

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Kenai Peninsula Fair Association****Federal Tax ID: 92-0104215****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

Kenai Peninsula Fair Association - Ninilchik Fairground Improvements

State Funding Requested: \$328,384**House District: 34 / Q**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Fairground Improvements

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$346,384
Funding Already Secured:	(\$18,000)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$328,384)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

\$18,000 State of Alaska - remainint water project funds

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Residents of the southern Kenai Peninsula and the community of Ninilchik support needed improvements, and identify the Fairgrounds as the greatest public use facility. A comprehensive upgrade to its two primary buildings and additions to outdoor facilities will improve the energy efficiency and utility of these facilities. Critical to effective management and expanded use by the greater community. The fairgrounds are used year round for many interim events, such as a community center, community fund raisers, funerals and other functions.

The spring fed water system is being converted to a well. DEC has insisted that this conversion take place. Initially the community was granted \$51,000; however, additional funding is needed to complete the project. The fairgrounds provide water during the fair, and is also the primary water source for Ninilchik Emergency Services. Failure to comply with the conversion could result in the water source being shut down by DEC, and the community would suffer greatly.

Carol Bock Hall improvements would include new flooring, remodeling the restrooms for ADA accessibility. Chinook Bay Hall improvements would include remodeling the kitchen to meet DEC standards. Upgrades to electrical and lighting, painting and weatherization. The current wires are to old and ballasts can't be replaced when they have gone bad, and several outlets no longer work and cannot be traced back to the breaker.

Outdoor seating to include bleachers. For the last 15-years converted indoor gym bleachers have been used for spectator seating. The current bleachers are falling apart and no longer safe. Portable aluminum bleachers are needed so they can be used for both rodeo and concert events.

Each year over 6,500 people attend the fair, the current dirt pathways are not ADA compliant. Paved pathways would lower the amount of dust and meet ADA requirements.

Project Timeline:

Water System Completion, \$43,000; Hall improvements, \$76,384; Outdoor Seating, \$104,000; Paved walkways, \$105,000.

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

Kenai Peninsula Fair Association

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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: NINILCHIK

Funding Recipient: Kenai Peninsula Fair

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Project Priority Ranking: 1

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Total Project Cost:	\$	346,384		House:	34
Local Match (if any) and source:	\$	18,000	State of Alaska - remaining water project funds		

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

Maintenance and improvements to the Kenai Peninsula Fair were written into the community action plan in 2004 as a priority. The community has continued to support requests for funding for improvements. On October 14, 2010 the Ninilchik Community Forum (NCF) met and agreed that this project was the number one priority. A public meeting was held on October 19, 2010 and the community agreed with the NCF.

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

Support for the fair was written into the community action plan in 2004 and has remained a priority. The community of Ninilchik supports the fairgrounds through donations and volunteer hours.

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

Maintenance and improvements at the fairgrounds are ongoing, using community revenue sharing funds, donations and volunteers.

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

Two meetings were held at the Ninilchik Senior Center. They were advertised by flyers posted throughout the community, the meeting held by the Kenai Peninsula Borough was advertised in the newspaper. The meetings were attended by local members of the community, State of Alaska Legislative representation, and Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Member and staff.

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

The land is owned by the Ninilchik Fair Association - AKA the Kenai Peninsula Fair.

How will the project be constructed or accomplished?

This is a four stage project. The first stage is for completion of the water project, additional funding is needed to hook up the well and replace the existing water system, this would include dirt work, plumbing and electrical work. The second stage is for renovations to Chinook Bay and Carol Bock Hall, this would include flooring and paint. The third stage is for spectator seating, and the final stage would be paving the walkways to make them ADA accessible.

Who will own the project or facility?

The Kenai Peninsula Fair

Entity responsible for ongoing operation and maintenance of this project:

The Kenai Peninsula Fair

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

These projects are designed in such a way as to have minimal maintenance costs. All costs for upkeep will become factored into the operating budget for the Kenai Peninsula Fair.