

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Abused Women's Aid In Crisis, Inc.  
(AWAIC)****Federal Tax ID: 92-0061049****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials****Abused Women's Aid In Crisis, Inc. (AWAIC) - Equipment  
Repair and Replacement****State Funding Requested: \$229,662**  
One-Time Need**House District: Anchorage Areawide (16-32)****Brief Project Description:**

Repair/replacement of emergency generator, lighting, corroded and outdated piping, children's playroom and equipment replacement, and other equipment as necessary.
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**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$229,662
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$229,662)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:*

n/a

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

AWAIC is the only provider of a full continuum of services to domestic violence victims in Anchorage. AWAIC provides safe, emergency shelter to victims and their children. The 52 bed shelter is at or over capacity 61% of the year. AWAIC has been addressing targeted facility and equipment issues over the past five years and recently completed the largest project, replacement of the HVAC system with funding from the Municipality of Anchorage's Community Development Block Grant and Housing and Urban Development Economic Development Initiative funds. Last year the legislature funded critical updates to AWAIC's security systems and to fix a laundry ventilation placement issue that was causing air quality issues. This request will address the majority of the remaining facility and equipment issues, many of which are a preventative measure to addressing the issues and will have a long-term impact.

AWAIC is requesting funding for several facility issues to include replacement of the emergency generator, lighting and outdated piping issues. AWAIC's generator was installed at the time the building was constructed in 1982. Since then the generator has gone out of compliance and most of the elements associated no longer meet code according to our contractor. The current generator still functions but it is not anticipated to last more than a couple of years and the contractor recommended full replacement of the system to bring it current with code and ensure the longevity of the system. AWAIC is requesting \$84,000 to replace the generator.

During a review of AWAIC's facility it was identified that the lighting utilizes an older system of lamp technology and ballasts and bulbs are inconsistent throughout the building. The lighting replacement would be installed in all work and common

areas in the building and would create continuity throughout the building and will be energy efficient and a cost savings long-term. AWAIC is requesting \$27,036 to replace and repair lighting issues throughout the building.

AWAIC's pipes have been repaired for leaks throughout the history of the building however, when looking at the age of the facility and the future sustainability of the structure, a comprehensive analysis and repair and replacement of parts of the pipe system will address many issues before they develop. Recently a slow leak was identified due to discolored ceiling tiles. The leak required over 20 feet of pipe to be replaced. The piping is over 30 years old and it had begun to corrode in many areas. AWAIC would like to replace the identified piping before major damage occurs. AWAIC is requesting \$17,301 to address pipe repair and replacement.

The children's playroom is a high traffic area and is used during groups, while providing childcare and as a safe place for moms to interact with their children while living in a sometimes overwhelming environment. There is not enough identified space for storage and what storage areas there are in disrepair and are in need of replacement. The bathroom inside of the play area also needs upgrades to include a new toilet and sink for use by children during support and education groups. AWAIC is requesting \$13,649 to address repairs in the children's playroom.

AWAIC has two vehicles which are used to transport victims of domestic violence to protective order hearings, housing, medical, mental health and other critical appointments. These vehicles are used multiple times in a day and provide an important connection for victims of domestic violence to achieve safety, income and housing. Due to the use of the vehicles, multiple short trips with many different drivers and having transported thousands of men, women and children over the years have created wear and tear. Despite regular maintenance the vehicles are beginning to break down more often and are requiring costly repairs. The most cost effective decision at this time is to trade the current vehicles in and obtain more current vehicles that can handle the demands of shelter life. AWAIC is requesting \$65,776 to replace two vehicles.

As a 52 bed shelter and serving over 720 women and children and providing over 19,000 safe bed nights in FY10 means that those beds have someone sleeping in them almost every night. AWAIC's beds are an important safety net for the most vulnerable in our community and it's time for them to be replaced after five years of providing a safe place for thousands to lay their heads. Additionally, AWAIC's 10 bed transitional housing program opened in 2004 and mattresses there have not been replaced. AWAIC would purchase new mattresses that are industry standard for communal living shelters as they are anti-microbial and water proof and as such easier to keep sanitary despite the high number of users. These mattresses are needed to help prevent bed bugs and scabies which can become pervasive problems if a shelter is infested. AWAIC is requesting \$16,500 for purchase and shipping of these mattresses.

Other furniture replacements in the shelter include dressers, couches, chairs and tables. AWAIC is requesting \$5,400 to purchase furniture to replace worn and broken furniture.

### **Project Timeline:**

Equipment purchases will happen within six months after receiving the grant. The facility issues will be addressed over a maximum of 18 months to ensure that the work is not happening at the same time and disrupt shelter operations. The generator would be a priority and we have been informed that it is a summer job and so depending how quickly the funds are available, the work can be done in the summer of 2011 or will have to wait until the summer of 2012.

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

AWAIC

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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

# Abused Women's Aid in Crisis, Inc.

## AWAIC

**Title:** Abused Women's Aid in Crisis, Inc. (AWAIC) – Health & Safety – Equipment & Facility Repair & Replacement

**Request:** \$229,662

### **Project Description:**

AWAIC has been addressing *targeted facility and equipment issues* over the past five years and recently completed the largest project, replacement of the HVAC system with funding from the Municipality of Anchorage's Community Development Block Grant and Housing and Urban Development Economic Development Initiative funds.

- ◆ Replace 28 year-old emergency generator - \$84,000
- ◆ Replace outdated lighting system with energy and cost efficient system throughout the administrative offices and common areas and all common areas in the shelter - \$27,036
- ◆ Replace corroded pipes - \$17,301
- ◆ Replace broken equipment & furniture in children's playroom - \$13,649
- ◆ Replace two vehicles in need of expensive repairs due to wear & tear - \$65,776
- ◆ Replace seven year old mattresses - \$16,500
- ◆ Replace broken/damaged furniture - \$5,400

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*A **code and condition survey** of the building was completed in 2008 by Livingston Slone, Inc. which identified architectural, civil, electrical, mechanical, and structural engineering issues. The **entire code and condition survey identified over \$1 million** in repair, replacement and upgrades which included the laundry ventilation project and the above requested items. AWAIC, Inc. has completed approximately 75% of the identified projects through multiple grants and funding sources to include the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, the Municipality of Anchorage's Community Development Block Grant, an appropriation from Senator Lisa Murkowski and private donors.*

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