

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Bear Valley Community Council****Federal Tax ID: 92-0063045****Project Title:****Project Type: Other**

Bear Valley Community Association - Bear Valley Park and Trail Improvements

State Funding Requested: \$1,500**House District: 32 / P**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

State funds that will be used to secure matching grants for Bear Valley park and trail improvement projects.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$1,500***There is no other funding needed***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Bear Valley Community Council's eastern boundary is Chugach State Park (CSP) and the community will soon be home to the newest addition to the Municipality of Anchorage's park system, Section 36. As limited funding is allocated from the legislature to the Park annually, and the current Municipal administration has all but eliminated funding for parks, it will fall upon the local community and user groups to plan, finance, and build even modest improvements such as replacing a damaged impromptu trail with a modern, sustainable one. These improvements could be funded from grants such as Anchorage Park Foundation challenge grants or the American Hiking Society annual grant program. Securing these grants is very competitive and typically requires some type of in-kind contribution including cash, volunteer labor and donated materials and equipment. The State of Alaska general funds being requested would be identified in grant applications submitted by the Bear Valley Community Council Parks and Trails committee as part of our in-kind contribution. This would allow our applications to be more competitive. After the grants are received we would be able to move forward with the much needed improvements.

Project Timeline:

Upon receipt of the State of Alaska funds, the Bear Valley Community would proceed with applying for other grants. The trail improvement work would be completed as soon as funds are in hand.

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

Bear Valley Community Council

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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