

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development
Grants to Unincorporated Communities (AS 37.05.317)

Grant Recipient: Karluk

Federal Tax ID: 92-0071173

Project Title:

Project Type: Equipment and Materials

Karluk - Pre-Pay Electrical System

State Funding Requested: \$50,000
 One-Time Need

House District: 36 / R

Brief Project Description:

The pre-pay system will allow residents to pre-pay for their electricity use, allowing the Karluk Power Company to operate more efficiently.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$50,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$50,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

No prior funding history.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The pre-pay system is a more efficient way to manage an electrical company, particularly in rural Alaska, as it is much easier to collect money prior to the use of electricity than after. Not only do customers appreciate the knowledge of what they are paying for, they are also able to find funds to pay their electrical bill when it is required up front.

The requested funding reflects the upgrades Karluk has applied for, or already has acquired to assist with making the pre-paid system more efficient. The upgrades will ensure the local utility will have sufficient power to utilize the new pre-paid system. The pre-paid system will assist in the collection and management of the electrical utilities. Each of the mentioned components will compliment one another in Karluk's goal to offer more efficient power to the community. The long-term utilization of this system will provide sustainability and administrative capacity for the community.

The \$34,000 is already secured by the Alaska Energy Authority to complete the utility upgrades. The \$600,000 is the Tribes application to the Housing and Urban Development (ICDBG) program to be applied for renewable resource development and green power. It is the intention of Karluk to develop an electrical program, which includes a wind diesel highbred to help power the pre-paid metering system.

Project Timeline:

If the Tribal Council received the funds the project would occur within the first three months of receipt of the funds.

1.) The prepay meters would be ordered as soon as the funds were allotted to the community of Karluk. (\$50,000)

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

The Karluk IRA Traditional Council

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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