

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**

**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)**

**Grant Recipient: The Downtown Soup Kitchen**

**Federal Tax ID: 920141715**

**Project Title:**

**Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

# Downtown Soup Kitchen - New Facility Project

**State Funding Requested: \$500,000**  
One-Time Need

**House District: Anchorage Areawide (17-32)**

**Brief Project Description:**

The Downtown Soup Kitchen will build a new 10,000 square foot facility to provide inside dining, showers, and emergency services to more than 400 homeless and working poor individuals daily.

**Funding Plan:**

**Total Cost of Project: \$3,000,000**

	<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>
State Funds	\$1,500,000	2007			\$500,000	2011
Local Funds	\$150,000	2010				
Other Funds			\$650,000	2010	\$250,000	2010
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,650,000</b>		<b>\$650,000</b>		<b>\$750,000</b>	

*Explanation of Other Funds:*

We have a buyer for our property at our current location, which is free and clear. An offer of \$650,000 has been made. Also, we have been invited to apply for a grant from the Murdoch Charitable Trust for the new facility completion.

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Currently, we serve more than 400 individuals a day who hunger in our city from a take-out window in an old red cabin in the alley between 4th and 5th Avenue in Anchorage. For more than twenty years, several hundred thousand meals have been served from this location to those who have no home or shelter, or individuals and families who are in crisis.

We run on the fuel of more than 125 volunteers and from individual and corporate donations. We do not receive any federal money; our soup kitchen receives significant donations of food and clothing from area grocery stores and clothing stores.

A few years back, the State of Alaska appropriated 1.5 million dollars to us for use for an expansion/new facility. Our goal is to be able to provide a structure that brings individuals out from the cold and off the streets to receive a meal and emergency provisions in our downtown corridor. In addition to food, we provide showers, laundry and emergency clothing on an as-needed basis for families, teens, and individuals of all ages.

After months of planning and site research, we are now past the design phase and have plans to initiate construction this Spring, 2010. Many companies in the construction sector have offered discounted fees and donated services. We have initiated several successful fundraisers to support this effort, including securing donated land (3 lots) near our current site.

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**\$500,000  
Approved**

Our neighbors, both residential and commercial, as well as Mayor Dan Sullivan and Governor Parnell have all extended their support and appreciation of our plans for a new facility and for our efforts to address the needs of the homeless and working poor population in our state.

Additionally, we believe that bringing individuals off the street and in-doors for meals will reduce their exposure during the cold months, as well as reduce the issues that our neighboring businesses incur with foot traffic travelling through the alleyways to our current site.

With the initial appropriation from the state we have already received, we are able to initiate the construction project. Our additional fundraising efforts will get us closer to completion. We seek additional support from the State to complete and meet our budget for an important and aesthetic contribution to our downtown architecture with the construction and completion of this new facility.

Thank you for your previous support of and your continued dedication to our organization's efforts to provide emergency provisions and meals for several thousand folks who hunger or are in crisis.

### Project Timeline:

Anticipated construction will begin in May 2010. Planning and design work is currently underway. Completion of building is slated for end of 2010.

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

Downtown Soup Kitchen

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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