

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

Federation of Community Councils, Inc. - Portage Valley Comprehensive Planning Project

State Funding Requested: \$20,000**House District: 32 / P**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Creation of an initial comprehensive plan for Portage Valley that would guide future development.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$20,000***There is no other funding needed***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Portage Valley Community Council area forms the southern most portion of the Municipality of Anchorage. Two governmental institutions own or control most of the property in the area -- the Chugach National Forest and the Alaska Railroad. Often the local residents feel completely overwhelmed by the actions of these organizations. The requested funds would be used to create a simple comprehensive plan for the Portage Valley area in a process where the institutional and private landholders and users would be able to set basic plans for priorities for continuing development.

Project Timeline:

Upon receipt of the State of Alaska funds, the Portage Valley Community Council would proceed with the planning process. The funds would be expected to be used within two years of receipt.

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

Portage Valley Community Council

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

To Governor Parnell and State Legislative Representatives,

We hereby request of the State a legislative grant in the amount of \$20,000 to complete the mission of creating a Portage Valley Comprehensive Community Plan that will enable this area to prepare for current and future tourist growth while preserving those environmental elements that make up our current community character and lifestyle.

We see this request as a specific earmark of the State's willingness to share revenue with various municipalities, specifically the Municipality of Anchorage. You will not find this request on the MOA's list as we, and MOA do not desire that funding to come to us via the MOA but through the direct route through the Federation of Community Councils to preserve the entire amount toward our mission of supporting our 1964 earthquake destroyed community currently experiencing a tsunami of agency marketed tourism.

The MOA does not have the manpower nor time to undertake this segment of engineering and transportation, drainage comprehensive planning and we did not receive any other grant to bring this arduous but necessary task to fruition as the equally arduous necessary task as Girdwood and Eagle River similarly received in earlier years.

We believe this grant will enable us to organize and update our local comprehensive plan and the long rang transportation plan to contract with professional entities that will guide our community through this process.

We now turn to you to help us in Portage to move forward to support our time-sensitive planning for the influx of thousands of tourists to assist us in preparation for the positive economic tourism growth in this state and this earthquake damaged community.

It's our hope you will champion our cause as you have other communities like Girdwood and Eagle River. Thank you very much for considering Portage Valley's proposal for this critical effort. Federal budgets have no local infrastructure components and all repairs to drainage have been deferred essentially since 1964 and we are centrally located within Southcentral Alaska. This level of funding represents a simple design for this neighborhood. Admin costs will be handled by the Federation of Community Councils.

Respectfully,

Joanne Blackburn, Secretary Portage Valley Community Council and Landowner

Our Proposed Budget will used as follows:

\$5,000 for signage to be matched by Kenai Heritage federal grant money thus doubling and allowing a savings to the state for this primary community need.

All the remaining funds will be split among engineering experts in specialties such as hydrology, traffic design, and report preparing to present to the MOA.



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April 28, 2010

Representative Mike Hawker
State Capitol, Room 502
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Hawker,

AWCC is in full support of the \$20,000 Portage Valley Community Councils capital budget request.

The PVCC is very active in recent issues and could use the support to enhance the community.

This will be the first funding that the PVCC has received and it will go to much needed projects.

Sincerely,

Mike Miller

April 28, 2010

From:

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RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT

The Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm Corridor Communities Association supports the Portage Valley Community Council and the efforts of the community to define a comprehensive plan for the community of Portage. Portage Valley lies in the heart of the Kenai Mountains- Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area.

The community of Portage, with a defined comprehensive plan will begin to identify and preserve the history of their vital area.

Jim Richardson,

President

Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm Corridor Communities Association