

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)

Grant Recipient: Southeast Alaska Guidance Association

Federal Tax ID: 92-0129698

Project Title:

Project Type: Maintenance and Repairs

Southeast Alaska Guidance Association - Eagle Valley Training Center Repair and Maintenance

State Funding Requested: \$57,000

House District: Juneau Areawide (3-4)

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

The Eagle Valley Training Center is a retreat and training facility that provides programming to over 1000 local Juneau youth each year. The facility has deferred maintenance and repair needs. Many of the repairs can make use of SAGA's Serve Alaska Youth Corps and/or Young Alaskans Building Affordable Housing programs as job training and work experience for participants.

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$85,000

	<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>
Federal Funds	\$18,000	2010				
Local Funds			\$10,000	2010		
Total	\$18,000		\$10,000			

Explanation of Other Funds:

The secured federal funds are AmeriCorps, and Youthbuild (US DOL). Local funds come from projected SAGA program revenue -- not yet earned.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

SAGA is celebrating its 25th year of providing Alaskan youth with foundational skills needed in the workplace for pursuing continuing education, and for making healthy lifestyle choices. Since 1992, SAGA has operated the Eagle Valley Training Center (EVTC) as a base facility to support its education and training programs that serve approximately 1,500 young people each year. Information on these programs is attached.

This request is for partial funding to provide needed repairs and maintenance to the Eagle Valley Training Center facility. The facility is located at mile 24.5 on Amalga Harbor Road in Juneau, and is unique among the various retreat centers in the area. Besides being a base of operation for SAGA's other programs, it employs a professional training staff that provides year-round Adventure Based Education programming through its Challenge Ropes Course and other experiential activities, and connects directly to the school district's education curriculum.

The facility is 29 years old and beginning to show its age. SAGA is committed to maintaining its integrity as a valued community resource. Although the trainings and services the EVTC provides do produce a revenue stream, it falls short of addressing some of the larger repairs and upgrades the facility needs. As such, SAGA is seeking funding for a portion of

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these costs. The remainder comes from the support of grants such as AmeriCorps and DOL/Youthbuild that supports our YABAH and youth corps participants, and from earned revenue from the Eagle Valley Training Center and other SAGA programs.

SAGA plans to use its youth corps and YABAH participants to provide the labor for repair and maintenance projects such as weatherization, egress window installation, ADA improvements, painting, and trail maintenance (associated with the facility). State support not only enhances an important community resource, it provides valuable job training, work experience, leadership, and service opportunities for young people. It is also important to note that the Eagle Valley Training Center provides temporary housing for 70-100 SAGA AmeriCorps Members and staff each year -- the type of housing that is hard to find in Juneau. During their time at the EVTC, they contribute over \$250,000 each year to Juneau's economy with their paychecks -- which is a small amount compared to the value of the service projects they complete in the community during that time.

SAGA is requesting your support for the following maintenance and repair projects:

- Boiler and water system upgrade and repair. Estimated cost: \$16,000
- Egress windows and smoke detectors to increase lodging capacity and safety. Estimated cost: \$4,000
- Roof repair and other weatherization projects. Estimated cost \$37,000
- Improved ADA accessibility. Estimated cost \$28,000

Total Need: \$85,000

Project Timeline:

Overall, the timeline for the maintenance and repair activities listed above begins in July 2010 and is completed in June 2011. The projected timing for specific projects includes:

- Boiler and water system: September–October 2010
- Egress windows and alarms: October–November 2010
- Roof and Weatherization: Roof/August–September 2010, Weatherization/October–February 2011
- ADA accessibility: May–June 2011

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

SAGA

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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



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To: Governor Parnell
Senator Egan
Representative Kerttula
Representative Munoz
From: SAGA / Joe Parrish
Re: SAGA's Legislative Capital Budget Request

February 12, 2010

Dear Governor, and Juneau Delegation,

SAGA is optimistic about being in the Capital Budget this year. The funding will do much to improve education and job training opportunities for young Alaskans between the ages of 6-25. I appreciate your commitment to fiscal responsibility, and that hard choices need to be made. As the Capital Projects are being considered, I believe ours is one that supports many of your priorities.

SAGA is celebrating its 25th year of providing Alaskan youth with foundational skills needed in the workplace for pursuing continuing education, and for making healthy lifestyle choices. We are asking your support for a special project. Since 1992, SAGA has operated the Eagle Valley Training Center (EVTTC) as a base facility to support our education and training programs that serve approximately 1,500 young people each year. These programs include:

- **Young Alaskans Building Affordable Housing (YABAH):** high school dropouts construct affordable homes (6 in Juneau), earn diplomas, AmeriCorps Education Awards, and transition to productive career paths
- **Serve Alaska Youth Corps:** young Alaskans gain job readiness and employability skills by working in crews throughout Alaska on projects that improve public lands and facilities. Participants earn monthly living stipends, AmeriCorps Education Awards, and transition into school, jobs, and/or fulltime service
- **Connections:** Places AmeriCorps Members into organizations and agencies to support programs that improve school success and youth wellness
- **Eagle Valley Training Center / Adventure Based Education Programs:** Provides experiential education and enrichment programs that help young people make the connection between what they learn and how they live.

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Thank you for your consideration and for all your hard work for the people of Alaska.

Please feel free to contact me.



Respectfully,

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