

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Federal Tax ID: 920059987****Project Title:****Project Type: Planning and Research**

Anchorage - Southcentral Law Enforcement Tactical Range-Phase II

State Funding Requested: \$1,500,000**House District: Anchorage Areawide (16-32)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

The South Central Law Enforcement Tactical Range & Training Facility, a campus of the Arctic Public Safety Training Institute (PSTI), will be a dedicated outdoor shooting facility with four individual ranges of different sizes to accommodate various types of firearms and simultaneous training of multiple agencies.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$1,500,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$1,500,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The South Central Law Enforcement Tactical Range & Training Facility, a campus of the Arctic Public Safety Training Institute (PSTI), will be a dedicated outdoor shooting facility with four individual ranges of different sizes to accommodate various types of firearms and simultaneous training of multiple agencies. The facility will enable area law enforcement personnel to maintain firearms proficiency in a safe setting, and to engage in realistic tactical training in a more appropriate venue.

The South Central Law Enforcement Tactical Range & Training Facility will enable adequate long gun and tactical training for area law enforcement personnel. This will make area law enforcement agencies more effective in protecting the public. Such training is especially important in today's public safety threat environment. As an international crossroads and hub for Alaska, South Central Law Enforcement must be trained to respond to a broad spectrum of public safety threats. The South Central Law Enforcement Tactical Range is a key component to providing this critical training.

Since October 2004, a coalition of agencies has been working cooperatively on the project. The coalition has been successful in its public facility site selection process that began in 2007. The site unanimously approved by the Zoning and Planning Commission is adjacent to the Birchwood Public Shooting Range.

There is currently no outdoor firing range for law enforcement in the Anchorage area. An indoor range operated by the Anchorage Police Department supports primarily handgun training and is limited to 25 yards. Law enforcement training with long guns (i.e. rifles and shotguns) is currently being conducted at the one available private range in the area and at Fort

Richardson Army Post. Demand for range time by the primary users of these facilities has left law enforcement without a reliable location to conduct proficiency and tactical training. This has led to an inefficient and inconsistent firearms training program.

Inadequate training with long guns by law enforcement personnel leaves them less prepared to protect the public and opens both individual officers and their agencies to tremendous civil liability.

Project Timeline:

Improvements to be funded with the 2012 grant area expected to occur primarily in 2013 and 2014.

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

Municipality of Anchorage

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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