

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: APD Citizens Academy Alumni Assn****Federal Tax ID: 73-1730377****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

Anchorage - Police Department Citizen's Policy Academy Support

State Funding Requested: \$56,150**House District: Anchorage Areawide (16-32)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Coordinate volunteer organizations working with the Anchorage Police Department by providing limited operating expenses, providing safety equipment such as radios, lights, batteries, reflective clothing, hosting coordination meetings, providing incentive awards, and providing public relations handouts such as pens, hats, cups, etc.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$56,150
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$56,150)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

APD has provided office space, computer, e-mail, telephone, and a sworn liason officer for many years. the Volunteer Coordinator position has been filled by a volunteer donating his time for the past 2 1/2 years. This is not cash funding but does represent value.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Anchorage Police Department works with numerous volunteer organizations at various levels of involvement, ranging from direct sponsorship and training, to providing police services in support of volunteer activities such as trail clearing and sexual assault victim support.

These organizations include:

Citizens Police Academy
 Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association
 Community Patrols
 APD Search Team
 Dollars for Dogs
 Alaska Police Chaplaincy
 STAR (Standing Together Against Rape)
 Trail Watch
 Crimestoppers

The Anchorage Police Department provides office space, a computer with e-mail, and supervision by a Lieutenant, who is also the APD Liaison with the Search Team and Citizen's Academy, and supervises the Crimestoppers program.

The Volunteer Coordinator works out of an office at APD headquarters, with the cooperation and support of the APD Public Information Officer. The Volunteer Coordinator is the interface between APD and the volunteer groups, and acts both as their advocate within APD and to monitor their activities in the best interests of the citizens of Anchorage.

The Volunteer Coordinator hosts coordination meetings at APD headquarters approximately every 6 weeks. Attendees include volunteer leadership, APD Command Staff members, and local community leaders including both government and NGOs. This allows the volunteer leadership to interact, and to report on their activities. These meetings provide a forum to recognize individual volunteers, and to familiarize community leaders with the volunteer groups. Some of this funding will support these meetings.

Some of this funding will pay for the Volunteer Coordinator on a fixed amount basis, no benefits. This position is currently unfunded.

We are also requesting funding to set up an awards program for our volunteers. Nominations would be performance based and selected by the individual groups, such as the Federation of Community Patrols, Search Team, etc.

We are also requesting funding to provide limited logistical support including safety equipment, flashlights and batteries, spare radio batteries, reflective clothing, fuel for vehicles, as well as promotional handouts such as pens, caps, cups, and informational literature.

We are also requesting funding to support our Citizen's Police Academy, which we conduct twice per year. Approximately 500 citizens have been graduated from this academy so far, giving these citizens a better understanding of how APD works. The Citizen's Academy is used as a basic training and screening process for all the other volunteer organizations.

Proposed funding is as follows:

Item	Description	Amount
1	50 AWARN radio batteries @ \$75 ea for Search Team, Citizen's Academy Alum.	3750
2	Maintenance for volunteer Chaplains vehicles	5000
3	Safety equipment, flashlights, reflective clothing, promotional handouts	5000
4	Volunteer coordinator fixed amount	35000
5	Awards, meeting expenses for volunteer meetings	2400
6	Funds for Citizen's Police Academy twice yearly	5000

Total: \$56,150

Project Timeline:

This is an on-going project that will go on as long as we continue to provide benefit to the community.

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

These funds will be used for that purpose.

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



Anchorage Police Department Auxiliary

Search Team

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March 2, 2011

Alaska Search & Rescue Association
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Dear Grant Funding Committee Members:

The Anchorage Police Department Auxiliary Search Team is an organization of trained, unpaid volunteers, on call 24/7. The Search Team assists the APD in locating and rendering aid to persons reported missing within the APD service district; and assist any state, local or Federal agency calling on the team through the APD; and may perform services related to: evidence searches, support at public events, and/or assistance to APD in the event of natural or man-made disasters. This grant would enable us and other volunteer organizations, to update our safety equipment, which allowing us to serve the community and work with the agencies more efficiently and effectively.

Our organization, established in 1999, serves the greater Anchorage municipal area, and to date, we have contributing over 7,000 man hours of service to our community, including providing evidence searches, searches for missing children and adults, kidnapped minors, and Project Lifesaver services for chronic wanderers. We were honored by The President's Volunteer Service Award for our work and contributions to the community.

Sincerely,

Shanon Kimball

Assistant Director/Training Coordinator for Anchorage Police Department
Search Team

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of Anchorage**

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March 8, 2011

Michael Smulski
Volunteer Coordinator
Anchorage Police Department
4501 Elmore Drive
Anchorage, AK 99508

Dear Mr. Smulski,

This is a letter of support for your application to the State of Alaska (TPS #55904: APD Citizen's Academy Alumni Assn – Volunteers in Police Service) for funds to support volunteer groups in Anchorage that augment police services. These groups include the SEARCH Team, the Anchorage Citizens' Police Academy, community patrols, chaplains, and Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS). In addition, this project would partially fund the volunteer coordinator position.

The importance of these organizations cannot be understated. The SEARCH Team assists the police in the collection of evidence at crime scenes, and also provides much-needed assets during urban search scenarios (such as a missing child or a wandering elderly person). The Citizens' Police Academy offers a wonderful opportunity for members of the community to learn more about the police department and its activities; many graduates go on to be active members of the Academy's Alumni Association, where they help with security and safety operations at large public events, and provide volunteer support at fund-raising and public awareness events. Community patrols provide a vital role in ensuring the safety of our neighborhoods by acting as the "eyes and ears" of the Anchorage Police Department.

As volunteers ourselves on the Public Safety Advisory Commission, we are all aware of the value to the community provided by these programs, particularly in these times of financial austerity. This is why the Commission voted unanimously at our February 9th meeting to show our support for this funding request.

Thank you and regards,



Sharon Chamard
Vice Chair, Public Safety Advisory Commission

March 7, 2011

Senator Fred Dyson
State Capitol, Room 121
Juneau, AK 99801-1182



RE: APD Citizen's Academy 2012 Grant Application TPS 55904

Dear Senator Dyson and Others Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Standing Together Against Rape, in full support of the Anchorage Police Department's Citizen Academy grant application.

I understand this grant would partially fund a Volunteer Coordinator for the Anchorage Police Department's Volunteers In Public Service (VIPS), as well as making some limited funds available to each group. These groups include critical response teams, such as the Search team and Chaplains, as well as the Anchorage Citizen Academy.

Standing Together Against Rape (STAR) has proudly participated with Volunteers in Public Service for the last two years. STAR operates a 24 hour crisis line, staffed primarily with volunteers. STAR has presented information to the Anchorage Citizen Academy, to inform them of resources available, and to encourage community awareness and bystander intervention to combat sexual violence throughout Anchorage.

STAR fully backs this grant and remains available to provide any support as needed by the Anchorage Police Department in regards to their varied volunteer groups. Thank you for championing this vital cost-saving benefit to the community.

Sincerely,


Keeley Olson
Program Director



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