

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

**Grants to Unincorporated Communities (AS 37.05.317)**

**Grant Recipient: Mentasta Lake**

**Project Title:**

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

# Mentasta Lake - Multi-Purpose Community Services Center

**State Funding Requested: \$150,000**

**House District: 6 / C**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Construct a multi-purpose building in order to consolidate programs, new clinic and services into one energy efficient facility.

**Funding Plan:**

**Total Cost of Project: \$2,540,000**

	<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					\$600,000	2010
State Funds					\$150,000	2011
Denali Commission					\$1,440,000	2011
Other Funds					\$200,000	2010
<b>Total</b>					<u>\$2,390,000</u>	

*Explanation of Other Funds:*

*Mentasta Traditional Council will apply fall, 2010 for \$200,000 of IHS tribal health equipment funding.*

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The planned Mentasta Village Multi-Purpose Community Services Center will provide a "one-stop" social services and health facility for the residents of Mentasta (135 population) at an estimated cost of \$2,540,000. The planned new building will be designed to house the following health and social services:

- Tribal Youth Family Services program (TYFS)
- Behavioral health services program
- Elders/preschool nutrition program
- Children daycare program
- Multi-Purpose Wellness Space
- Environmental protection program
- New Primary Health Care Clinic

The planned Mentasta Multi-Purpose Community Services Center will provide useful facility space at the least cost by replacing the existing health care clinic building which is so inferior that it estimated to have only a few more years of usefulness. In addition, the programs listed above are operated out of various energy inefficient "out" buildings which are

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**\$150,000  
Approved**

causing the Village Council to experience excessive energy costs. The planned facility will greatly reduce energy consumption at Mentasta by consolidating these programs into one energy efficient building adjacent to the water treatment plant and will also serve to enhance program delivery service by creating a “one-stop” service delivery model at Arctic Village.

Existing Mentasta Clinic:

The present clinic (620 square feet) is housed in a single-story fram building. The Denali Commission conducted a “code and conditions” survey which noted that the structural integrity of the existing clinic was suspect, the building too small and also noted the following:

Arctic Entries: There are none.

Waiting Room: The waiting room is chopped up with circulation to the bathroom, the hallway, the exam room, and from the front entrance door. There is very little useful space in the waiting/reception area.

Trauma/Exam: This room is very small. It has a 2’ x 6” door. It does not meet to the ARPCF standards.

Office/Administration/Records: This space is adequate per standards.

Patient Holding/Sleep: None provided.

Ancillary Spaces: There are no ancillary spaces.

Specialty Clinics: None provided.

Pharmacy/Lab: None provided.

Handicapped: Toilet Room: There are none.

Storage: There is only a small closet of 26 square feet.

Janitor Closet: There is an adequate janitorial room, which is also used for other functions.

Mechanical/Boiler Room: None provided.

The design of the planned new clinic portion of the Mentasta Multi-Purpose Community Services Center is based on the Denali Commission’s small prototype clinic design and will be integrated into a multi-purpose building. The planned program space needs for local primary health care services as follows:

Purpose	Room Space
1) 1 each CHAP/Itinerant Exam Room	= 160 sq. ft.
2) 1 each Secondary Behavioral Health/Exam	= 160 sq. ft.
2) Clinic Waiting Room	= 163 sq. ft.
3) Clinic Office	= 141 sq. ft.
4) Dental Room	= 126 sq. ft.
5) 1 each Unisex/Handicapped Toilet	= 104 sq. ft.
6) Janitor Closet	= 36 sq. ft.
7) Pharmacy Area	= 55 sq. ft.
8) Mechanical/Electrical	= 80 sq. ft.
9) Itinerant Quarters/kitchen/laundry	= 164 sq. ft.
10) Hallways/Arctic Entry	= 311 sq. ft.
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Total Space: 1,500 sq. ft.	

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New Facility O&M and Services Sustainability:

The Village Council has agreed to provide "O&M" funding sources to support the new Mentasta Multi-Purpose Community Services Center's operation and maintenance expenses. Mount Sanford Tribal Consortium will be the operator. O&M sources include annual Indian Health Service clinic lease program payments and an annual allocation of a portion of the Tribal Council's tribal health shares funding through Mount Sanford Consortium. Mount Sanford Tribal Health Consortium will provide health care staffing for the clinic portion of the building while Mentasta Traditional Council utilize its existing BIA Tribal Trust Services contract to provide staff for the services discussed above.

The planned Mentasta Multi-Purpose Community Services Center fulfills one of Mentasta Traditional Council's community development priorities identified in its 2008 Mentasta Lake Community Development Plan and it will directly improve the health and welfare of Village residents.

This Legislative CIP request of \$150,000 will be used as "match" to leverage an Indian Community Development Block Grant (25% match requirement) in the amount of \$600,000 which the Council is currently preparing. The Council will not be requesting funding from the Rasmuson Foundation due to the Foundation deciding not to fund projects over \$25,000 during 2010. The Council is also in discussions with the Denali Commission for the purpose of obtaining health facility funding. Construction would take place in 2011. It is hoped that the Commission will place the Mentasta clinic in its 2011 workplan. MTC is currently preparing a Denali Commission clinic business plan. Also, the Council is working to structure the project in phases so that Phase One can be constructed and not have to wait for other fundings. Phase Two will be the health clinic. Phase One will entail utilizing the requested \$150,000 Legislative CIP to leverage a \$600,000 ICDBG application due summer, 2010.

Project Period	2010 ----- 2011															
Phase One	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th								
	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr								
	JFM	AMJ	JAS	OND	JFM	AMJ	JAS	OND								

Legislative CIP	X	----	X															
ICDBG grant approved				X														
Finalize design plans			X															
Part 58 ER completed			X															
Fire Marshal Approval			X															
ICDBG appl. submitted			X															
Materials delivery				X														
Foundation installation					X													
Exterior Completed						X--	X											
Project interior completion							X---	X										
Furnishings/equipment								X										
Project completed								X										

Needs Statement

Mentasta Traditional Council operates a wide variety of social service programs as listed above and lack of modern, energy

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efficient space is hindering the quality and success of the program services as discussed below:

Tribal Youth Family Services Program and Space Need -- MTC has funding through its annual Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) 638 contract to provide a number of social service programs to its tribal members. MTC employs a Tribal Youth Families Services staff position to provide a number of Village-based youth, teen, and adult social services activities to reinforce positive behavior and to support social and psychological development of the Village's residents. The Arctic Village Council has no modern facility space to "house" these social services programs.

Behavioral Health Program/Space Need – Mount Sanford offers programs and classes in anger management, alcohol and drug prevention, assessment and developmental disabilities. However, lack of modern facility space is preventing full implementation of program at Mentasta. The Behavioral Health Program conducts a number of positive youth and adult activities at Mentasta which could be benefited by having modern facility space to operate out.

MTC operates a Nutrition Program that serves village elders and pre-schoolers. There is the need to construct a small, commercial kitchen within the planned Multi-Purpose Community Services Center. There currently is no commercial kitchen in the Village where meals can be prepared. In the past, these meals have been prepared in the private homes of Village's residents. This situation has been very difficult because there is no commercial kitchen in Arctic Village and the use of private homes does not meet Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) commercial food preparation regulations. The planned Project will establish a kitchen facility that meets ADEC's "Food Service Regulations" and will allow for a high quality food services program for elders and pre-schoolers at Mentasta.

MTC is working with Copper River Native Association to conduct "Head Start" educational program but lacks decent facility space this program. Related is the need to establish a pre-schooler day-care so single parent families can obtain employment and be able to bring their children to a safe, nurturing while at work. There is no facility space in the Village to support this program need.

The current Mentasta health clinic does not meet modern clinic standards, is too small and has no water/sewer services. It is hoped that the new clinic will be on the 2011 Denali Commission workplan and the Council is working to complete its new clinic business plan.

### Project Timeline:

During 2010, pre-development work will continue including finalizing the business plan and fund raising. Construction will take place in 2011.

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

MTC receives lease funds and Mount Sanford Consortium will be the operator.

### 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

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2010 - 10**

**A RESOLUTION DEDICATING CASH AND OTHER RESOURCES  
TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MENTASTA MULTI-  
PURPOSE COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTER PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, it is the Mentasta Traditional Council's mission, purpose and vision to improve the health and welfare of the residents of Mentasta, and

**WHEREAS**, the Mentasta Traditional Council has determined that the planned Mentasta Multi-Purpose Community Services Center is the Village's highest priority, and

**WHEREAS**, the Mentasta Traditional Council has undertaken a thorough investigation of all existing building space in Mentasta Village that could be suitable for establishment of the planned Mentasta Multi-Purpose Community Services Center and has found that there is no structure suitable to provide safe, useful facility space for the Council's planned health and social services programs, and

**WHEREAS**, the Mentasta Traditional Council is working to hire professional design firm to develop the site plans, building plans and cost estimate, and

**WHEREAS**, the Mentasta Traditional Council has obtained a long-term lease from its regional ANSCA Corporation for the Copper River Basin Region, Ahtna Inc., of the land parcel where the Mentasta Multi-Purpose Community Services Center will be site, and

**WHEREAS**, the Mentasta Traditional Council has applied for \$150,000 State of Alaska Legislative CIP Grant which will used as "match" to leverage a \$600,000 Indian Community Development Block Grant towards the construction of phase one the planned Mentasta Multi-Purpose Community Services Center, and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mentasta Traditional Council hereby certifies that the planned Mentasta Multi-Purpose Community Services Center is its highest priority for Mentasta and that the project is included in the 2006 Mentasta Comprehensive Plan

**Certification**

This resolution was duly adopted by the Mentasta Traditional Council at a meeting held at the Council office in Mentasta, Alaska on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010 by the following vote: Ayes

5, Nays \_\_\_\_\_, Abstain \_\_\_\_\_.

ATTEST:



Caroline Nora David. First Civic:



Eachele Sanford. Secretary/Treasurer