

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Orutsararmiut Native Council (ONC)****Federal Tax ID: 920074128****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

Orutsararmiut Native Council (ONC) - Repair and Provide Energy Efficiency for Senior Center

State Funding Requested: \$480,000**House District: 38 / S**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Relevel, replace Boilers & Radiation, replace Windows, replace Walk-in Freezer & Insulate.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$480,000***There is no other funding needed***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Orutsararmiut Native Council took over the operations of the Senior Center on September 5, 2005 from the City of Bethel, who could not afford to provide the services to our seniors and longer. The programs include Nutrition, Transportation and Support Service, as well as the Adult Day Program, which assists seniors in many activities. The Eddie Hoffman Senior Center is over 30 years old and, especially with the rising cost of fuel, gas, electricity and many other essentials, the building is in dire need of repair and/or replacement in order to afford to operate the needed programs for our seniors. Basically, the building is getting run down and is not energy efficient. The piling foundation has continued to heave and move, pushing up the floor in some places and failing in others. The building needs to be completely re-leveled and replace failing piling, which is estimated at a cost of \$100,000. The two boilers are old, are not energy efficient, and do not operate properly. The building has a huge fuel bill, and during the winter months, have run out of oil and caused freeze-ups. The boilers need to be replaced with energy-efficient boilers, along with new fin radiation. The existing boilers have glycol leaks not only in the system and under the building, but leaking into the boilers themselves. Replacement costs for the new boilers and radiation would be \$150,000. Windows need to be replaced, which are old, many are broken, panes temporarily replaced with single panes of plexoglass. They leak cold air in and allow warm air to escape out. They need to be replaced with energy-efficient triple pane windows. This would cost \$70,000. The walk-in freezer for food supplies for our seniors continues to have problems, thawing out thousands of dollars worth of food at a time. Replacement cost for a new walk-in freezer would be \$100,000. The crawl spaces under the building encloses both heating lines and water supplies have had multiple freeze-ups and caused broken and leaking pipes under the building. We would need to devise a better design, proper insulation, continuous heat taping, better sealing, and a system for providing warm, moving air to prevent freezing. This would cost \$70,000. These repairs and replacements would drastically reduce utility costs which would allow ONC to continue to operate the needed programs for our seniors.

Project Timeline:

If funding is received, ONC would schedule the needed repairs and replacements this coming summer when the months are warmer. Construction could start as early as June 2010 and be completed by the end of September 2010. Expenditures could start as early as March 2010 if funding is received, and completed by October 2010.

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

ONC

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



April 29, 2010

RE: Orutsararmiut Native Council Capital Improvement Project Request to Repair Eddie Hoffman Senior Center in Bethel 2010.

Honorable Governor Sean Parnell
P.O. Box 1001
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

Dear Honorable Governor Sean Parnell,

As Director of Bethel Native Council (ONC), it is imperative that I express a critical need for elders in Bethel and from the Yukon-Kuskokwim (YK) Delta. Our center is the single entity that provides Nutrition, Transportation and Support services and Adult Day Programming to elders in Bethel and the YK region of 56 villages.

The Eddie Hoffman Senior Center Building is 39 years old. The Senior Center Programs were managed by the City of Bethel from approximately 1985 until 2005. In 2005, at the urging of the ONC governing body, ONC assumed operation of the center. Over this number of years, the center has only had minimal building improvement funds. In 2005, the City of Bethel, in coordination with ONC, received a Community Development Block Grant to make required improvements to bring the building up to safety standards.

Please observe that the number of congregate meals served through our NTS program in FY 2009 was: 6,309; the number of Home Delivered meals to shut-ins was 10,902; the number of assisted rides: 3,593, and unassisted rides: 10,090. The amount of grant funding the senior services received from the Department of Health & Social Services in less than \$200,000. ONC relies heavily on local, in-kind and community donations to supplement our programs for elderly and disabled. We desperately hope to attain more funding for our programs.

Please carefully consider the pleas from our elders for improvement of the Senior Center that they value and love so much. Our partner agency letters of support also justify a tremendous need for the well being of our Esteemed Elders.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John F. Guinn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John F. Guinn, Executive Director
Orutsararmiut Native Council

Letter from Elders Who Attend the Eddie Hoffman Senior Center and the Chrissie Shantz Adult Day Program In Bethel

**Governor Sean Parnell
Juneau, Alaska**

Our Eddie Hoffman Senior Center in Bethel really needs your help. Us elders come to the senior center every day it is open. We get here by the bus, and we eat a hot meal each day. The food is good for us and for all of us it is the only good meal we eat every day.

We get to visit our friends every day. Many of us have known each other for 60, 70 or 80 years. We find comfort and joy with each other. We even get to exercise, listen to news, and do sewing projects and knitting. Some of the men get to work in the woodshop to make simple furniture to sell-they share their money with the senior center. The staff always help us with anything we need – like combing or cutting our hair, washing up, helping us with papers we don't understand and many other things. They are always kind and patient with us.

During the winter, when it is cold out, our building is cold too. It is drafty and when someone comes in the door, snow and cold air come in. In the summer, rain comes in. We have to keep our boots and coats on a lot. Sometimes when the boilers don't work there is a freeze-up. Then the center is closed for days. When this happens, we are stuck at home and have no transportation to check our mail or shop. Mostly we miss our friends and the hot food when this happens.

Please do not take the funding away that will let ONC fix the senior center and make it warmer and keep it open.

**Quyana Cakneq Wangkuta,
(Thank you very much from all of us)**

Catherine Letas

John Michael

Elna Fox

Kate & Luke

Cecilia Raphael

Lurea Joseph

Jennie K. Darcy

BARRY AZZION

Paul Phillip

Maggie J Kingak

Maggie Hunt

Balacia Nichols

Joachim Wood

Elizabeth Benedict

Anna Dant

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Calista Elders Council

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April 23, 2010

Governor Sean Parnell
State Capitol
PO Box 110001
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

Dear Governor,

Calista Elders Council strongly supports *ONC's capital request of \$480,000 to Repair & to Provide Energy Efficiency for the Senior Center* located in Bethel, Alaska.

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This request would allow ONC to re-level the piling and the building; replace the old boilers and fin radiation; replace broken and old windows with energy-efficient ones; replace the old walk-in freezer, and replace the crawl spaces and utilidors under the building which continue to freeze up each winter and costs thousands of dollars in repair bills. Further, when the building freezes up, elder's needs are unserved for many days.

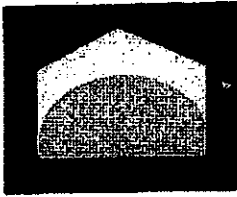
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark John

President



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April 29, 2010

Governor Sean Parnell
State Capitol Building
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Dear Hon. Governor Parnell;

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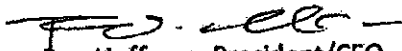
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Sincerely,


Ron Hoffman, President/CEO
AVCP RHA

AVCP

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Governor Sean Parnell
State Capitol
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Sincerely,
ASSOCIATION OF VILLAGE COUNCIL PRESIDENTS


Myron P. Naneng, Sr.
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Governor Sean Parnell
State Capitol
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Dear Governor,

Bethel Public Health strongly supports *ONC's capital request of \$480,000 to Repair & to Provide Energy Efficiency for the Senior Center* located in Bethel, Alaska.

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Thank you for your consideration.


Sincerely,
Penny Pieper, RN, MSN
Nurse Manager



YUKON-KUSKOKWIM HEALTH CORPORATION

"Working Together to Achieve Excellent Health"

April 28, 2010

The Honorable Sean Parnell
State Capitol
PO Box 110001
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

Governor Parnell,

The Yukon- Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC) supports *Orutsararmuit Native Council's (ONC's) capital request of \$480,000 to Repair & to Provide Energy Efficiency for the Eddie Hoffman Senior Center* located in Bethel, Alaska.

The Eddie Hoffman Senior Center provides critical and extremely necessary services to elders in the form of nutrition, transportation and support services and through an adult day program. The elders from the entire Yukon-Kuskokwim delta region benefit from the Eddie Hoffman Senior Center programs. The Eddie Hoffman Senior Center is over 39 years old. With the high and rising cost of heating fuel, gas, and electricity in rural Alaska, the Eddie Hoffman Senior Center is in dire need of repair in order to continue to provide essential programs for our senior citizens.

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Cordially,

YUKON-KUSKOKWIM HEALTH CORPORATION

Jack Robert Crow
Vice President for Health Services