues towards the Fire Station & Public Safety Garage project.

The other contributions the City of White Mountain will make are as follows: 1) donated use of heavy equipment (except for fuel and maintenance costs); 2) bookkeeping services (which includes timesheets, payroll, payroll taxes, personnel files, monthly grant reporting/management, and any type of correspondence between the City and State); and 3) the utility expenses for both the construction and operation of the Fire Station & Public Safety Garage building (which includes waste heat from the Power Plant building, electricity use-during and after construction, and water/sewer).

Please see the grant application budget for a more detailed description of contributions toward the project. If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact me at (907) 638-3411. Thank you!

Best regards,

Dan Harrelson, Mayor

WHITE MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

PO BOX 51
White Mountain, AK 99784
Phone: (907) 638-2225
Fax: (907) 638-2041

November 5, 2009

Community Development Block Grant Program
Division of Community and Regional Affairs
DCCED
211 Cushman St.
Fairbanks, AK 99701-4639

Dear CDBG:

The White Mountain Volunteer Fire Department is working closely with the City of White Mountain on developing a Public Safety Building and fully supports the City's application to CDBG for its construction.

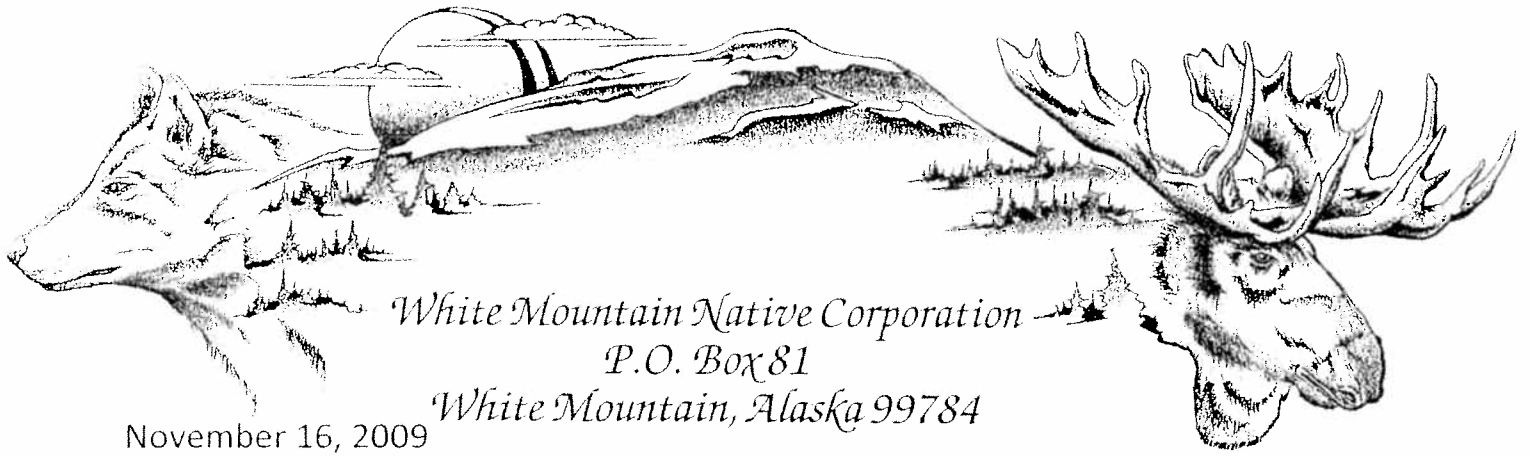
To demonstrate this support, the WMVFD pledges to contribute \$7,000 toward the construction costs cash match. The WMVFD also will make its fire truck and hydrant system available to the construction contractor at no charge during concrete mixing and placing. We value this contribution at \$4,000 based on a rental rate of \$500/day for the fire truck. Additionally the WMFVD donates a 30 foot radio antenna tower to the project valued at \$4,000.

Once a Public Safety Building is constructed, the WMVFD has resolved to contribute \$5,000 per year to a money market fund dedicated to building maintenance. The WMVFD will contribute money to this fund until the principal reaches a balance of \$25,000. Whenever the balance falls below \$25,000, the WMVFD will again contribute \$5,000 per year until the principal returns to \$25,000.

Sincerely,



Eric Morris, Fire Chief



White Mountain Native Corporation
P.O. Box 81
White Mountain, Alaska 99784

November 16, 2009

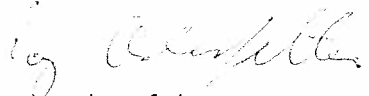
City of White Mountain
P.O. Box 120
White Mountain, Alaska 99784

Dear Dan Harrelson, Mayor

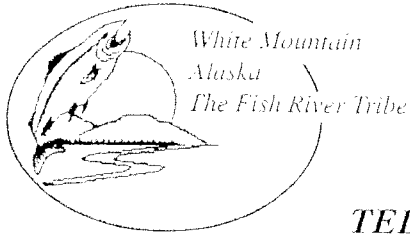
The White Mountain Native Corporation (WMNC) Board did approve of City of White Mountain request to continue our commitment in support of City's plan to receive grant funds to build a Fire Station & Public Safety Building. WMNC Board re-approved our donation of lot valued at \$40,636.65 @ \$1.39 sq. ft. for a lot size 29,235 sq. ft. , plus the maximum donation allowed for gravel 1,250 cubic yards at \$5.00 a cubic yard. Please be aware that WMNC will need to be compensated for gravel exceeding 1,250 yards. To receive the \$1,000.00 cash donation bring a copy of this letter to our Financial Manager, Rita Buck there at White Mountain.

Please write or call if there are questions.

Sincerely,


Roy Ashenfelter
President

Cc: file



Native Village of White Mountain

IRA TRIBAL COUNCIL

P.O. Box 84082

White Mountain, AK 99784

TELEPHONE: (907) 638-3651 & FAX: (907) 638-3652

November 12, 2009

City of White Mountain
P.O. Box 130
White Mountain, AK 99784

RE: Donation Request for Fire Station & Public Safety Garage

Dear City Council Members:

The Native Village of White Mountain, White Mountain IRA Council supports your FFY 2009 Community Development Block Grant application proposal to complete the Fire Station & Public Safety Garage project. Unfortunately, we do not have monetary support for the project at this time but if you think of any in-kind contribution that we can do, please let us know.

Good luck with your project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lincoln M. Simon Sr.".

Lincoln M. Simon Sr.,
President

WHITE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

P O Box 84069
WHITE MOUNTAIN, AK 99784
PHONE (907) 638-3021

PRINCIPAL ANDREW HAVILAND
Fax (907) 638-3031
ahaviland@wmo.bssd.org
Secretary Luann Ashenfelter
lashenfelter@wmo.bssd.org

September 15, 2008

City of White Mountain
White Mountain Volunteer Fire Department

The White Mountain School supports the seeking of funds and materials by the White Mountain Volunteer Fire Department and the City of White Mountain for the purpose of building a fire hall and safety building. The project will provide much needed space for the storage of fire safety equipment and allow the WMVFD to mobilize more efficiently in the case of emergency.

The White Mountain School is donating cement that is left over from the ASRC/SKW White Mountain k-12 school project.

The cement is contained in 326 individual 94 pound bags and 3 supersacs. Each supersac is equivalent to 54 bags. The total donation is the equivalent of 488 94 pound bags of cement.

The donation will also contain 2 supersacs of sand, 11 5-gallon buckets of the chemical, Pozzutec-20 used for mixing cement, and 5 5-gallon buckets of Duo Guard Concrete Form Release agent.

We hope this donation will help assist with the new fire hall project.

Thank you,



Andrew Haviland

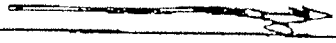
The mission of the White Mountain School is to educate students, through a variety of quality services, to become responsible, independent, productive citizens valued for a community sense of cooperation, pride and trust.



KAWERAK , INC. • P.O. Box 948 • Nome, AK 99762



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WALES
WHITE MOUNTAIN

November 24, 2008

City of White Mountain
P.O. Box 130
White Mountain, Alaska 99784

Dear City Council members,

This letter will authorize and commit the donation of the following items to be used in the new White Mountain Public Safety building:

- One (1) Toyosun Oil Heater
- One (1) Toyosun on demand water heater
- One (1) Stackable washer and dryer

Total value \$ 7,444.00

It is Kawerak's understanding, the new facility will house the VPSO office and this equipment will be utilized by the VPSO and the White Mountain Fire Department. If you have any questions regarding this authorization I may be reached at 443-4252.

Sincerely,

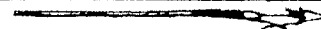
Gina Appolloni
VPSO Program Director
Kawerak, Inc.



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September 25, 2008

Dan Harrelson, Mayor
City of White Mountain
P.O. Box 130
White Mountain, AK 99784

Dear Dan:

Kawerak, Inc., the tribally authorized regional non-profit in the Bering Straits Region, strongly supports the City of White Mountain's application for funding to the Community Development Grant Program to construct a new Public Safety building in White Mountain.

This past spring, Kawerak was able to undertake the renovation of public safety facilities in 3 of the region's villages. Unfortunately we were not able to address facility needs in White Mountain. As part of this process, though, we did conduct an assessment of the existing facilities (such as they are) in our villages. Most of the existing public safety buildings were constructed back in the 1970's. They were poorly constructed, inadequately insulated, inadequately maintained, and have born the brunt of 40 years of hard winters. White Mountain's existing VPSO Office and holding cell in the City building is no exception to the norm - it's very substandard and inadequate to the need.

We strongly support White Mountain's application for funding for a new facility, one constructed to today's construction standards and insulated to meet the ever increasing cost of heating public facilities in our villages.

Sincerely,

KAWERAK INCORPORATED

Loretta Bullard
President

DISTRICT OFFICE
BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT

P.O. BOX 225
UNALAKLEET, ALASKA 99684-0225
(907) 624-3611
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<http://www.bssd.org>

October 23, 2008

BREVIK MISSION

Mayor Dan Harrelson
City of White Mountain
Po Box 130
White Mountain, AK 99784

DIOMEDE

ELIM

GAMBELL

Dear Mr. Harrelson:

GOLOVIN

KOYUK

SAINT MICHAEL

Please accept this letter of support for the city of White Mountain's application for the Community Development Block Grant to fund the construction of a fire station and public safety garage in White Mountain.

SAVOONGA

SHAKTOOLIK

SHISHMAREF

As public infrastructure and the number of homes increases in White Mountain the need for modern fire fighting equipment and a facility to house the equipment is becoming more pressing.

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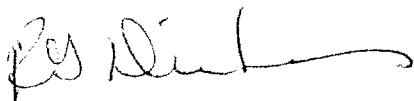
In the last fifteen years, three schools have burned down in the Bering Strait Region, one of which was White Mountain's High School. Residents in our villages have had to use hand-held extinguishers, water buckets, and garden hoses to fight the fires.

WHITE MOUNTAIN

We are fortunate that we have not had a loss of life in the fires.

I support the City of White Mountain for its efforts to address the problem and encourage the Community Development Block Grant Program to fund the City of White Mountain's application for a public safety building.

Sincerely,



Robert Dickens
Maintenance/Facilities Director

DISTRICT OFFICE
BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Mayor Dan Harrelson
City of White Mountain
Po Box 130
White Mountain, AK 99784

November 24, 2008

Dear Mr. Harrelson:

BRFVIG MISSION Please accept this letter of support for the city of White Mountain's
DIOMEDE application for the Community Development Block Grant to fund the
ELIM construction of a fire station and public safety garage in White
GAMBELL Mountain.

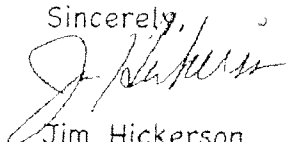
GOLOVIN A few years ago, the community of White Mountain had first hand
KOYUK experience in trying to fight a fire in the school. Although the
SAINT MICHAEL community did an incredible job in saving one of the buildings with the
minimal equipment they had, the high school was a total loss.

SAVOONGA We were fortunate to open a new school this past August for the
SHAKTOOLIK children and community of White Mountain. I am hopeful that if there
SHISHMAREF is another emergency that the community would have the best
STEBBINS equipment possible and that it is was stored in a heated facility and
TELLER ready when needed. They have an excellent volunteer fire department
that is committed to doing the best job possible.

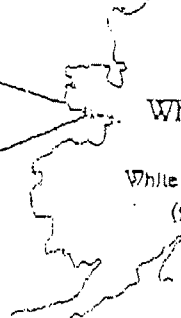
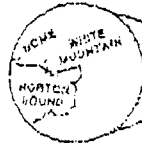
UNALAKLEET I am confident that the City of White Mountain will use the grant
WALES funds to improve the quality of services for the community of White
WHITE MOUNTAIN Mountain.

I support the City of White Mountain for seeking to address the problem and encourage the Community Development Block Grant Program to fund the City of White Mountain's application for a public safety building.

Sincerely,



Jim Hickerson
Superintendent



City of
White Mountain
P.O. BOX 150
White Mountain, AK 99784
(907) 638-3421

**FY 2010 CITY OF WHITE MOUNTAIN PRIORITY LIST
REQUEST TO BE INCLUDED IN THE STATE OF
ALASKA'S FY 2011 LEGISLATIVE/CAPITAL BUDGET**

City of White Mountain

RESOLUTION NUMBER 10-13

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING TO BE INCLUDED IN THE STATE OF ALASKA'S
FY 2011 LEGISLATIVE/CAPITAL BUDGET.

WHEREAS, the City of White Mountain City Council, hereinafter called the "Council",
is the governing municipal body of White Mountain requesting to be included in the State
of Alaska's FY 2011 Legislative/Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to provide a Fire Station & Public Safety Garage for use
in the community in the amount of \$857,177 as the number one priority; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to provide Water Plant Upgrades located in the
Washeteria building in the amount of \$860,625 as the number two priority; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to improve Solid Waste for the community in the
amount of \$720,000 as the number three priority; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to conduct a Utility Evaluation to adjust and reduce the
electrical rates for the community in the amount of \$255,578 as the number four priority;
and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to locate a new Gravel Site for the community in the
amount of \$150,000 as the number five priority; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to participate in the State of Alaska's Community
Revenue Sharing Program for FY 2011 in the estimated amount of \$200,000 as the
number six priority; and

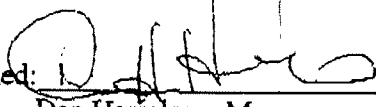
WHEREAS, the Council wishes to provide new Heavy Equipment for the community in
the amount of \$250,000 as the number seven priority; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to provide Economic Development for the community in the amount of \$500,000 as the number eight priority; and

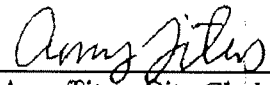
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor of the City of White Mountain is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute any and all documents required for managing any approved requested funds on behalf of this organization.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE City of White Mountain City Council on March 10, 2010.

IN WITNESS THERETO:

Signed: 
Dan Hartelson, Mayor

Date: 3/10/2010

Attest: 
Amy Titus, City Clerk

Date: 3/10/2010