

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Ketchikan Little League****Federal Tax ID: 521234703****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

# Ketchikan Little League - Baseball and Softball Indoor Training Facility

**State Funding Requested: \$200,000****House District: 1 / A**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Project will construct a training facility to accomodate baseball/softball clinics and house visiting teams.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$200,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$200,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Project will fund construction of a training facility to accommodate baseball and softball clinics, as well as to house visiting teams. The existing Quonset hut on the site will be minimally renovated for use as an interim batting cage while the facility is being constructed.

This facility would fulfill a major void for the student activities for the School District. Traveling teams are currently housed with local families. It can be a difficult task to place hundreds of youths and with the addition of a dormitory, visiting teams would have a place to stay.

With this facility, Ketchikan will have the ability to host baseball and softball clinics as well as visiting teams. The influx of visitors, especially during the off season, will make the facility another economic factor in our local economy.

The training facility and dormitories will enhance the baseball and softball leagues and will have positive effects on our economy. The health benefits are also numerous and will give our youth another opportunity to succeed. This recreation area will be a more adequate facility that will allow youth to gather and participate in a "sports type" atmosphere.

The Ketchikan Gateway Borough tries to diversify its recreational programs to meet the needs of the community. Baseball has been one of those needs for many years. In the early years of the twentieth century, the baseball field was located on the tidal flats at the mouth of Ketchikan Creek, which was free of saltwater only twice a day. Finally in the 1920's a new field was constructed, Walker Field, which is now a multi-sport field used for baseball, football and soccer. The proposed training facility will be located next to Walker Field.

**Project Timeline:**

FY12-FY13

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

Ketchikan Gateway Borough

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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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