

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Moose Pass Sportsman's Club****Federal Tax ID: 51-0201684****Project Title:****Project Type: Planning and Research**

Moose Pass Sportsman's Club - Community Development

State Funding Requested: \$50,000**House District: 35 / R**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

The community of Moose Pass is developing a long term comprehensive community land use plan in anticipation of acquiring community land from the Department of natural resources.

Funding Plan:

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| Total Project Cost: | \$55,000 |
| Funding Already Secured: | (\$5,000) |
| FY2012 State Funding Request: | <u>(\$50,000)</u> |
| Project Deficit: | \$0 |

*Funding Details:**\$5,000 Community Funds***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

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For many years the community has been struggling with fitting the community uses into a small space and has desired to acquire additional land. In 2006 the Department of Transportation (DOT) vacated the highway maintenance yard and in 2010 the Kenai Peninsula Borough moved the solid waste transfer site south of Moose Pass, which opened up a public portion of land ideal for community development. In June of 2010 the Moose Pass Sportsman's Club contracted with Salix, a local firm to assist with acquiring the land. Subsequent meetings with the DNR, DOT, and DOA have settled a confusion over land ownership and management.

With the encouragement of DNR, Moose Pass has submitted applications for the transfer of the land. Meanwhile the community and contractor continues with due diligence related to water and septic system, soil viability and survey of boundaries.

The \$50,000 will be used to contract a firm to draft plans for a community center, navigate the permitting process, survey the community and identify potential funding mechanisms.

Project Timeline:

June 2012 complete plan with community approval.

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

Moose Pass Sportsman's Club and Community of Moose Pass

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

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Year 2011 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: MOOSE PASS

Funding Recipient: Moose Pass Sportsman's Club

Project Name: Moose Pass Community Development

Project Priority
Ranking: 1

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Time line: If funding was available July 1, 2011, completed transfer or be in a position to reasonably assume the land has been transferred. Moose Pass APC will have completed its draft update of the Comprehensive Plan. July 2011, secure building, organize community clean up, identify costs for improvements and used by Moose Pass Volunteer Fire Department. September 2011 contract firm for organizing projects, community groups and plans, community surveys and meetings, develop plan, identify possible funding mechanisms for uses. June 2012 complete plan with community approval.

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| Funding Request: | \$ | 50,000 | Election District: | Senate: | R |
| Total Project Cost: | \$ | 55,000 | | House: | 35 |
| Local Match (if any) and source: | \$ | 5,000 | Community Funds | | |

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How did the Community select this project as a funding priority?

The community of Moos Pass is developing a long term comprehensive community land use plan.

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

Contribution of funds for a private firm to assist in acquiring the land.

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

Private donated funds were used to hire private firm to assist in acquiring the land.

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

The community meeting was held on October 2, 2010 at the Moose Pass Community Center, it was advertized in the newspaper, and flyers were posted throughout the community.

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

State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources

How will the project be constructed or accomplished?

Continue with the land acquisition, site stabilization, hire a private firm to develop priorities for use, scope of work, interview the major users.

Who will own the project or facility?

Moose Pass Sportsman's Club

Entity responsible for ongoing operation and maintenance of this project:

The community of Moose Pass

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04/28/2011

Honorable Paul Seaton
State Capitol Room 102
Juneau AK

Dear Representative Seaton,

Thank you for your support of our request for \$50,000.00 capital improvement moneys to renovate the Department of Transportation (DOT) building.

I would like to take a minute and tell you about Moose Pass Volunteer Fire Co (MPVFC) and why this investment is needed.

Moose Pass is a small community, actually a collection of communities, of 300 people centered at mile 30 of the Seward Hwy. The MPVFC is a all volunteer department that provides structural and wildland fire suppression, search and rescue, extrication, Emergency Medical Services as well as other needs in the community. We support these function through annual voluntary dues paid by local residence, billing for our services, grants and other state and local funding we can acquire. Our primary response area is from mile 16 to mile 37 of the Seward hwy and from mile 37 to 41 of the Sterling hwy. Since there are no services from mile 72 of the Seward, the end of Girdwood's area, to mile 37 we are also called on and respond to emergency calls in this area, as well as from the Seward hwy down to Hope. We also provide assistance to Cooper Landing, Bear Creek, Seward and the US Forest Service through mutual aid agreements. This is a large response area is a challenge for the dozen or so volunteers and limited recourses we have at our disposal.

The Departments two main trucks are currently housed in a 30' x 40' space provided by the Moose Pass Sportsmen Club in the north end of their building at mile 30. Thirteen years ago we had a piece of land donated to us and over that time found funding to build a substation there. This summer we will dedicate a new 40' x 40' building at that location. One of the greatest deficiencies the Department has faced is the need for water and with the addition of this building we have acquired a 1000-gallon surplus engine and a 2000-gallon taker to house at 36. That gives us 4000 gallons of mobile water now compared to the 1000 gallons previously. But our challenge is still space. Storage space, training space, office space and most importantly head space. Our current primary engine is a 1985 Ford E-1. It has seen its better days and is not

really suited for today's fire fighting. The problem is the space we have from the Sportsmen Club can only accommodate 8' bay doors and that is a very tight fit. Almost all current fire fighting apparatus exceed that height. This makes it impractical to pursue upgrading our engine. With the acquisition of the DOT building and property we can move towards mitigating several of our issues.

The DOT building is structurally sound but in need of repair. We currently have a "use agreement" with DOT and have been using the building for cold storage and some training evolutions. The windows, doors and the heating system need to be replaced. The inside needs to be painted and the siding and insulation need to be checked. The overall construction of the building is almost ideal for our needs. It has Large drive through bay with 14' overhead doors as well as space for a small office, training room and maintenance area. This would be a good use of the property.

Supporting and running a small volunteer fire department is a community effort. I would like to thank you Representative Seaton for your support. I would also like to thank Jeff Hetrick for his help in acquiring the building, the community of Moose Pass and all the volunteers for their dedication.

Thank you for your time
Sincerely

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