

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Great Alaska Council, Boy Scouts of America****Federal Tax ID: 920016314****Project Title:****Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

Great Alaska Council, Boy Scouts of America - Quality Facilities for Alaska Youth and Families

State Funding Requested: \$257,520
One-Time Need**House District: Mat-Su Areawide (13-16)****Brief Project Description:**

\$257,520 towards latrine and wash stations at the Denali High Adventure Scout Base. Funding the latrines and wash stations will protect the environment and serve as the basic infrastructure for sanitary camp conditions.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$546,220
Funding Already Secured:	(\$288,700)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$257,520)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

State of Alaska Appropriation: FY 2008, \$188,750 for the project: Denali High Adventure Scout Base Bathroom and Shower Facilities Construction. Used to build the shower facility in the newly constructed multi-purpose building at the base.

Rasmuson Foundation: FY 2008, \$1,000,000

Murdock Trust: FY 2008, \$400,000

HUD: \$940,500

Individual Contributions: \$3,449,753

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Great Alaska Council, Boy Scouts of America requests \$257,520 towards latrine and wash stations at the Denali High Adventure Scout Base. Funding the latrines and wash stations will protect the environment and serve as the basic infrastructure for sanitary camp conditions.

Latrine and wash stations are designed to provide basic campsite sanitary, hygienic and potable water needs. These structures provide basic sanitation and meet the standards for ADA accessible design. Funding will provide for the construction of a sanitation system on the property, maintaining health and safety and protecting the environment throughout the 2,200 acres of Blair Lake located near the Denali State and National Parks.

In full operation, the Denali High Adventure Scout Base is projected to serve 8,000 youth each year with opportunities to experience all the grandeur of Alaska's wilderness in a safe and affordable environment. Program offerings will include whitewater rafting, alpine backpacking, and service projects in the Curry Ridge of both Denali Parks. For many youth, the

experience will be the trip of a lifetime, on par with other high adventure bases, like the Philmont Scout Reservation in New Mexico which serves 20,000 scouts a year, and has a waitlist equally as large.

Project Described Further:

Full funding is needed to complete five latrine and wash stations. Complete funding for bathroom and shower facilities was entered into past legislature but cut in half by Governor Palin. Such funding will match funds being supplied from the Boy Scout's current EPA grant. The 45/55% split has been fulfilled by the Great Alaska Council allowing for the full match by the EPA and providing for a second well and distribution system to the station sites.

Funding the latrines and wash stations at the Denali High Adventure Scout Base will protect the environment and serve as the basic infrastructure for sanitary camp conditions.

Justification:

Maintaining proper health, safety, and environmental standards are priorities of both the State of Alaska and the Boy Scouts of America in managing the land and services offered within the state.

High quality facilities provide for greater customer satisfaction and maintain high standards of service at the base. Furthermore, the measurable consequences of offering nature and outdoor experiences to youth

The base has a greater purpose - to help ensure a better future for the youth of our state. Programs at the base support the Department of Education and Early Development's initiatives under the No Child Left Inside Act. It is in the wall-less classroom of the outdoors where the important life skills of character development, citizenship, and personal fitness will be passed on.

Project Timeline:

July 2011 - July 2012

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

Great Alaska Council, Boy Scouts of America

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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