

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Yuut Elitnaurviat The People's Learning Center****Federal Tax ID: 46-0476816****Project Title:****Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

Yuut Elitnaurviat The People's Learning Center - Dormitory

State Funding Requested: \$4,700,000**House District: 38 / S**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Construction of a two story Yukon dormitory. The first floor would be bunkhouse style and the second story would be family apartments for long-term students.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$5,000,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$300,000)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$4,700,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:**TVEP- ongoing**Multiple DOL program grants**Kitchen 2010***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Yuut Elitnaurviat plans to expand dormitory capacity and to also address the lack of family-friendly housing options on our regional vocational campus.

Dormitory space for village based students is at a premium and we often find that a lack of capacity is causing a bottleneck for training programs. The YE Campus currently includes 2 dormitories, each with 20 beds. One facility is used to house long term students in private rooms. While meeting an immediate need, housing 7 students when we could be accommodating 20 is not an effective use of facility space.

Now that our campus is fully operational YE is seeing nearly five times as many students as in previous years. The two existing dormitories on the YE campus do not have enough capacity to support the numerous programs and trainings taking place in YE facilities. In June 2010 alone we hosted both a VPO Academy with 40 students and a Lower Kuskokwim School District credit recovery program for an additional 40 students. At this time we can only house 24 of the 80 students who will be on campus; a fact that nearly sent the VPO training, for YK Delta TPOs, VPOs and VPSOs, to another region.

Lodging has always been a prohibiting factor for many programs in our region. We are off the road system and must fly staff and students into Bethel for training and special programs.

The ability to house students on campus, with a dorm parent, will increase student success. Putting students in hotels and B&B's in the community increases costs as well as subjects the student to distractions that they would not encounter on campus.

The facility will be operationally sustainable upon completion.

Project Timeline:

Piling are already in the ground. Once funding is secured, materials would be ordered and construction would commence immediately.

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

Yuut Elitnaurviat- The People's Learning Center, Inc.

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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