

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)

Grant Recipient: Juneau

Project Title:

Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

Juneau - Juneau Arts & Culture Center Electrical and Facility Upgrades

State Funding Requested: \$50,000

House District: Juneau Areawide (3-4)

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Provide upgraded electrical services, including a new main distribution panel, service panels, improved and more efficient lighting fixtures for the Juneau Arts & Culture Center.

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$810,000

	<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>
Rasmuson Foundation	\$40,000	2008				
Local Funds	\$577,000	2009				
Other Funds	\$98,000	2007				
Total	\$715,000					

Explanation of Other Funds:

The Council received a loan of \$98,000 from the City and Borough of Juneau for the initial renovations of restrooms and other code-required upgrades needed to open. The organization makes monthly payments to the City of \$1500 monthly to repay this loan, and will for the next 5 years.

See the attached timeline of the entire project and its funding plan.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Juneau Arts and Culture Center
 Renovation of the retired National Guard Armory
 Meeting the long-range development plans for Juneau

Goals:

1. To provide overflow space for Centennial Hall, expanding the capacity for the community to accommodate large conferences and meetings.
2. To serve as a community arts center for performances, exhibits, rehearsals, meetings, and studios, and as a centerpiece for the "cultural campus" identified in the City and Borough of Juneau Comprehensive Plan.

Project Need:

The electrical service for the building, original to the 1959 construction, is dangerously over-loaded. The electrical system

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**\$50,000
 Approved**

Total Project Snapshot Report

FY 2011 Capital Budget

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has been analyzed by Mr. Ben Haight, President of Haight and Associates of Juneau. He found that the main electrical panels are operating at or above rated capacity, and have no ability to add more circuits.

Additional safe electrical capacity is critically needed for improved lighting, central to the building's role as a community arts center. The facility needs to replace both general house lighting, as well as add specialty lighting for theatrical and performances, and display lighting for the exhibit spaces. Work anticipated for the \$95,000 budget would include new conductors pulled back to the transformer, new main distribution panels, and new secondary panels, and at least some replacement house lighting.

Project Timeline:

Electrical upgrades, if funding is approved, could begin immediately. We have had preliminary survey and recommendation by an electrical engineer. We would anticipate completion by year end.

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

Juneau Arts and Humanities Council

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Name: Juneau Arts & Humanities Council
Address: 350 Whittier St. Suite 101
Juneau, AK 99801
Phone Number: (907)586-2787
Email: nancy@jahc.org

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

Creating a community arts and culture center from a retired National Guard Armory:

2006

City and Borough of Juneau acquires the vintage 1959 retired National Guard Armory and agrees to lease it to the Juneau Arts & Humanities Council.



2007

Juneau Arts & Humanities Council opens the doors to the Juneau Arts & Culture Center, former Armory.



\$98,000 loan from City & Borough to Juneau Arts & Humanities for restroom and safety upgrades. JAHC pays \$1500 monthly to repay this

2008

Rasmuson Foundation grant helps acquire needed furnishings.



\$40,000 grant from Rasmuson Foundation for chairs and a grand piano,

2009

Community support generates operating funds and CBJ Assembly approves roof repairs



\$77,000 raised community fundraising and support
\$500,000 approved by CBJ for roof repair to be completed 2010

2010

Priority: Bring electrical services up to current standards



\$95,000 request To State of Alaska to improve electrical capacity in the building.

2010

Renovations basically completed, building bustling with activity.



\$810,000 Total raised through a combination of community, municipal, foundation, and state funding.

Juneau Commission On Sustainability Annual Report

Submitted: June 9, 2009

Mission

The governing legislation for the Juneau Commission on Sustainability (Commission) is City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) Resolution 2401am. It was established July 9, 2007. The Commission is scheduled to sunset July 9, 2010. This report includes fiscal years 2008 and 2009 Commission activities.

The mission of the Juneau Commission on Sustainability is to promote the economic, social, environmental, and governmental well-being of Juneau and all its inhabitants, now and in the future.

The mission of the former Juneau Energy Advisory Committee was folded into the policy and purpose of the Juneau Commission on Sustainability. Resolution 2401am also repealed Resolution 2376 relating to the Juneau Energy Advisory committee.

Composition

Membership

The Commission is comprised of nine members appointed by the Assembly, plus one member of the Assembly and one member of the Planning Commission. Commission membership reflects environmental, social, economic, and governmental perspectives unified by the common interest of sustainability. Current members are:

Member	Employment Affiliation
Chair Sandy Boyce	United States Forest Service
Bob Doll	Assemblymember
Nancy Waterman	Planning Commission
Beth McKibben	CBJ Staff Liaison
Bob Bellugh	United States Coast Guard
Eva Bornstein	Juneau Economic Development Council
Alida Bus	Alaska State Legislature
Catherine Fritz	Juneau International Airport
Sarah Lewis	City & Borough of Juneau
Sean Lynch	State of Alaska Department of Law

Rick Wolk	University of Alaska & Rosewood LLC
Gayle Wood	Alaska Electric Light & Power Co.

Persons who previously served on the Commission since its inception are:
 Sally Schlichting, Jonathan Kamler, Dave Hanna, Carol Anderson, Dan Miller (Planning Commission liaison), Maria Gladziszewski (CBJ staff liaison).

Organization and Subcommittees

The Commission holds an annual all-day retreat to identify goals and strategies for the year. Out of each retreat, Committees have emerged to take on the tasks identified. The Commission meets once a month and currently has the following subcommittees that meet periodically throughout each month:

- Energy/Greenhouse Gas
- Public Education & Outreach
- Food Security

Past committees have included: Energy, Public Info/Education, Solid Waste, Built Environment, City Operations, and Transportation. During the second year, we narrowed our focus to the current organization.

Accomplishments

Juneau Farmers Market

In August of 2008, the Commission co-hosted the first annual Juneau Farmers Market at the Juneau Arts and Culture Center. In 2009, the event is scheduled for August 29th. The Commission partners with the University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension Service and the Juneau Arts & Humanities Council to offer a sales venue for commercial and individual vendors involved in local food production. Non-profit participants sell produce and/or baked goods, jams & jellies that contain locally grown or harvested ingredients. Commercial vendors have booths for local food production and gardening-related businesses. There are also information and demonstration booths and mini-seminars on a variety of topics; how to dress deer and other game, how to grow garlic, and how to make cheese were among the presentations at the 2008 event. Participants included Alaska Department of Fish & Game, Taku River Reds, Glacier Gardens, Sprout About, and individuals.

Federal Stimulus Energy Efficiency Grant

The City & Borough of Juneau qualified for \$141,300 under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (federal stimulus package). In April of 2009, the Commission made recommendations to the CBJ City Manager for potential uses for the EECBG funds. These priority projects were selected based on recommendations from CBJ department heads, their ability to create jobs, save energy, reduce greenhouse gases, install renewable energy (not applicable in this case), and leverage funds. The Commission also recommended that CBJ

conduct energy audits of major buildings in order to be positioned for potential future grant funding opportunities.

The top three projects nominated by the Commission for the grant, in priority order, were:

- Roof and upper window replacement for the Juneau Arts & Culture Center
- Last Chance Basin Variable Speed Well Pumps
- Ground Source Heat Pumps at Existing Buildings

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory and Reduction Recommendation

In March of 2007, the CBJ passed Resolution 2397(b) and joined the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign, a global movement to advance local sustainability and climate protection efforts. The greenhouse gas emission inventory was completed in March of 2009 and is the first step in a process designed to reduce emissions. According to the report, Juneau released approximately 441,000 tonnes of equivalent carbon dioxide gases (CO₂e) in the 2007 baseline year. The Commission has prepared a recommendation for emissions reduction targets for presentation to the CBJ Assembly in June of 2009.

Reenergize - Avalanche

In response to the April, 2008 avalanche that separated Juneau from the Snettisham hydroelectric dam, the Commission organized and held a community-wide event to assist Juneau citizens in learning how to quickly reduce their energy consumption... and maintain a lower level of energy use into the future. Within three weeks after the avalanche, the Commission organized eight workshops (from conserving energy in the kitchen to generating your own electricity), four community forums (about AEL&P, the avalanche, community and government activities, and energy conservation topics), and an information market of 31 local businesses and non-profit organizations. The event was held at the Mendenhall Mall and was very well attended.

Earth Day

The Commission participated in the Earth Day celebration at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center in April 2008 and 2009. Attended by local organizations and the public, this event is a celebration of nationally recognized "Earth Day. It's a chance for local organizations to gain publicity while increasing awareness about the environment and human impacts on the earth. The Commission's table generates awareness about the Commission's projects and mission, promotes energy conservation principles, provides information about the annual Farmers Market, and hosts a children's seed planting activity (thanks to donations from businesses Home Depot and Rainbow Foods for materials for the activity).

Web Site Information

The Commission's official webpage where information about the commission, its meetings, agendas, minutes, committee structure and membership is located on the city's website at www.juneau.org/clerk/boards/Sustainability/Sustainability_Commission.php. The Commission also felt it important to set up a non-CBJ blog to relay information, events, and activities related to sustainability in Juneau. In March 2008, the Commission's website was launched: www.sustainablejuneau.blogspot.com; it was designed and set up by volunteers and is maintained by the Commission's Outreach & Public Information Committee.

UAS Community Day

The Commission participated in UAS community day twice, in May of 2009 and in 2008. A family day on campus, this event is an annual community celebration, featuring local organizations. Members of the public can register for camp, find volunteer opportunities, and enjoy food, music and activities. The Commission's table generates awareness about the Commission's projects and mission, and promotes the Farmers Market with a poster and fliers. The activity offered for the public is planting seed starters, encouraging people to plant early so they'll have a harvest come time for the Farmers Market in late August.

Comprehensive Plan

From approximately July 2007 until February 2008, the Commission worked extensively on drafting and editing two chapters of the CBJ Comprehensive Plan, "Sustainability", and "Energy" and testified before the Planning Commission. While the final draft did not incorporate all of the recommended community sustainability goals, this work became the basis for much of the Commission's focus and led to subsequent work such as the Greenhouse Gas Inventory.

CBJ Greening Operations

The Commission stimulated the formation of the Green City Committee, comprised of CBJ staff and focused on improving the sustainability of local government operations. The group is comprised of CBJ staff from several departments and meets monthly. The Green City Committee is currently drafting a Green City handbook for all employees and is working with the City Manager to draft an ordinance to require all new City buildings and major remodels to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards. They are also exploring other sustainability efforts such as broader recycling efforts, carpooling, and purchasing that considers the environment and energy use. A member of the Commission serves as a liaison to this Committee.

CIP Capital Projects Reviews

The Commission has provided review and public comment on several of the CBJ CIP projects, including the Downtown Parking Garage and Transit Center and the use of geothermal heat pumps for the Dimond Park Swimming Pool and JNU Airport Terminal Renovation. The JCOS has advocated for energy conservation and greenhouse gas reduction to be analyzed and included in all applicable CBJ capital projects.

Transit Plan

The Commission offered its endorsement of the June 2008 CBJ Transit Development Plan and encouraged its funding by the Assembly.

Direction

The Commission will focus its attention during the coming year (2009-2010) on these activities:

1. Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy (EECS). The EECS is a document required by the US Department of Energy as a condition of having received an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Community Block Grant (EECBG) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The Commission will offer assistance to the City Manager

- in developing this document and then promote the strategy once developed.
2. Climate Action Plan (CAP). The preparation of a Climate Action Plan is the third step in the ICLEI Five Milestone Process. It describes the methods that the community will use to achieve the greenhouse gas emission reductions adopted by the Assembly. The Commission will serve in any capacity assigned to it by the Assembly in the preparation of the CAP.
 3. Farmers Market. The Commission will continue to co-sponsor the Farmers Market and encourage increased citizen participation.



* Affiliate Members

Are local arts & cultural organizations and local businesses who commit to helping make the JACC a bustling, vibrant, and valuable part of the community. As an Affiliate, your group enjoys special rental benefits, and joins the Council in advocating for and supporting this facility for the benefit of all.

Local not-for-profit arts organizations pay annual dues based on budgets:

- Under \$25,000 \$75
- Under \$200,000 \$100
- \$200,000 + \$150

which entitles the group to

- 1 performance with 2 space-available rehearsals for \$50/year
- Main Hall rental for a production includes 2 space-available rehearsals at no charge.
- Pay-As-You-Can events are at no charge, with a 50/50 split of the gate.
- Free events at 50% of the Affiliate rates

Affiliates commit to helping with fundraising efforts in order to maintain these low rates.

Local Businesses who donate \$500 or more to the Juneau Arts & Humanities Council may rent the facility for meetings, parties, and events at the Affiliated Member rate.

Military service personnel, active and retired are eligible for the Affiliate Member rate.

To become an Affiliate, call 780-JACC (5222)

Additional Services

Poster Hanging Service

Bring your posters or flyers to the JACC by Tuesdays at 10 am and we will distribute them to over 100 locations in the next two days.

Cost: \$25 + one ticket to the event your poster promotes (excluding fundraisers)

For an additional \$5, we will pick up your poster at Capital Copy or Copy Express Tuesday morning.

Community Calendar

Events held in the JACC and promoted on posters we hang automatically get added to our on-line calendar and mentioned in the weekly Arts Up! Update on KTOO. No charge!

Box Office Service

Have your tickets instantly available at Hearthside Books, Rainy Retreat Books, the JACC, and on-line without the hassle of designing them, printing them, distributing them, and picking them up! Plus you can build package deals and partner with other groups to promote sales.

Cost: \$10 set up fee, 35¢/ticket + 4% on tickets sold through JACC to cover the credit cards charges.

Equipment and amenities available

The JACC is equipped with

- Large round tables that seat 8 – 10
- Small cocktail tables
- Classroom style and standard 8 ft tables
- Sound system
- 7ft grand piano and 2 spinets
- Staging and some lighting
- Big screen TV
- Podium
- Wireless internet

To help make your event easy and successful. Call to make your arrangements:

907 780-5222

Juneau Arts & Culture Center Rental Rates

2009



350 Whittier Street

Juneau, Alaska 99801

907 780-JACC (5222)

907 586-2148 (fax)

Info@jahc.org



JUNEAU ARTS & CULTURE CENTER

Local Not-For-Profit 20% discount

Room	1 - 4 hrs	5-9 hrs	10-24 hrs
Full	\$60/hr	\$312	\$440
Main Hall	\$48/hr	\$280	\$380
Gallery + Kitchen	\$25/hr	\$104	\$148
Galley	\$20/hr	\$92	\$132

Affiliated Member* 30% discount

Full	\$53/hr	\$273	\$385
Main Hall	\$42/hr	\$245	\$333
Gallery + Kitchen	\$23/hr	\$91	\$130
Galley	\$18/hr	\$81	\$116

Discounted Rates include:

- Use of tables and chairs
- Access to the kitchen as noted

Renters are expected to do their own set up and take down.

Regular Rental Rates

Room	1 - 4 hrs	5 - 9 hrs	10-24 hrs
Full Facility	\$75/hr	\$390	\$550
Main Hall 109' x 40'	\$60/hr	\$350	\$475
Gallery + Kitchen	\$30/hr	\$130	\$185
Galley 32' x 16'	\$25/hr	\$115	\$165

Regular Rental Rates include:

- Use of tables and chairs
- Access to the kitchen as noted
- Set-up and take-down of tables and chairs.

Sound equipment, pianos, lighting, and other amenities and services are available at some additional charge.

Long Term Rates

Looking for a regular meeting place? The JACC is available for classes, rehearsals, and meetings scheduled over a minimum of six weeks on the same time and day of week, not exceeding three hours each time. We ask that the use be "non-invasive" allowing other uses before and after, and requiring no staff time to set up or clean up.

Regular	Local Not for Profit	Affiliated Group
\$20/hr	\$15/hr	\$10/hr



Is your date available?

Check on-line now! At www.jahc.org

April 25, 2010
1760 Capital View Court
Douglas, AK 99824

The Honorable Sean Parnell
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Parnell,

I am writing to encourage your support of the \$50,000 appropriation currently identified in the State Capital Budget for modernization of electrical services at the Juneau Arts and Culture Center (JACC).

I am President of the Juneau Arts and Humanities Council, the managing agency for the building, and also work as an architect in the private sector in building design. Consequently, I have had a role assisting in the development of this request, and understand its urgency.

The building was constructed as a National Guard Armory in 1959, and though well-built for its time, many key aspects of the building are well-past their projected life-span, posing both operational and safety issues.

This appropriation would replace the main electrical feeders into the building, and the primary panels and switch gear. At present, the electrical load of the building exceeds the safe limits of the old panel. Thus we are constrained from adding critically-needed new electrical services, such as lighting for our theatrical performances.

Lighting for such performances is now handled fitfully, using extension cords, sub-standard lighting, and blown circuits. The funds requested would allow a safe electrical supply, with sufficient capacity for us to continue to expand our community offerings.

Related, the JACC is also designated as a disaster emergency shelter for Juneau. The increased electrical capacity will also be critically needed for us to fill this important community function in a legitimate way.

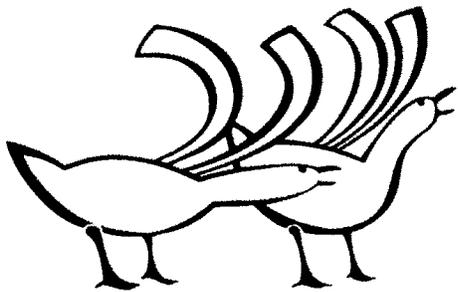
Again, thank you for your support. Please contact me if I can provide any further information, or answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Paul Voelckers
President, Juneau Arts and Humanities Council Trustees

cc: The Honorable Beth Kerttula
Nancy DeCherney, JAHC Executive Director



Juneau Lyric Opera

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Juneau, Alaska 99802
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April 27, 2010

The Honorable Sean Parnell
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Parnell:

The State Capital Budget includes a \$50,000 appropriation to modernize the electrical service at the Juneau Arts & Culture Center (JACC).

\$50,000 is a minor investment that would address an urgent need at the JACC. Current service dates from 1959. It is insufficient to handle modern electrical needs, including most of the simple needs of putting on a choral performance such as those presented by JLO, and the current electrical service is unsafe. JLO would like to use the JACC more, but we are unable to do so because of the electrical system limitations and problems.

Juneau is starved for performing, community gathering and meeting spaces. Improved electrical capacity would go a long way toward helping the JACC meet those needs. In addition, the facility is a disaster emergency shelter. When the Archives Building roof failed recently, the JACC was used as a response center. The lack of electrical service meant extension cords all over the place, blown circuits, etc. Imagine how much better the JACC would be able to serve the community in a REAL emergency with a better and safer electrical system.

I understand that the JACC serves between 2000 and 6000 people monthly. I know the JLO frequently considers whether the JACC can fulfill the needs of any particular production. And for the small

investment of \$50,000, the JACC will serve the community for a long time to come.

Please support the \$50,000 appropriation so that the JACC can contribute even more significantly to the economic well-being of the community.

Thank you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Best Regards,



Susan Auer, President
(907) 209-0698

JLO Tax I.D. No.: 92-0064417

Cc:

The Honorable Beth Kerttula
Hannah McCarty, Legislative Aide ✓
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April 29, 2010

Governor Sean Parnell

P.O. Box 11001

Juneau AK 99811

Re: Juneau Arts & Culture Center \$50,000 for electrical upgrades.

Dear Gov. Parnell,

I would like to comment on the Capital Budget appropriation of \$50,000 to upgrade the antiquated electrical system at the cultural center in Juneau-- the former Alaska National Guard Armory, now a nerve center called the Juneau Arts and Culture Center.

Juneau Arts and Culture Center Executive Director Nancy DeCherney has prepared some points of note, which I append to this letter.

My reasons for urging you to support this line in the budget involve Juneau Jazz & Classics, the classical, jazz and blues festival we started 25 years ago, and which promotes the arts economy in Southeast, and Juneau as a cultural destination. We open in 23 days, and hope that you and Sandy will be able to join us for a concert. Here is our website: <http://www.jazzandclassics.org/>

Our Juneau Jazz & Classics office is in the Juneau Arts and Culture Center-- fondly known as JACC or "The Jack". We are in the corner office that used to be the sargeant's office. The roof of this building is currently being upgraded-- which I hear will save 10,000 gallons of diesel fuel a year. We have to worry frequently about the integrity of the electrical system in this building.

Please protect this \$50,000 for the JACC electrical system.

Nancy tell me that the Capital Budget also includes a similar electrical upgrade appropriation for Perseverance Theatre. The Theatre also contributes significantly to the economic well-being of Juneau, and I encourage support of that project too. Tonight I am going to Perseverance to see "Hansel and Gretel", which includes new music composed by Bob Banghart, who was recently named chief curator of Alaska State Museums. I hope you and your family get the chance to see this play--it runs until the end of May

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Kathy Kolkhorst Ruddy

Chair, Juneau Jazz & Classics

POINTS OF NOTE FROM NANCY:

- Current service dates from 1959 and is insufficient to handle modern electrical needs. Current electrical service is unsafe.
- Efforts to use this facility as a performing arts and culture center and a conference center are limited by the electrical problems.
- Improved electrical capacity will go a long way toward meeting the need for performing spaces, community gathering and meeting space.
- The facility is a disaster emergency shelter – in the most recent situation, the failure of the Archives roof, the lack of electrical service meant extension cords all over the place, blown circuits, etc.
- This facility serves between 2000 and 6000 people monthly – clearly a need for the facility.
- Small investment now will serve the community for a long time to come.

Cc: The Honorable Beth Kerttula
Hannah McCarty, Legislative Aide
Nancy DeCherney, Executive Director