

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Aleutian Peninsula Broadcasting, Inc.****Federal Tax ID: 92-0077896****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

Aleutian Peninsula Broadcasting, Inc. - Radio Station Repairs and Upgrades

State Funding Requested: \$100,000**House District: 37 / S**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Rebuild leaky exterior wall, replace exterior windows, improve the studio and office spaces and replace the station's vehicle.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$125,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$25,000)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$100,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

830 AM KSDP Radio / Aleutian Peninsula Broadcasting, Inc. receives the bulk of its funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission, as well as private foundations including the Rasmuson Foundation in Anchorage.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

830 AM KSDP Radio / Aleutian Peninsula Broadcasting, Inc. is requesting a state capital grant in the amount of \$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars) to rebuild exterior walls that are leaking and becoming progressively worse; to upgrade exterior windows; to purchase a new station vehicle; and to substantially improve the studios and change the layout of the outer office to accommodate the station's larger operation.

Thirty five thousand dollars will enable the radio station to completely refurbish leaky exterior walls in both the production and on air studios. Stopping the water leaks, which have grown progressively worse and continue to do so, requires rebuilding large sections of the walls and a portion of the roof, areas of which are badly rotted.

When the walls in the production and on air studios are rebuilt, the windows will be replaced. The current windows are not very well insulated allowing for cold drafts to blow through the studios. In addition to not being properly sealed, the windows are of a lighter grade than would be ideal for our climate and situation. The replacement windows will be properly installed and able to withstand some of the most extreme Aleutian weather conditions. Another set of windows in the outer office area suffers from all the same problems and will also be replaced.

Thirty five thousand dollars will be invested in the acquisition and shipping of a replacement station vehicle. The station currently drives a well used Mercury Mountaineer. The vehicle, a circa late 1990s model, is often in need of expensive

**\$100,000
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repairs. Last year, the car required a major servicing to replace an axle broken while driving responsibly on the roads of Sand Point where there are hundreds of trench like potholes. The vehicle has reached the end of its useful life, and the story illustrates the type of heavy use to which the car has been exposed.

Twenty five thousand dollars will be used to affect studio and office layout modifications to accommodate the station's recent growth. The changes will include the soundproofing of the production and on air studios through the placement of heavier, sound deadening glass between the rooms. The one quarter inch thick glass currently separating these two studios fails to adequately block enough sound for both studios to be used simultaneously. A similar upgrade will be made to the window between the on-air studio and outer office.

The workspace in the outer office area will be improved through the enclosure of a back area. This will declutter the outer office common space and allow for a more productive environment. This modification will mean that the same space will be made to feel larger and function as if it were expanded. The new layout will also incorporate more of the same high quality windows at various other points throughout the station, significantly improving the availability of natural light.

Project Timeline:

The money will be spent within months of its being made available. All of the projects are entirely within the station's control in that none requires any sort of regulatory approval. All three project elements should be done within six to twelve months of the funds becoming available.

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

830 AM KSDP Radio / Aleutian Peninsula Broadcasting, Inc.

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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