

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Mat-Su Service for Children and Adults****Federal Tax ID: 92-0107450****Project Title:****Project Type: Planning and Research**

Mat-Su Service for Children and Adults - Design, Planning, Remodel and Equipment purchase

State Funding Requested: \$460,300**House District: 14 / G**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Plan, design, upgrade or construct an 18,000 square foot structure to house the Service Center for MSSCA'S operations and community-based specialized services to the developmentally disabled population in the Mat-Su Borough.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$5,887,800
Funding Already Secured:	(\$217,800)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	(\$460,300)
Project Deficit:	\$5,209,700

Funding Details:

MSSCA has not been a recipient of state capital funds in it's 25 year history.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Unless other suitable property becomes available the project includes acquisition of 5 acres of land from Mat-Su Mental Health Services and preparation of the site for building including soils tests, clearing and grubbing and etc. Currently the recipient is functioning from rented buildings providing approximately 11,200 gross square feet of space used for administration and service delivery to approximately 1,850 individuals with developmental disabilities in the large Mat-Su Borough.

This project, as planned, would include approximately 18,000 square feet on 5 acres of land co-located on the adjoining property with Mat-Su Mental Health or other sites that may be acceptable. The site is serviced with power from Matanuska Electric Association, natural gas for heating the structure from Enstar Natural Gas Company and sewer and water are owner provided.

MSSCA is the largest non-profit employer in the Mat-Su Valley with over 250 employees.

Space planning is based on a growth factor of 2% per year for 10 years. The organization is now paying \$168,000. annually in rent plus insurance. The savings from this project will provide adequate funds of offset O/M cost and have a surplus that would be employed in program delivery.

Project Timeline:

2011 design and purchase and 2012 construction.

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

MSSCA.

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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



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About Us

MSSCA's core purpose statement is SUPPORT FULL LIVES. Our agency's core values include: person-centered services, choice by those we serve, respectfulness, honor diversity, quality service, and teamwork.

Origins

MSSCA, a 501(c)(3) non-profit agency, was formed in January of 1985 as Mat-Su Children's Services, Inc. by a small group of community volunteers who believed in providing community-based specialized services to families with young children. At that time, the agency assumed responsibility for the Mat-Su Infant Learning Program. The Infant Learning Program (ILP) provides home-based services to families with a child between the ages of birth and three years old, who has either a diagnosed developmental disability, a delay in development, or is at risk for such a developmental delay.

MSSCA Changes and Grows

In January, 1987, the agency changed its name to Mat-Su Services for Children and Adults, Inc. (MSSCA). The primary reason for the name change was to demonstrate MSSCA's belief that a continuum of services should be offered locally. This concept has several practical implications, most importantly; persons needing life long services would have one local agency with whom to look for support.

In July, 1987 the Supported Employment and Living Services (SELS), which includes supported employment, supported living, respite, care coordination and family support services joined the agency.

Opportunities

Beginning July 1998, MSSCA was chosen to be a member agency of United Way of Mat-Su. This has provided new opportunities for funding unmet needs for MSSCA consumers and expanded public awareness of the agency and the services we provide in our community. Applications are submitted to United Way annually, reflecting the current needs of our consumers.

In May of 2002, MSSCA was awarded a grant to support the Fetal Alcohol Resource Project. This project provides diagnosis and referrals for individuals prenatally exposed to alcohol and their families. This team of volunteers are dedicated to educating our community about prenatal alcohol exposure and improving the lifetime outcomes for those individuals.

Board of Directors

MSSCA is governed by a Board of Directors. These Board members are community volunteers who represent a cross section of skills, interest and experience. The Board of Directors are legally and financially responsible for the agency. A monthly business meeting is held and is open to the public.