**Agency:  Commerce, Community and Economic Development**

**Grants to Unincorporated Communities (AS 37.05.317)**

**Grant Recipient:  Community of Elfin Cove**                          **Federal Tax ID:** 92-0089934

**Project Title:**                                                      **Project Type:** Planning and Research

# Elfin Cove - Transportation System and Ferry Improvements

**State Funding Requested:** $75,000                                    **House District:** 2 / A
One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

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| Project will fund a study for improving marine transportation for Elfin Cove. |

**Funding Plan:**

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| Total Project Cost: | $75,000 |
| Funding Already Secured: | ($0) |
| FY2012 State Funding Request: | ($75,000) |
| Project Deficit: | $0 |

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Project will fund a study for improving marine transportation for Elfin Cove.  Currently the community of Elfin Cove is only accessible by private seaplane and vessels.  Despite being located along the Alaska Marine Highway, the community does not have the infrastructure to accomodate ferry service.  This study will identify the options available and improvements necessary to bring AMHS service to Elfin Cove.  Professional research will enable future policy calls and allow the community to engage DOT and other stakeholders in pursuing improved transportation options.  Elfin Cove's economy is based on seasonal tourism and marine recreation.  This funding is a good first step towards growing the community's economy and could have long-term benefits for the state and region.  The project is strongly supported by the Elfin Cove community and industry stakeholders.

**Project Timeline:**

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| FY12-FY13 |

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

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| Community of Elfin Cove Non-Profit Corporation |

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$75,000 Approved

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? [X] Yes [ ] No

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