

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)

Grant Recipient: Chugiak Volunteer Fire Department

Federal Tax ID:

Project Title:

Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

Chugiak Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, Inc. - Site Improvements

State Funding Requested: \$50,000

House District: 16 / H

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Paving, drainage work, fencing, landscaping and safety signage to mitigate impacts created by AKDOT project to widen Old Glenn Highway in front of our Station 31 at 17124 Old Glenn Highway.

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$100,000

	<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>
Other Funds	\$50,000	2011				
Total	\$50,000					

Explanation of Other Funds:

\$50,000 will be contributed by the Chugiak Volunteer Fire & Rescue Co., Inc.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The summer of 2010 will see reconstruction of the Old Glenn Highway from South Birchwood to North Birchwood with significant impact on our Station 31 (Latimer). Because of the on-again, off-again nature of this project, uncertain rights-of-way, and conflicting project designs, it has been pretty much impossible for us to make any plans or set aside money to accommodate those unknown impacts.

Only in mid-December were we able to speak with a high-ranking DOT official to get to some of the details. Apparently the road in front of the station will occupy virtually the same footprint it does now. While DOT and the local road service board will attempt to get what they can in the way of recycled asphalt, he said to anticipate spending \$40-50,000 for paving. We have held off paving the highway side of the lot, knowing this project could dramatically alter our parking area.

Given the widespread deforestation which took place on last summer's portion of the project, we will need to use concealment fencing (chain link) along the east and south sides of the building which will become very visible from the highway after the reconstruction work is done. One big problem we have already is unwanted dumping of garbage and abandoned cars. By fencing and screening the area, we can reduce the problem to manageable size. Again, fencing was not much of a consideration in our planning, but seeing what happened on the other end of the Old Glenn opened our eyes to the need. We are estimating the cost at \$20-25,000.

Once the paving and fencing are in place we would like to do some landscaping to improve the appearance of the station

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and to mitigate the deforestation that apparently is inherent in this project. We are estimating the cost at \$15-20,000.

Finally, we are estimating \$5,000 for warning lights to be installed as part of the project along the highway on either side of the station. These lights can be triggered manually from the station just before pulling out. We already see excessive speeds along that stretch of road. It will only get worse when the project is finished, so the lights are a real safety issue.

Clearly, some of this work is properly the responsibility of the fire department. But the uncertainties surrounding the project have made it difficult to accomplish in a timely, cost-efficient manner. The timing and the extent of the work to be done is a direct result of a state project, so I am asking for help from the Legislature.

We anticipate the project will not exceed \$100,000. If we can get half from the Legislature, we will match the other half. If some of our estimates are too high and the work comes to less than \$100,000, we will be happy to refund half of what is left. There is incentive to do that, because every dollar saved is one more dollar left in our budget. If costs exceed \$100,000, the Chugiak Volunteer Fire Department will absorb the additional cost.

Project Timeline:

The time-line will be concurrent with the completion of the road reconstruction of the Old Glenn Highway in summer 2010.

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

Chugiak Volunteer Fire & Rescue Co., Inc.

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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