

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: North Slope Borough****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

North Slope Borough - Healthy Communities Initiative

State Funding Requested: \$170,000**House District: 40 / T**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

The funds will be used to purchase playground equipment for all eight North Slope communities providing a safe area for children to play.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$460,000**

	<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>
Local Funds	\$100,000	2010				
Total	\$100,000					

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The eight communities of the North Slope have participated in the Healthy Community Initiative over the last several years. The major goal of the initiative is to provide healthy alternatives for all residents. As part of the initiative all of the communities ranked improving and replacing old playground equipment as a priority. The playground equipment would include creation and fabrication of molds to produce arctic animals for the Inupiaq playgrounds. The playground equipment will complement existing or missing playground equipment and will fill the need for cultural activities. Currently the children often play in the streets sharing the road with cars, ATV's and heavy equipment or in open areas with whatever makeshift items they can find. Often times the areas they are playing in are unsafe and are a health risk such as abandoned property or around the dump or sewage lagoon. Additionally, the materials they are using to create play equipment with can be dangerous and unhealthy like items found at the dump. An updated or new playground would provide a safe area for the children to play with appropriate equipment that is safe, clean, and age appropriate. In some communities, the playground equipment will also provide an incentive for children to attend school and actively participate in school so that they can play on the equipment during break time. The playground equipment is a much needed item in the communities and addresses a safety issue.

Project Timeline:

Purchase, delivery, and placement of playground equipment anticipated prior to school in September 2010.

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

North Slope Borough

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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

North Slope Borough

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Edward S. Itta, Mayor

February 5, 2010

Rep. Reggie Joule
State Capitol Building, Room 410
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Rep. Joule,

Thank you for the opportunity to present capital budget requests for your consideration. There are four projects I would like you to consider:

1. SAR and Public Safety Rescue Equipment: \$500,000;
2. Fire Station Deferred Maintenance and Safety Equipment for Point Hope, Point Lay and Anaktuvuk Pass: \$344,000;
3. SAR fuel purchase: \$150,000;
4. Healthy Communities Initiative: \$360,000.

The request for SAR and Public Safety Rescue Equipment would provide funding for the purchase of 4-wheelers, snowmachines and boats to replace outdated and inadequate rescue equipment in each of the North Slope villages. It will cost approximately \$50,000 per community for the purchase and delivery of the 4-wheelers and snowmachines in each location. \$100,000 will provide for the acquisition and delivery of public safety boats for shared use with volunteer search and rescue organizations.

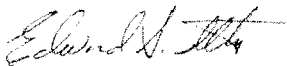
The fire stations in Pt. Lay, Pt. Hope and Anaktuvuk Pass were completed in 1982 and although all the stations have had some upgrades over the past 28 years, the fire stations in these three villages especially are in need of electrical and mechanical hardware repairs. The fire stations also provide itinerant lodging and this project will pay for replacement of broken windows, toilets and other facility needs. The estimated cost of the project is \$344,000.

As you know, the North Slope Borough Department of Search and Rescue (SAR) provides both direct and indirect support to search and rescue and medical transport functions across the North Slope Borough. Virtually all medical evacuation and transport done via SAR aircraft is free of charge. Ground searches for lost or missing persons are coordinated by SAR and augmented by aerial search. Increased activity over the past couple of years has had a dramatic impact on aviation fuel usage. Should this project receive funding it will be spent on the purchase of fuel.

As a part of the Healthy Communities Initiative, public hearings are held in each community of the Slope. The major goal of this initiative is to provide positive alternatives for all residents. Over the past year, improving and replacing old playground equipment has become a priority. This project would fund playground equipment for each of the communities on the Slope.

Thank you for considering these requests. We can provide more detailed information on any and all of these projects and will do so upon your request. Thank you for your efforts. Good luck to you for a successful and productive legislative session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edward S. Itta".

Edward S. Itta
Mayor

Priority #4 Healthy Communities Initiative
\$360,000

REQUESTING ENTITY: North Slope Borough – Mayor’s Office

City/Village (indicate which village)	All Villages –
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PROJECT NAME

Healthy Communities Initiative

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Healthy Community Initiative strives to provide positive alternative activities for all residents of the slope. Creation and fabrication of masters and molds to produce arctic animals for the Inupiaq Playgrounds in all eight North Slope communities. These playground items will complement existing (or missing) playground equipment and fills the need for cultural activities.

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LOCATION OF THE PROJECT In which community or communities will the project take place.

All North Slope communities -

PROJECT IMPACTS

No negative impacts are anticipated, just positive. The positive impact is expected reducing calls for Police, Fire and Health Departments due to alternative recreational opportunities afford village youth.
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RELATIONSHIP TO PLANS OR PROGRAMS

This supports the Health Community Initiative.
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PROJECT COST

BASE COST: Creation and fabrication of masters and molds	\$100,000 (NSB contribution)
Purchase, delivery and installation at 9 locations	\$360,000 (State support request_
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$460,000

TIMING OF PROJECT When do you anticipate this project to be both started and completed, bearing in mind the chronological sequence of voter approval and bonding? Please explain.

Creation of masters and molds will be completed by June 2010, purchase, delivery and placement anticipated prior to school in September 2010.
