

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Kenai Peninsula Borough****Federal Tax ID: 92-0030894****Project Title:****Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

Kenai Peninsula Borough - Nikiski Senior Service Area - Senior Center Multi-Use Facility

State Funding Requested: \$5,000,000**House District: 34 / Q**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

A new building would provide the much needed office space for staff and board members. It would allow all of the programs offered to be in one central location, leading to a more comprehensive operation, as well as prepare for the future need of the service area members.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$6,500,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$1,500,000)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$5,000,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

Nikiski Senior Citizens Funds, Prior Legislative Grants, donated lands, and sale of the existing building.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Nikiski Senior Citizens are operating out of a 36' x 90' stick frame building that has outlived its usefulness to the seniors. The kitchen is too small and the equipment is beginning to show its age. There is no fire protection in the building, i.e. sprinkler system or other major safety equipment. There are reoccurring problems with the sewer system and building maintenance has created a financial burden. Limited space has restricted some of the services provided; however, meals and some social activities can still be accommodated in a confined setting.

There are no less than eight programs ran from the senior center; they include congregate and home delivery meals, transportation, senior housing, OWS/MASST, care coordination, chores and homemaker services. It also serves as a local pick up for the senior commodity food box program, farmer's market voucher program, and a durable medical supply and equipment loan closet. It has been necessary to rent space for the OWS/MASST and Senior In-Home Service Departments, which is located roughly 1.5-miles away from the Senior Center.

The garage not only has to house the Center's transportation and food delivery vans, but also must be used for general storage. The Executive Director and Bookkeeper share a 10' x 12' room, and the 13' x 23' craft room had to be converted into office space for the Housing Manager and Activities Director. This same space also serves for overflow storage and a holding area. Board meetings are held in the dinning room which creates a noisy environment while kitchen staff is cleaning up after lunch, scheduling the meetings earlier in the day does not accommodate the needs of our seniors use of the facility. There is no space available for business regarding private matters, that should not be discussed openly. Two 40-foot

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**\$5,000,000
Approved**

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Project Timeline:

The conceptual design for the facility is complete. Roads and natural gas has been extended to the property. Soil investigation and topographic maps are complete. Preliminary cost estimates have been prepared and the seniors are using this to identify funding needs and sources.

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

Nikiski Senior Service Area / Kenai Peninsula Borough

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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



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Year 2011 State Capital Improvement Projects

NIKISKI SENIOR SERVICE AREA

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Project Name: Nikiski Senior Center Multi-Use Facility

Project Priority
Ranking: 1

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Funding Request:	\$	5,000,000	Election District:	Senate:	Q
Total Project Cost:	\$	6,500,000		House:	34
Local Match (if any) and source:	\$	1,500,000	Nikiski Senior Center Funds, Grants, Land Donation		

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How did the Service Area select this project as a funding priority?

The Nikiski Senior Service Area goals tie in closely with the Board of Directors from the Nikiski Senior Citizens, Inc. They are aware of the service provided by the non-profit and the lack of space. The shared vision is to provide support, programs and services to the Nikiski community in one facility.

How has the community shown support for this project? (Volunteer, money, resolutions, etc.)

The land was donated to the Nikiski Senior Citizens, Inc., and the Nikiski Seniors have dedicated 85 percent of their gaming revenue towards the cost of building this project.

What steps have been taken to date to get this project going?

The conceptual design for the facility is complete. Roads and natural gas has been extended to the property. Soil investigation and topographic maps are complete. Preliminary cost estimates have been prepared and the seniors are using this to identify funding needs and sources.

If a Community Meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?

The Nikiski Senior Service Area holds a meeting once a month, and the Nikiski Seniors hold a board meeting once a month with an annual membership meeting yearly. The meetings are advertised in the newsletter and flyers posted in the post office.

Who owns the property and what is the status of the land for the project?

The Nikiski Senior Citizens, Inc., own the property slated for this project.

How will the project be constructed or accomplished?

The conceptual design is complete and a third party cost estimate has been completed. When necessary additional grant requests will be prepared and submitted to make up the remainder of the proposed costs. This process will ensure compliance with all Federal and State funding requirements.

Who will own the project or facility?

The Nikiski Senior Citizens, Inc. will own the facility.

Entity responsible for ongoing operation and maintenance of this project:

The Nikiski Senior Citizens, Inc. will operate and maintain the facility, they have operated the existing facility since its inception and is staffed to handle the administrative as well as general maintenance operations.

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?

Nikiski Senior Citizens, Inc. will use the funds and staff that are now used for operations and maintenance.