

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Sunshine Community Health Center****Federal Tax ID: 92-0117838****Project Title:****Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

Sunshine Community Health Center - Health Clinic Construction

State Funding Requested: \$420,000**House District: 15 / H**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Construction of a new 6800-square-foot medical clinic in Willow to replace the current 1400-square-foot double-wide modular facility. The new facility will increase capacity and provide the ability to add new medical, dental, and behavioral health services for an underserved and uninsured population.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$2,793,942
Funding Already Secured:	(\$1,992,060)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$420,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$381,882

*Funding Details:**Funding received today towards project as listed:**\$500,000- Mat Su Health Foundation (in hand)**\$500,000 – USDA (in hand)**\$615,000- Denali Commission (in hand)**\$11,106- in private donations (in hand)**\$238,000- CIP- federal ARRA (in hand)**\$120,000- Sunshine CHC (in hand)**\$250,000- pending from Rasmuson**\$172,700- pending from Kresge Foundation***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The \$420,000 is to be used for construction of a new 6800-sq-ft medical clinic in Willow, AK. Sunshine Community Health Center's 2008-2010 strategic plan calls for "facility expansion," specifically expanding the facility at its satellite site, which is approximately 35 miles from the main clinic location in Talkeetna. The requested funds will allow SCHC to move into stage three of its building plan: the construction phase.

The new proposed facility will allow SCHC to meet the growing health care needs of Willow and surrounding communities. Since 2008, the clinic's population in Willow has grown by about 30 percent, from 1025 unduplicated patients to 1432 in 2009, and, due to lack of space, they are turning away two to three patients daily. There is one other medical clinic in Willow, but they are not taking any additional Medicaid/Medicare patients nor are they taking uninsured.

Inefficiencies attributable to an increasingly inadequate and overcrowded facility extend much further than potential services not yet implemented. Physical plant limitations have reached a critical point where not only are staff additionally stressed by working in crowded conditions, but the ability of SCHC to provide services is beginning to be compromised.

SCHC's current satellite clinic is a 1400-square-foot modular double-wide building with only two useable exam rooms, a small lab that also serves as office space for two nurses, and a front office area shared by the provider, biller, and front desk staff. This current space greatly hampers the clinic's ability to see the number of patients requesting care on a daily basis. A new larger facility will also allow for increased services and provide the space needed to add an additional provider and support staff. This new facility will also allow for expanded behavioral health services and a future dental clinic.

This project has not gone through a formal public review process (it is not required); however, it is part of the SCHC Board's strategic plan, one that has received input from communities (Talkeetna and Willow), patients, and staff.

Project Timeline:

Land was purchased in 2008, and a contract with USKH in 2009 for design was presented with 100% design in May, 2010. In June of 2009, SCHC entered into a contract with John Conway, of Conway Management Group, to serve as Project Manager. In late spring/early summer of 2010, property was cleared and site development began. The well has been drilled and tested, and the driveways and septic were put in. Foundation is staked out, with a target date for completion fall 2011

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

Sunshine Community Health Center

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

SCHC Need for new Willow medical facility

Existing deficiencies

The purpose of this request is to help fund the Willow Expansion building project, which will not only enhance the working conditions for our current medical staff but also increase our ability to see more patients and eliminate long waits for medical and behavioral health visits. Sunshine Community Health Center purchased 14 acres of land in 2008, in 2009 began the process of securing funds, and hired an architectural firm to provide a conceptual design. Our current facility is overcrowded with insufficient space for meeting the increased medical needs. Our targeted service area is Willow, Houston, Skwentna, and few other smaller remote communities. Most of the residents are unemployed and/or self-employed and many are seasonal workers. The identified service area has no major industry with a high unemployment rate. The population in this targeted area is largely poor and over 50% are without health insurance, many living remotely without electrical service to their homes. Nineteen percent live in poverty according to the 2000 Census however; our data indicates that the poverty level may be growing. Currently 36% are below 100% of poverty and 53% have no insurance.

a- Barriers to care include lack of adequate transportation and the ability to receive all services in one location. We have been receiving many more referrals from the Wasilla/Palmer area (25 miles south) because many private clinics are limiting the uninsured populations. Fifteen percent (15%) of the current service population is diabetic, while another 15% suffer from hypertension. Smoking, drinking, and substance abuse are major areas of concern for this population. There is one other private practice provider in the Willow area but the practice is not taking any new Medicaid/Medicare patients nor are they seeing those who lack insurance.

b- The current facility is a 1400 sq ft doublewide modular unit, which was used in Talkeetna from 1987 until 2004, then moved to Willow when a new facility was built in Talkeetna. This 1400 sq ft building has only two useable exam rooms, which austere not only limits the number of patients that can be seen in a day but also limits our ability to increase providers to meet the growing need. Because this facility lacks extra space to conduct behavioral health sessions, an exam room is utilized once a week for four hours, which then severely limits the medical visits for that day. The facility has a small lab, which also serves as the nurses' clinical space, a dispensary area, which is part of the staff lunchroom, and front office space, which is shared by the provider, registration, and patient services clerk. Other than the exam rooms there is no space for staff (billing or patient services staff) to meet privately with patients, which is cause for concern under HIPAA guidelines? Exams rooms also lack adequate sound attenuation.

c- In the current facility there is only one rest room – shared by staff and patients. The building lacks an emergency egress and while is not up to ADA standards the facility is wheelchair accessible in the front, it is not optimal and can be somewhat dangerous. The building is not energy efficient, lacking in good insulation against the very cold Alaskan winters when temperatures can dip to -40+ for days at a time. The facility also lacks a stand-by electrical power generator to handle the frequent power outages and lacks a back up or redundant heating system which means if the current system goes down the facility is shut down.

d- The lack of exam room space is critical to good patient care and outcomes. With only two useable exams rooms and one provider, this frequently means that follow-up visits are rescheduled in order to accommodate medical emergencies. An example of this is how a recent medical emergency tied up an exam room for two hours. A patient comes in severely dehydrated, providers start an IV, after which the provider determines that this patient needs care beyond what the clinic can provide and recommends he be transported to the hospital

(35 miles south). Tying up an exam room for 2 hours means that current patient visits are back up and often times rescheduled. Inadequate space is taking its toll on both patients and services.

e- The current facility lacks x-ray equipment, so when a patient comes in with a potential broken bone he/she may be told they have to travel 35 miles to the closest facility for an x-ray, this does not produce good quality of care, nor it is efficient in providing a good medical home for patients. Our providers, patients, and medical staff need space to consult with one another and to be able to provide some patient education on such areas as diabetes, hypertension, and prevention. In Talkeetna, we currently hold specialty clinics (eye/hearing/podiatry/massage therapy/physical therapy/etc.) due to the lack of space SCHC- Willow patients either miss out or have to travel 35 miles for a 30-45 minute clinic visit.

f- Many of the patients at the Willow clinic are in need of counseling services (25% of the current patient base) especially for substance abuse, only being able to provide behavioral health services once a week for four hours greatly hampers our effectiveness in producing good patient outcomes. There is great need for substance abuse counseling in the Mat-Su Borough, and in particular for suboxone treatment. The use of heroine is on the rise in the Willow area and while the Talkeetna Clinic (35 miles north) is currently holding two suboxone clinics it would be advantageous to have one in the Willow area. The integration of behavioral health and primary health care is critical to providing a good medical home, especially for our underserved and uninsured patients.

Proposed Improvements

- a- The new proposed building will be a \$2.8 million **6800 sq ft building, adding 5400 sq ft** of additional space for more rooms, added services, and better flow.
- b- The new building will have six exam rooms and one procedure room for urgent care/ after hour's calls. This increase in exam rooms allows us to hire a second provider for the Willow Clinic **increasing our daily capacity by 50%**. Increased exam room space will also allow for the offering, at a minimum, **six yearly specialty clinics** (vision/hearing/foot/physical therapy) for patients. **Specialty clinics will provide care to an additional 120 patients.**
- c- Our lab space will increase from a 9x9 room shared by two nurses to a 16x14 dedicated lab room. We will have the capacity to **conduct more in-house labs.**
- d- Our providers will have dedicated private office space; currently the provider's office space is part of the front desk/registration area providing very little privacy.
- e- The new facility will provide a Behavioral Health suite (office space and consult room) which allows us to hire a second BH Specialist and **increase our BH service hours by 300%. Conduct suboxone group sessions to an additional 14 patients.**
- f- The new facility will have a 16 x 11 dedicated provider dispensary complete with combination locking door and dispensing window. We will now have enough pharmacy storage space so our Willow meds can be shipped to and stored at the site. This eliminates a bi-weekly transfer of medications from Talkeetna to Willow and **ensures that patients will be able to receive meds the same day as their appointment.**
- g- A digital x-ray room will allow the clinic to **perform necessary x-ray services onsite** eliminating the need for patients to drive 35 miles to the nearest hospital. There are no other x-ray services in the Willow area.
- h- Conference/training room space will be added in order to offer **educational workshops for patients** with diabetes, sessions on healthy eating, dealing with obesity, exercise programs, and provide the **ability for staff to participate in in-house or online training sessions.**
- i- **Providing Jobs- Staffing changes**

- i. **Move from 1 FTE to 2 FTE providers**
- ii. **Add .8 BH Specialist**
- iii. **Add .7 Pharmacy Tech**
- iv. **Add .5 Maintenance staff**
- v. **Add .5 Patient Service staff**
- vi. **Retain 1.5 Patient Services staff, 2 FTE medical support, .4 cleaning/maintenance**

Project Status

Two 7 acres lots were purchased in November 2008 for the future home of the Willow Clinic and at that time the Board established a Willow Expansion Committee comprised of Board members and staff. In early 2009, the committee began meeting to sketch out a rough design of the clinic needs. In June of 2009, Sunshine Community Health Center (SCHC) entered into a contract with USKH to provide conceptual designs of a new medical clinic and hired John Conway of Conway Management Group to serve as Project Manager.

In December of 2009 a kick off meeting was held with the following present: USKH for Architectural, Mechanical, Electrical; Enterprise Engineering for Civil, Survey, and Schneider & Associates for Structural, also present was Sharon Montagnino, SCHC Executive Director and John Conway, Project Manager.

In August of 2010, a community meeting was held at the Willow Community Center to inform the community of the pending project, solicit feedback from residents and answer any questions. There were 20+ people in attendance and the project was overwhelmingly received by all.

In October of 2010 Sharon Montagnino, Executive Director met with Borough Officials at the Willow Community Center to provide an overview of the project. Again, this project was well received and a resolution to support the project was drafted and sent to the Borough Assembly. The Willow Community Organization (Community Council) placed this project on their CIP list for the Borough.

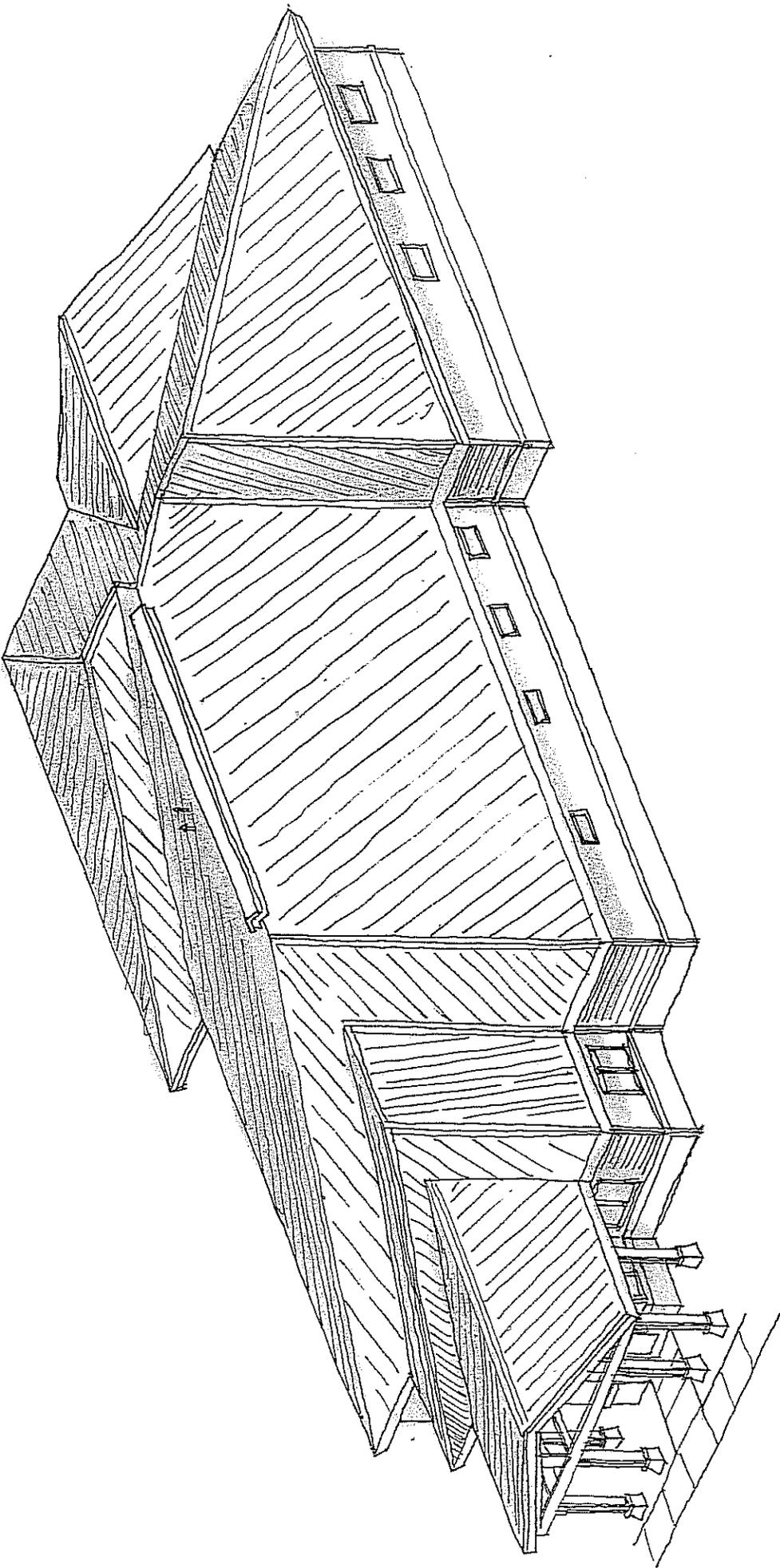
Timeline:

Design-

- 100% completed spring 2010

Construction

- Soil Investigation - Civil Engineers 1/28/2010
- Percolation Test – 1/28/2010
- Site Clearing - 2/2010
- Site development – completed 9/2010
 - Well/septic installation
 - Site grading & building pad preparation
 - Parking lot and driveways established
- Bids for General Contractor- Spring 2011
- Target completion- November 2011



CONCEPTUAL DESIGN WILLOW CLINIC

State of Alaska

STATE OF ALASKA

Sean Parnell, GOVERNOR

DEPT. OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

*DIVISION of PUBLIC HEALTH
SECTION OF NURSING*

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January 25, 2010

Sunshine Community Health Center
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Talkeetna, Alaska 99676

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support for grant funding of the Sunshine Community Health Center for the Willow Satellite for the following reasons:

- Population demographic changes projected. The Mat-Su Borough projects a 21% increase in children less than 4 years of age (by 2030). The 65 year old population is projected to increase from the current 7% of the population to 16% by 2030. These two populations consume medical services in prevention and maintenance care. An overall population increase is projected from 70,000+ to 176,000 by 2030 in the Mat-Su Borough.
- According to statistics from the Department of Labor, only 2 of the top 50 employers in this region are located in the Willow/Talkeetna area. Most jobs are seasonal without year round health benefits leaving the population unemployed and without insurance the majority of the year.
- In this region 47% of the population is female. The average female's wage is only 56.3% of men wages. For female head of households, there is neither money nor insurance coverage to ensure services for children.
- National unemployment average is 5.4%; State of Alaska state wide unemployment is 7.4% but unemployment in the Mat-Su Borough is 8.5%.
- Cost of living outside of urban areas. The increase cost of fuel is past on to all goods transported into remote communities which means less disposable income to buy insurance for family coverage if not supplied by employer. This can only become grimmer as gasoline prices continue to climb.
- Seasonal transient population. Tourism continues to grow in Alaska but it has positive and negative aspects. More summer job opportunities but many of the tourists are older and require support in remote locations. Foreign and transient visitor frequently depend on insurances that do not completely cover the increase cost of providing services in no way of recouping those monies. The local employers hire seasonal employees that do not have health coverage that also require expansion of services over the summer.

The Sunshine Community Medical Clinic/Willow Satellite fulfills its commitment to the region providing affordable excellent medical care to people in this remote but beautiful area. Employment opportunities are limited and commuting great distances is not possible. Some employers provide insurance but the overall trend is that employers are dropping

insurance as too expensive to provide and passing that responsibility and expense to the employee. The economic picture is grim for remote communities. The loss of this clinic would be devastating to people that would need to commute to Wasilla for care, pharmaceuticals and ongoing medical maintenance.

If I can provide any additional information to strengthen this grant, I would be pleased to provide documentation.

Sincerely,



Jane Conard
Nurse Manager
Mat-Su Public Health Center
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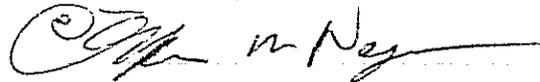
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To whom it may concern,

My name is Christopher Negas
and I am writing this letter to
show my support and my thanks to
the Willow Clinic.

Willow Clinic is the Primary
Healthcare Provider for my four daughters,
my wife and myself. The staff
is very professional as well as extremely
friendly.

I believe expansion of the facility
would greatly benefit the community.
It is wonderful to have this level of
Health care so close.

Thank You.


June 25, 2007

I have been going to the Wallow
Clinic since they opened here. The
doctors and staff are exceptional and
are needed badly. I don't know
where I would go to get better care
so close to home.

Sincerely,
Agnie Castle

Senator Huggins
District H
State Capitol Room 119
Juneau, Alaska 99801

February 16, 2010

Dear Senator Huggins;

I serve on the board for the Sunshine Community Health Center that serves the entire Upper Susitna Valley. In the past 6 years that I have been on the board our patient numbers have grown to beyond our capabilities at our Willow location. To turn one person away because we don't have room is not an option. We need to be able to serve everybody in our communities regardless of their ability to pay. According to the 2000 census Willow's population was 1658 people. Our clinic serves over half of them with that number growing all the time with our current economical downturn.

The reason for this letter is to ask you to dig deep into your contacts and help us find funding at both the State and Federal level to build our new facility to accommodate the community's needs. The sooner we can secure funding the sooner we can start our new facility. Anything you can do to help our cause would be greatly appreciated.

I am available for any questions you may have at 907-733-4283. In addition, I would be happy to meet you at our Sunshine location to show you just what's possible and give you a personal tour of our facility or our Willow location and discuss the opportunities that you have to help our community.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susie Seibert
Board Member
Sunshine Community Health Center

Willow Area Community Organization
Box 1027
Willow, Alaska
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February 18, 2010

To whom this may concern:

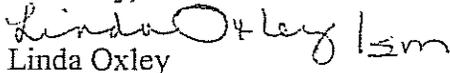
I am very pleased to send this letter of support for the requested funding of a new health clinic here in Willow, Alaska. The existing clinic is a tiny place with really cramped quarters for patients and staff. The patient needs have seriously exceeded the providers' abilities because of the space constraints. And more services are needed by our community members and others who live close by, but absolutely no hope of program implementation because of space.

The leadership of the Sunshine clinic and this outreach clinic in Willow has moved steadily forward on this project. Board members are drawn from our community and they have been completely included in all phases of this project. Land has been found and purchased upon which a permanent structure can be built, anticipated to meet our needs for many years to come. A clinic design is created that will be versatile and promote cares for current needs including those of patient privacy. Needed services not currently available have been identified and potential providers identified that might be able to join their work once the building is completed.

And local organizations such as us, the Willow Area Community Organization (WACO), have been kept apprised of needs and progress. We have had conversations in our meetings in which community support for this expansion project has been articulated. Other groups have also been kept involved in this way. WACO is the MatSu Borough's recognized leader for the unincorporated area called Willow when it comes to community based issues such as these. We would be happy to provide any additional commentary or processes that you would find required or helpful. It is in the best interest of our community and those who live close by to get good and complete health care in one location close to their homes.

Thank you for this opportunity to participate. Please do contact us for any further needs.

Sincerely,

 Linda Oxley

Chair



Willow Health Organization, Inc.

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Phone: 495-1112 Website: willowhealth.net

...promoting healthy communities

February 14, 2010

Senator Charlie Huggins
Senate District H
Room 119, Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Re: Sunshine Community Health Clinic Expansion Project in Willow

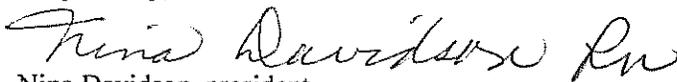
Dear Senator Huggins,

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the Sunshine Community Health Center's expansion project proposed for Willow. Sunshine Community Health Center (SCHC) is applying for a grant to build a new health facility in Willow. Currently their clinic in Willow consists of a modular type unit with two useable exam rooms, a small waiting room and exceptionally little work/staff space. Physical limitations have reached a critical point such that the ability of SCHC to provide services is being compromised.

SCHC started offering health care services here in the early part of this decade from a motor home one day per week until demand increased 7 years ago that they realized they needed a permanent structure with more hours and staff. Since that time Willow and surrounding communities have continued to have significantly growing health care needs. Unemployment and welfare are high among residents. The Willow Food Bank clientele has dramatically increased. There are growing numbers of retirees. There is not a transportation system available to this area. SCHC offers not only diagnosis and treatment at a convenient location, but manages to operate this clinic on a sliding fee scale based on income. SCHC is fully committed to this community. Along with maintaining clinic services in a rural area, they participate in the annual health fair to educate residents about early screening, health promotion, and disease prevention.

Willow Health Organization Inc. is a nonprofit organization focused on promoting healthy communities since 2006. In conclusion, I would ask that you strongly consider funding the SCHC request for building a permanent facility in Willow. The community is grateful for their commitment and service to its residents.

Respectfully,



Nina Davidson, president
Willow Health Organization Inc.



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WILLOW LIONS

Willow, AK 99688

February 2010

Senator Murkowski

The Willow Lions Club is pleased to ask for your support of the Sunshine Community Health Center's operation and expansion.

Lions International and it's members are volunteers in service to community, we appreciate the Community Health Center model and what it does to serve the members of it's communities.

As you go through your day to day business we ask that you support funding for Community Health Centers in general and lend a hand to the Sunshine Community Health Center.

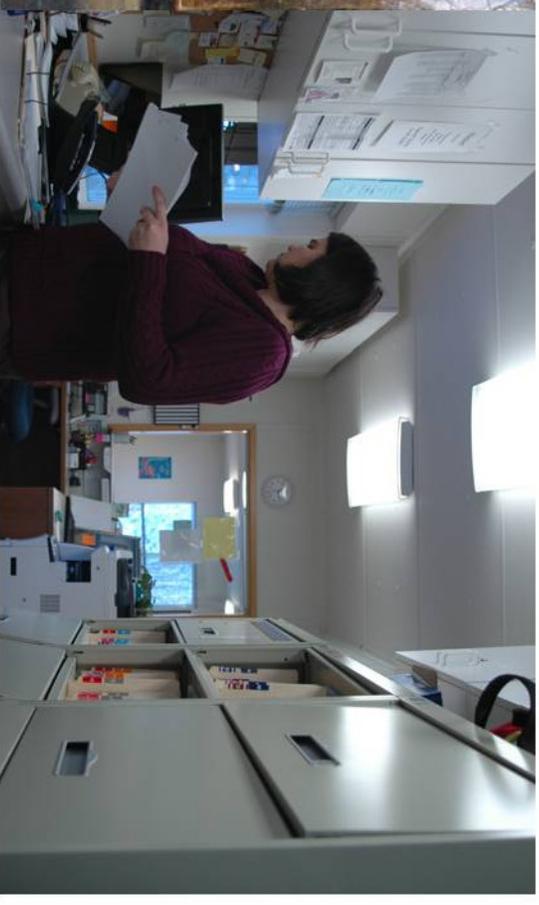
Proudly

WE SERVE

Allen Morgan
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President



Current Willow Clinic



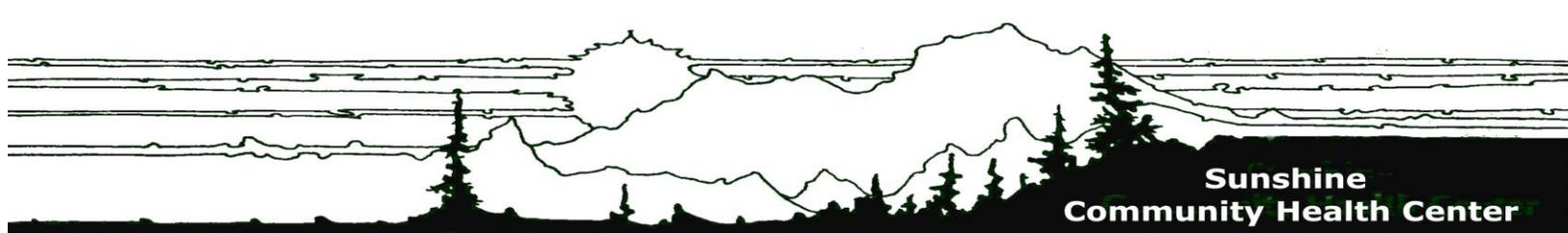
Front Desk/ medical records area



Dispensary/ stall lunch room



Lab and nurses area



**Sunshine
Community Health Center**

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December 30, 2010

Senator Charles Huggins
Senate District H
Room 119, Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Senator Huggins,
Sunshine Community Health Center, Inc. (SCHC) is requesting funding from the Legislature in 2010 to support the construction of a 6800 sq ft, \$2.8 million dollar medical clinic in Willow. This facility will be constructed on 14 acres of land purchased by SCHC in 2008 and will provide added medical, behavioral health and dental services to Willow and surrounding area. The Willow Clinic, which is a satellite of Sunshine Community Health Center serves children thru seniors, insured and uninsured, and operates on a sliding fee scale, so everyone receives medical services regardless of an inability to pay for such services. In 2009, the Willow Clinic provided 2489 patient visits, which is an average of 10 patients per day. With a larger facility and more exam rooms, we could handle an additional 1235 visits or 5 more patients per day. Currently we turn away 2-3 patients' requests per day for a lab service or medical/behavioral health visit. In the course of one year that amounts to 494 patients who are not being seen or cannot make an appointment with their preferred provider.

This project has already received support from the Mat Su Health Foundation in the form of a \$500,000 grant for construction, the donation from the Penn Jersey Drilling Company (offering us a 75% savings), \$11,000 in local donation, \$500,000 grant from USDA, and a \$615,000 grant from the Denali Commission. While we have made applications for funds to the Rasmuson Foundation and the Kresge Foundation for an additional funding of \$423,700, we are still in need of construction funds. We also have letters of support from Mat Su Public Health, Willow Lion's Club, individual families, and local businesses.

I have attached some supporting documents for your perusal.

Please consider supporting this clinic. Individual and families in your district stand to gain by having a new state-of-the-art medical facility providing lab services, x-rays services, enhanced medical services, behavioral health and a full physician dispensary.

Thank you for your continued time and support.

Sharon Montagnino,
Executive Director
Sunshine Community Health Center

Adopted: 01/18/11

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 11-008**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING THAT QUALITY AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE IS ESSENTIAL TO THE WELLBEING OF ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS AND SUPPORTING THE SUNSHINE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER'S REQUEST FOR STATE FUNDING.

WHEREAS, community health centers, like Sunshine Community Health Center, are rooted in community-based and patient-centered care; and

WHEREAS, community health centers, like Sunshine Community Health Center, are comprehensive wellness hubs diagnosing and treating illness and injury and emphasizing preventive care and wellness practices; and

WHEREAS, Sunshine Health Center is a vital component of the health care system of the Upper Matanuska-Susitna Valley; and

WHEREAS, Sunshine Community Health provides health care to all residents regardless of an ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, Sunshine Community Health Center has been providing coordinated primary and preventative care services to more than 1000 Willow residents for six years; and

WHEREAS, primary health care, including mental health care needs, of the Willow community area have dramatically grown over the past six years; and

WHEREAS, Sunshine Community Health Center has found it necessary to embark on a capital campaign to increase facilities, services, and providers in the Willow area to accommodate the increased need; and

WHEREAS, the Borough recognizes the important work of Sunshine Community Health Center for their role in providing quality, accessible, and affordable patient care; and

WHEREAS, the Willow Area Community Organization has the Sunshine Community Health Center project, to increase facilities, as its number one capital improvement project.

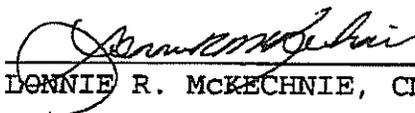
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough recommends that the state of Alaska invest in the Sunshine Community Health Center to ensure that comprehensive, culturally competent, and quality primary health care services continue to be accessible to all residents in the upper Borough, by awarding Sunshine Community Health Center State funds in the amount of \$450,000 to complete their building project, which in turn will provide enhanced and increased primary health care and behavioural health services to those residing in the Upper Susitna Valley.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 18 day of January, 2011.



RONALD ARVIN, Deputy Borough Mayor

ATTEST:



DONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Keogh, Woods, Arvin, Ewing, Bettine, Colver,
and Halter

Sunshine Community Health Center- 2011 Legislative Request
Construction of new clinical facility in Willow

Update to plan for Willow Construction request

Construction Update:

- 1- Property was cleared early 2010
- 2- Septic was put in – Completed September 2010
- 3- Well is in and has been tested- Completed September 2010
- 4- Building has been staked out for foundation- Completed 2010
- 5- Driveways and parking lot leveled and in place ready for paving- 2010

Funding Update

- 1- Received in 2009- \$500,000 from Mat-Su Health Foundation
- 2- Received in 2009- \$235,000 from HRSA (Department of Health and Human Services)
- 3- Received in 2010- \$500,000 USDA
- 4- Committed from Sunshine Community Health Center- \$131,106 (for design and project management, plus \$150,000 for the land)
- 5- Received in 2011- \$615,000 Denali Commission
- 6- Locally in the Willow area raised \$11,000**
- 7- Pending Requests
 - a- \$250,000 Rasmuson
 - b- \$420,000 State of Alaska Legislative Request

Other

- 1- Willow Community Council requested funds for the Willow project in their CIP request to the Mat Su Borough Assembly
- 2- The Mat-Su Borough Assembly also passed a resolution encouraging the State Legislature and Governor to include the Willow capital construction request in the budget and to fund the project. (copy of the resolution was uploaded to the capital request)

If the pending requests come through, we would still be short @ \$75,000. Therefore, the legislative request is vital to the continuation of the project.