

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: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

Kenai Peninsula Borough - North Peninsula Recreation Service Area - Community Playground

State Funding Requested: \$225,000**House District: 34 / Q**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Community playground for the North Peninsula Recreation Service Area residents and surrounding communities.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$225,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$225,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

None

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

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The NCRC now serves as a recreational/educational facility providing a home for a teen center; youth, adult, and family programs; sports leagues; gymnasium; golf simulator; camps; kitchen; and meeting place for community meetings and banquets. The NPRSA has taken a Borough liability and transformed it into a community asset. The one lacking component is an outdoor community playground.

When the school was vacated, much of the playground equipment was antiquated and considered unsafe; therefore, a majority of the equipment was removed. Very few pieces of the playground equipment remain now. The location of the playground provides a direct link between the NCRC and the community pool (Nikiski Pool). It is situated in a centralized location within the community providing great accessibility for residents.

Community playgrounds and parks create a sense of community and common ground. They offer an opportunity for families to connect and give children a chance to learn life lessons, experience success early and to dream big. Playgrounds offer free opportunities to get out and play, which promotes physical activity and is the key to maintaining healthy lifestyles and good health.

The NPRSA Board of Directors and community value this project. There is a definite need for a community playground as there are no other community playgrounds located in Nikiski. The funding for a community playground will plant the seed for creating a healthy, safe place for children and families to play.

Project Timeline:

* Project completion- one year post award.

The North Peninsula Recreation Service Area Board of Directors, a playground committee and an architectural firm will develop the specifications and design. Once the specifications are complete, the project will be bid per the bidding and purchasing requirements of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

*Completion may be weather driven considering Alaska's short building season.

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

North Peninsula Recreation 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



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

Year 2011 State Capital Improvement Projects

NORTH PENINSULA RECREATION SERVICE AREA

Funding Recipient: Kenai Peninsula Borough / North Peninsula Recreation Service Area

Project Name: Community Playground

Project Priority
Ranking: 2

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Funding:

Requested grant funds will be used to complete the entire project. NPRSA will purchase playground equipment and complete site preparation and construction for an outdoor playground, which the community is currently lacking.

\$ 110,000	Equipment/Signage/Surface
\$ 60,000	Site Preparation
\$ 30,000	Construction
\$ 25,000	Design/Project Management/Contingency

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

The NPRSA Board of Directors unanimously voted this as a funding priority during its September 2010 monthly board meeting. The board has selected this as a priority because of the continued community need.

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

Increased community involvement at the community recreation center through program participation and demand for more programs as well as desirable attractions, including a playground, for the NPRSA.

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

NPRSA Board of Directors meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at the Nikiski Pool administration building. The meetings are advertised through printed advertisement in the local newspaper, public service announcements on the local radio, facility bulletin board postings for public viewing, and the community center reader board. Attendance included NPRSA Board of Directors, NPRSA Recreation Director and the general public.

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

The Kenai Peninsula Borough on behalf of the NPRSA. The NCRC and Nikiski Pool operates six days a week. The community playground will be open and free at all times.

How will the project be constructed or accomplished?

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Who will own the project or facility?

Kenai Peninsula Borough on behalf of the North Peninsula Recreation Service Area.

Entity responsible for ongoing operation and maintenance of this project:

North Peninsula Recreation Service Area

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

Operations and maintenance will be funded through the NPRSA annual operating budget.