

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

Federation of Community Councils, Inc. - Chugiak & Eagle River Land Use Consortium Project

State Funding Requested: \$100,000**House District: 17 / I**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Completion of rewrite to Title 21 for Eagle River area by the Consortium of Community Councils

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$350,000**

	<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	\$250,000	2007, 2009				
Total	\$250,000					

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Several years ago, the six Chugiak-Eagle River community councils formed the Consortium of Community Councils in order to take on the arduous task of creating a separate chapter of land use regulations (Title 21) to serve their communities. This is a one time, last request in order to finish this project. While the Municipality of Anchorage is supportive of this project, they have not been able to provide any monetary support. This project is extremely important to the Chugiak-Eagle River communities and in not only preparing for growth but also in maintaining those elements that preserve their unique lifestyle and character.

Project Timeline:

This project began in 2006 and the Consortium will finish their work this year - 2010.

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

Federation of Community Councils

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

January 8, 2010

Request to join with our other local legislators to secure funding

Representative Dahlstrom,

In 2006 and 2008, you were instrumental in securing funding thru Legislative Grants in order for our six Chugiak-Eagle River community councils to initially begin the arduous task we set before ourselves, the formation of a separate chapter of land use regulation to serve our communities. We are finally heading down the home stretch on this task and again need to call upon your help in conjunction with our other local area legislators. and we're contacting them too.

We had originally estimated about \$340k for the total effort, based on what others have done before us, and we hope that you can champion our cause one final time for \$100k. We see this request as a specific earmark of the State's willingness to share revenue with various municipalities. You will not find this request on the Municipality of Anchorage's Wish List as we and the MOA do not desire that funding come to us via the MOA, but as a more direct route, through the Federation of Community Councils. This direct funding route will preserve the entire amount of the grant going towards our mission rather than administrative overhead. The Federation of Community Councils, Inc has agreed to continue to be the vehicle to receive whatever funding you may grant to us this session

This is a legacy issue for our community. The pressure for high density housing with an Anchorage Bowl configuration is already being realized in our area. It is imperative that we timely complete this mission so we can be prepared for growth while saving those elements that preserve our unique lifestyle and character. It is our hope that you will champion our cause before the Legislature and find support from our Governor and your colleagues for this critical effort.

While the Municipality gave us their blessing as evidenced in the attached Resolution, they have not been able to provide anything except encouragement in the way of help. We realize times are even tougher now.

We have made it through the hardest part, we have the entire community looking to us to deliver and we don't want to fail at the finish line. These grants have enabled us to get the expertise needed to reach our goal. If you require further information, please let us know via email or telephone (Bobbi Wells; 907-688-4321 or barb@mtaonline.net).

As a community we are united in this cause, and you can count on our support. Please let us know if you can find support for this final request within the Legislature.

Respectfully,

Randy McCain, Chugiak Community Council
Bobbi Wells, Birchwood Community Council
Debbie Thon, Eklutna Valley Community Council
Bill Mendenhall, Eagle River Valley Community Council
Michael L. Foster, Eagle River Community Council
Sara Pullen, South Fork Community Council
Gail Davidson-McCain, Member-at-Large for C-ER