

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Humane Society of Kodiak****Federal Tax ID: 92-0148196****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

Humane Society of Kodiak - Concrete Surface for Dog Areas

State Funding Requested: \$12,000**House District: 36 / R**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

This project would entail laying concrete in all of the existing outdoor dog kennels and the large dog play yard at the Kodiak Animal Shelter.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$18,400
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$12,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$6,400

Funding Details:

n/a

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Kodiak Animal Shelter's outdoor dog runs and dog play/exercise yard are currently dirt and gravel which is extremely difficult to clean and impossible to sanitize. When dogs play in this area they roll in the dirt and kick up dust that is saturated with urine and impregnated with particles of feces. Not only is this a health hazard for the dogs in our care but it is a health hazard for the employees who work at the shelter as they are in frequent contact with the dogs for socialization, training, grooming and exercise. This daily cleaning problem escalates greatly when viral infections or parasites are introduced as certain canine viruses may live years in the soil and the eggs of parasites may live in fecal particles ready to infect animals that ingest the soil by licking etc.

Another issue occurs in winter when snow removal is made more difficult on rough frozen gravel. The dogs are not given access to the snowed yard areas until the snow is removed to avoid snow and frozen ice mixed with urine and feces that is impossible to remove. Snow shoveling and the use of a snow blower would be optimum on a flat surface and solar gain on concrete would help the melt off process. This would assist in the removal of clean snow, allowing the dogs to have more outdoor play time in winter avoiding the behavioral problems that can occur when exercise and play must be limited.

Taking everything into consideration, including the standard in most kennels and shelters, a concrete yard is the optimum material to insure ease of daily cleaning and sanitation to prevent illness and parasitic infestation making the Kodiak Animal Shelter a healthier environment for both the pets in our care and the workers who provide the services.

Belarde Custom Concrete Company has put in a bid to lay concrete in the exterior dog runs in Area 2 (96 sq. ft.) and Area 3 (500 sq. ft.) and play yard Area 1 (1,344 sq. ft.) at the Kodiak Animal Shelter. This bid includes all grading materials, use of the current fencing materials, concrete materials and labor.

Project Timeline:

Spring or summer 2011

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

Humane Society of Kodiak, Board of Directors

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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