

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc.****Federal Tax ID: 92-0033876****Project Title:****Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc. - Child Development Center Construction

State Funding Requested: \$800,000
One-Time Need**House District: 25 / M****Brief Project Description:**

RurAL CAP plans to construct a new, energy efficient 7,640 square foot early care and learning facility. The expanded facility will accommodate up to 64 children and families in an early care and learning model and 48 families in the Parents as Teachers program. The proposed project will include two preschool classrooms, two toddler classrooms, an indoor gross motor space, a full service kitchen, offices, and a family room. An outdoor play space, garden and ample parking will be provided.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$3,800,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$410,696)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	(\$800,000)
Project Deficit:	\$2,589,304

Funding Details:

2009 Municipality of Anchorage CDBG \$389,696 received, 2010 RurAL CAP \$20,000 received; RurAL CAP Child Development Center Parent Committee \$1000 received, 2011 Municipality of Anchorage, CDBG \$1,000,000; Murdock Charitable Trust, \$250,000; Rasmuson Foundation, \$500,000; State of Alaska, \$800,000; Atwood Foundation, \$25,000; Community Capital Campaign \$300,000; Other Foundation Support \$514,400

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

RurAL CAP will construct a child development center on currently vacant land in Spenard to replace our existing center in a rental Midtown strip mall. The facility will be approximately 7,640 square feet and include two toddler classrooms, two preschool classrooms, an indoor gross motor skills area, two offices, a kitchen, a family activities room and a 3,454 sq. ft. playground. This project will allow RurAL CAP to expand early care and learning services to an additional 30 children and their families and to support an additional 24 families in the Parents As Teachers (PAT) program, making the total children served 64 in childcare and early learning and 48 in PAT.

There are approximately 15,800 children in Anchorage who live in families where every parent works. With only 273 licensed childcare centers offering a total of 9,034 slots in the municipality, need greatly exceeds availability. Average monthly costs range from \$500-900 per child. Finding available and affordable childcare can be a significant barrier for working families in Anchorage. By providing affordable childcare to low income working parents, the project addresses one of the highest priority community development needs as presented in the Municipality of Anchorage Consolidated Plan

Table 2B.

Project Timeline:

Phase I Environmental Review 4/10, Phase II Environmental Review 5/10, 10% Design 8/10, Site Purchased 10/10, A&E Selected 4/11, Zoning Approvals 5/11, Schematic Drawing 6/11, Cost Estimate 7/11, 100% Design Drawings 9/11, Local Building Code Review 9/11, Final Plans and Specifications 10/11, Construction Begin 3/12, Certificate of Occupancy 12/12

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

Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc.

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Name: Debi Baldwin
Title: Child Development Division Director
Address: 731 E. 8th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99520
Phone Number: (907)279-2511
Email: dbaldwin@ruralcap.com

Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No

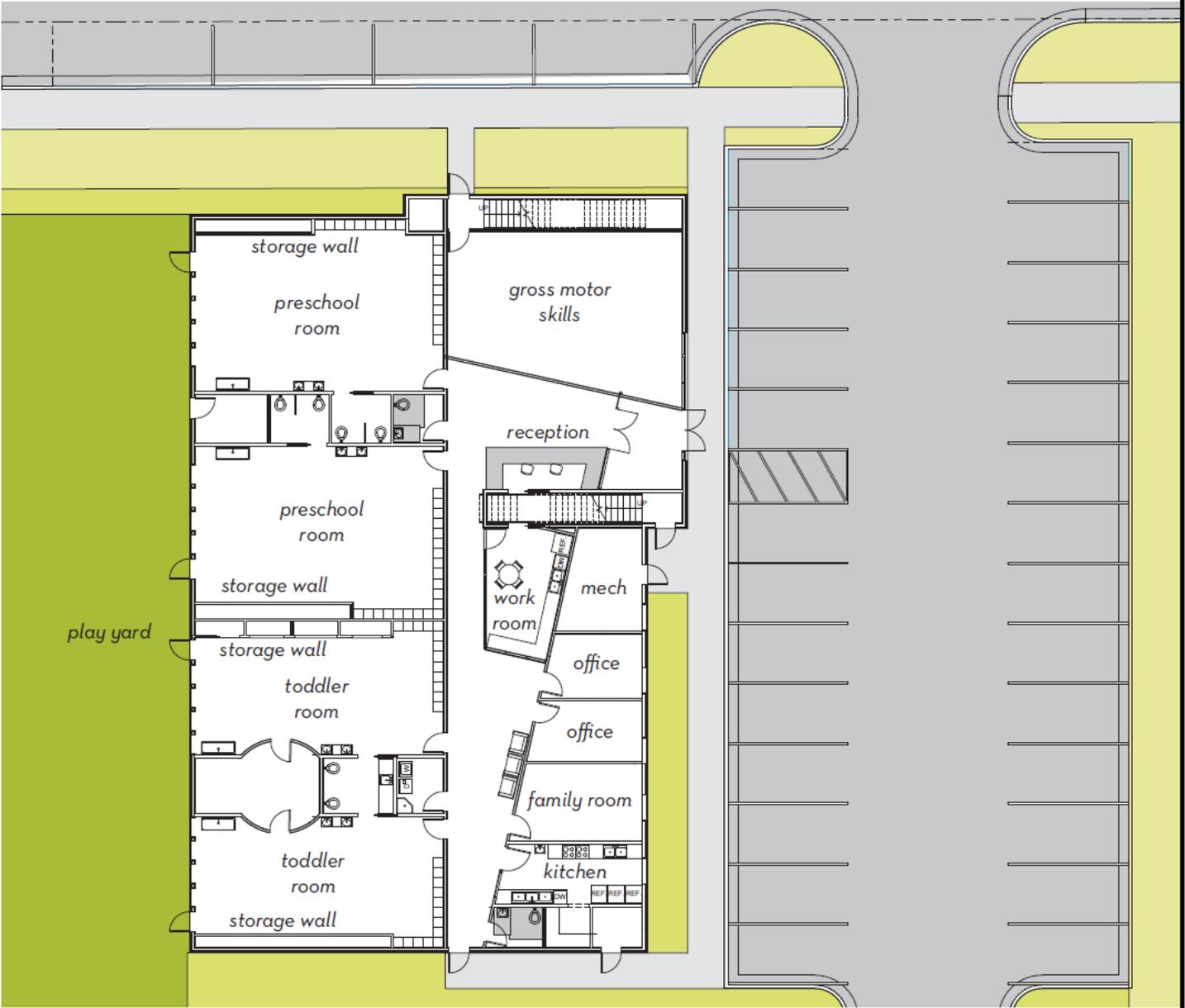
Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc.
New Child Development Center
1304—1310 W. 32nd Avenue



northwest perspective



northeast perspective



Spenard Community Council

Resolution#

ENTITLED: A resolution supporting the establishment of a Child Development Center in the community of Spenard.

WHEREAS, Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc., an Alaskan 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation (RurAL CAP) is conducting fundraising activities for the construction and operation of a proposed Child Development Center located at 1304-1310 West 32nd Ave in Anchorage, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, RurAL CAP's mission is to promote maximum local participation in the elimination of the causes and conditions of poverty; and

WHEREAS, RurAL CAP's Child Development Division's current Child Development Center (CDC) has demonstrated successful operation of a year-round early care and learning facility that is targeted specifically to meet the needs of low-income families; and

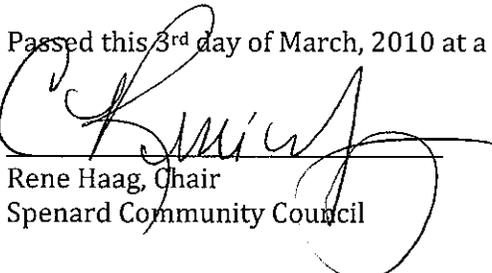
WHEREAS, RurAL CAP's Child Development Center has reached maximum capacity in the current facility, limiting the CDC's ability to provide services to low-income families; and

WHEREAS, a new facility will allow RurAL CAP to expand services to additional families including those located in the community of Spenard;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Spenard Community Council supports the construction and operation of the Child Development Center to be located on the property at 1304-1310 West 32nd Avenue in Anchorage.

Passed this 3rd day of March, 2010 at a meeting of the Spenard Community Council.


Rene Haag, Chair
Spenard Community Council

CLERK'S OFFICE

APPROVED

Date: 10-12-10

Submitted by: ASSEMBLY MEMBER DRUMMOND

Reviewed by: Assembly Counsel's Office

For reading: October 12, 2010

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AR NO. 2010-287

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING**
2 **ENDEAVORS OF THE RURAL ALASKA COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC. IN**
3 **PROVIDING AFFORDABLE CHILDCARE FOR WORKING PARENTS WITHIN THE**
4 **MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE AND THROUGHOUT THE STATE.**

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6 WHEREAS, consistent and qualified caregivers are extremely important in children's
7 early development; and

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9 WHEREAS, quality early learning experiences prepare children for success in life and
10 support families; and

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12 WHEREAS, investments in early learning opportunities for children, in early
13 developmental screenings and support services increase human potential and strengthen
14 communities; and

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16 WHEREAS, there is a shortage of available licensed childcare in Anchorage: 10,500
17 available spaces are insufficient for the estimated 15,000 children who live in households
18 where every adult household member works outside the home; and

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20 WHEREAS, in Anchorage, quality infant and preschool childcare averages between
21 \$500 - \$800 per month making quality childcare unaffordable for low income households; and

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23 WHEREAS, Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc. (**RurAL CAP**) has been
24 successful in providing quality early learning opportunities, developmental screenings, and
25 affordable childcare at its Child Development Center in Anchorage and its centers throughout
26 Alaska; and

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28 WHEREAS, **RurAL CAP** plans to expand its services in Anchorage, through its Child
29 Development Center and Parents As Teachers Program, thereby increasing the number of
30 children served; and

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32 WHEREAS, **RurAL CAP** has secured funding to purchase land for a new facility in
33 Spenard and has the support of the Spenard Community Council; and

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35 WHEREAS, in addition to securing funding from private, corporate, and municipal
36 sources, **RurAL CAP** will request \$800,000 in funding from the State Capital Budget;

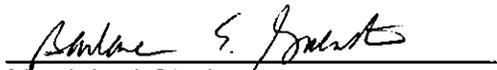
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38 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Municipal Assembly
39 recognizes the endeavors of **RurAL CAP** to support families by providing affordable childcare,
40 and urges that **RurAL CAP's** project for a new Spenard facility is accepted for inclusion in the
41 Municipal priorities for funding under the State Capital Budget.
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PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 12th day of October, 2010.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk



site photographs





Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc.

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Anchorage Child Development Center

Program Overview

Rural Alaska Community Action Program (RurAL CAP) is a statewide nonprofit organization working to improve the quality of life for low-income Alaskans. The empowerment of low-income Alaskans is achieved through four distinct areas: Anchorage Services, Child Development, Community Development, and Rural Housing and Planning.

The **Child Development Center (CDC)** is a full-day, year-round, licensed child care facility for thirty children ages 19 months to five years old. For the past ten years, we have provided high quality early care and learning services for low-income families in the Anchorage community. Over 500 children and families have received services at our midtown location.

The **Anchorage Parents as Teachers Program (PAT)** also operates out of the CDC. The PAT Program is an early childhood parent education and family support program designed to empower parents to give their children the best possible start in life. Home visits and group socializations are offered to families. The PAT approach is to support all children so that they will learn, grow and develop to realize their full potential.

The Project

RurAL CAP plans to construct a new, energy efficient 7,640 square foot early care and learning facility. The expanded facility will accommodate up to 64 children and families in an early care and learning model and 48 families in the PAT program. The proposed project will include two preschool classrooms, two toddler classrooms, an indoor gross motor space, a full service kitchen, offices, and a family room. An outdoor play space, garden and ample parking will be provided. Total project cost is \$3.8M.

Expansion Plan

	Current Facility	New Facility
Child Development Center	30	64
Parents as Teachers	24	48

Project Status

- Community Development Block Grant awarded to purchase property & predevelopment costs
- 10% Design completed
- RurAL CAP secured funds for purchase & closed on the property
- Signed contract to begin zoning & platting process
- Project recognized as one of top three priorities for non-housing CDBG
- MOA Assembly passed a resolution indicating this project is an Anchorage priority
- Requested endorsement from Governor Parnell for \$800,000 request from state capital budget
- Discussions have occurred with several private foundations

New Facility Description

Building Total.....	7,640 ft ²
• Toddler Classrooms (2)	700 ft ² each
• Preschool Rooms (2)	940 ft ² each
• Gross motor area	940 ft ²
• Family Room	213 ft ²
• Kitchen	190 ft ²
• Office space (2)	150 ft ² each
• Playground/Garden.....	3,460 ft ²



10% Design

For further information contact Debi Baldwin, Child Development Division Director,
 at dbaldwin@ruralcap.com or 907-865-7366



BEST BEGINNINGS

Alaska's Early Childhood Investment

April 15, 2009

Mr. David Hardenbergh
Executive Director
Rural Alaska Community Action Program
PO Box 200908
Anchorage, AK 99520

Dear David:

Best Beginnings supports Rural Alaska Community Action Program (RurAL CAP) in their request to the Municipality of Anchorage for funding through the Community Service Block Grant program, to purchase property in order to build a larger Child Development Center in Anchorage. We know this is a valuable and needed service within the community.

Best Beginnings has been partnering with RurAL CAP for the last three years working together to ensure all Alaska children have the support needed to be successful in school and in life. We know one of the important components of this vision is to advocate for affordable, accessible, quality child care. RurAL CAP has been providing this critical service for 30 low income families, with children ages 19 months to preschool in their current location. Like RurAL CAP, we know there are more low-income families that need quality child care for their children so they can go to work knowing their children are safe and well cared for. With a larger Child Development Center, RurAL CAP would be able to serve an additional 40 children, including infants which is a high need in Anchorage.

We know this project is an important one for RurAL CAP and the low-income children and families that you serve. All children deserve to attend a quality child care program if their parents want them to. Best Beginnings supports you in your efforts to raise resources for this project knowing it will benefit the future of our children, our community, and our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Abbe Hensley".

Abbe Hensley
Executive Director

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A public-private partnership that mobilizes people and resources to ensure all Alaska children begin school ready to succeed.

April 14, 2009

David Hardenbergh
Executive Director
Rural Alaska Community Action Program
P.O. Box 200908
Anchorage, AK 99520

Dear Mr. Hardenbergh:

I am writing this letter in support of your proposal to the Municipality of Anchorage for Community Service Block Grant Resources to purchase property to build a larger Child Development Center in Anchorage. The Rural Cap Child Development Center currently serves 30 low income children and this relocation project would more than double the number of children served. Given the lack of quality early care and education programs in the Municipality of Anchorage, I am very excited about your decision to expand your services and I offer the full support of Child Care Connection as you move forward.

Child Care Connection is the Child Care Resource and Referral Network for the State of Alaska and is located in the Municipality of Anchorage. We work to strengthen the early care and education industry by empowering parents, educating child care professionals, and collaborating with communities. Annually, we work with over 6,000 parents to assist them in their search for early care and education programs; we provide training to over 3,000 early care and education professionals to help prepare them for their work with children; and we work with community partners such as Rural Cap to meet the needs of working families and their children. We have a strong and valuable partnership with the Rural Cap Child Development Center and find that you provide high quality services to some of the most vulnerable families in Anchorage. Expansion seems appropriate and necessary as we know that there are close to 40,000 children under age 6 with all of their parents in the workforce and less than 20,000 spaces for children in licensed early care and education programs.

I am in full support of Rural Cap's proposal to expand their Child Development Center. Child Care Connection will provide support through parent referrals, training and technical assistance for staff, and in any other way that seems appropriate. Please feel free to contact me at 907-563-1977 if Child Care Connection can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Candace Winkler, MPA MSW
Chief Executive Officer



Advancing the quality of early education and child development by empowering parents, educating child care professionals, and collaborating with our communities.

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The Honorable Sean Parnell
Governor of Alaska
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October 20, 2010

RE: RurAL CAP Child Care Center request, \$800,000 for capital expansion project

Dear Governor Parnell:

Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc. (RurAL CAP) respectfully requests that the RurAL CAP Child Development Center (CDC) project in Anchorage be included in the capital budget for FY 2011. We would like your endorsement for \$800,000 in state support.

The facility will include two toddler classrooms, two preschool classrooms, a gross motor skills area, two offices, a kitchen, a family room and a playground. This project will allow us to expand childcare services to 30 more children and their families and to support an additional 24 families in the Parents as Teachers (PAT) program. Total children served will be 64 in childcare/early learning and 48 in PAT.

There are approximately 15,800 children in Anchorage who live in families where every parent works. With 273 licensed childcare centers in the municipality offering a total of 9,034 slots, need exceeds availability. Average monthly costs range from \$500-900 per child. A recent study on childcare in Alaska found that in urban areas such as Anchorage, cost is one of the greatest accessibility issues. Finding available and affordable childcare can be a significant barrier for working families.

The CDC provides more than childcare. We also work with each child on reaching appropriate milestones and obtaining school readiness. We help parents with parenting information, referrals to community services and access to technology for research, resume writing, and job searches. We sponsor healthy family activities. Multiple studies have demonstrated that early learning programs can help low-income parents by providing social support, financial assistance, a greater understanding of their children, and practical parenting ideas.

Communities that invest in early childhood learning and care can benefit from lower criminal costs, reduced welfare program costs and savings on future school remedial services. Strong preschool programs lead to higher rates of high school completion, higher educational attainment, higher salaries, and fewer arrests. A 2004 study documented a financial return to society of more than \$16 for every tax dollar invested in early childhood education for low-income preschool age children.

Total project cost is \$3.8M. RurAL CAP has secured \$389,696 for land/predevelopment and has contributed \$15,000 for a 10% design. We will request \$800,000 from private foundations. We have met with Rasmuson Foundation and Murdock Charitable Trust. Both are interested. RurAL CAP is seeking \$1.5M in non-housing CDBG funding through the Municipality of Anchorage. Senator French and Representative Doogan will champion inclusion in the state capital budget for \$800,000. The Anchorage Assembly and the Spenard Community Council have passed resolutions in support of this project as a municipal priority. RurAL CAP will raise \$300,000 through a capital campaign.

We hope you will join us in supporting this worthwhile capital project. For questions about this request please contact Rachel Morse, Development Director, at rmorse@ruralcap.com or 907-865-7366.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Hardenbergh". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light gray rectangular background.

David Hardenbergh
Executive Director

cc: Senator Hollis French
Representative Mike Doogan
Karen Rehfeld