

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Goldstream Valley Lions Club****Federal Tax ID: 92-0144208****Project Title:****Project Type:** Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

Goldstream Valley Lions Club - Goldstream Valley Park Playground Equipment Improvement Project

State Funding Requested: \$40,000**House District: 8 / D**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Provide local youths ages 5 to 12 with age-appropriate, skill building play equipment at the Goldstream Valley Lions Park by purchasing and installing climbing, balance, and strength- and agility-building structures on the park grounds.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$46,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$6,000)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$40,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

Secured donations of \$6000 of in-kind labor and heavy equipment usage.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Outdoor playgrounds promote social, physical, and mental development of children of all ages. They promote healthy bodies, cooperation, self-confidence, autonomous thinking and problem solving, and diminish sedentary behavior and addiction to unhealthy activities. The Goldstream Valley Lions Park provides the residents of Goldstream Valley, located 10 miles north of Fairbanks, with a safe place to commune and recreate. However, at present there are two swing sets and one piece of play equipment available for the kids to play on, and that equipment is appropriate for children ages 18 months to 8. There are no sidewalks in the valley, and no safe place for kids to bike and play out of the street.

The Goldstream Valley Lions are aiming to provide that for the community by volunteering their time and skills to develop and expand the park. So far, they have installed the existing playground, built a community center on the grounds, and installed a playing field adjacent to the community center. The next phase of expansion is to clear a wooded area adjacent to the park and install several more pieces of playground equipment that aim to develop balance, agility, and coordination of children aged 5 to 13.

To accomplish this goal, we need to clear some trees on the north side of the park, fill that area with pea gravel, and order and install the equipment. \$6,000 dollars of tree removal and dirt work has been donated to the GV Lions by community members. The remaining capital being requested from the state in this proposal (\$40,000) will go toward purchasing the pea gravel and equipment, have it installed, and then inspected by the Fairbanks borough.

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*\$40,000
Approved*

Project Timeline:

Clear the area in summer of 2011

Install the equipment in fall of 2011 or spring of 2012

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

Goldstream Valley Lion's Club

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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January 28, 2011

Senator Joe Thomas
AK State Capitol, Room #514
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Thomas:

The Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) Parks and Recreation Department enthusiastically supports the Goldstream Valley Lions' capital improvement request for additional playground equipment for the Goldstream Valley Lions Park.

The FNSB has partnered with the Goldstream Valley Lions by providing funding for the community park to become a reality. The development of the park has been accomplished by a dedicated group of volunteers. Their commitment and professionalism in constructing and maintaining the park is outstanding. The additional equipment will provide youth in the age range of 5 to 12 years with age-appropriate play equipment to develop skills and agility.

Goldstream Valley Lions Park provides a safe recreation site for youth and adult residents of the Goldstream Valley. The FNSB Parks and Recreation Department urges your support of this capital improvement project funding request.

Sincerely,


Michael Cox, Director
Department of Parks & Recreation

To whom it may concern

The Goldstream Valley Lions Club has built up a beautiful park and community center that serves the community well. This has all been done with the effort of volunteers and on a shoestring budget. I am sure any grant money awarded to the Lions to improve their playground will be well spent and will further their mission of serving the local Goldstream community. I urge you to approve this grant request.

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Mr. and Mrs David Dowler

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January 26, 2011

Capital Improvement Project Funding Request;

We are writing in regards to the improvement needed for the Goldstream Valley park and playground.

When the Goldstream Valley Lions Club began to build the playground, the community came forward with lots of volunteer work and help in getting the park up and running. Now we realize that the park is mainly for smaller children, and there is a definite need for equipment for the older level of children 9-12. It would be good before the younger equipment is broken by the older children. They need more advanced levels of exercise and fun to be able to get outside and play.

Our playground/park has been visited by the Mayor, Senators, Representatives, and most importantly by the Governor of Alaska. They were impressed by what we have accomplished in our little community.

We urge you to pass this project so that we can continue to help our community to grow.

Thank you

Mr and Mrs David Dowler