

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Sterling Area Senior Citizens, Inc.****Federal Tax ID: 94-3100045****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

Sterling Area Senior Citizens, Inc. - Garage for Storage and Work Shop

State Funding Requested: \$300,000**House District: Kenai Areawide (33-35)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

The Sterling Senior Center has been in need of additional storage, and a workshop for a very long time. Sterling Priority #1.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$300,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$300,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

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Project Timeline:

To be determined

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

Sterling Area Senior Citizens, Inc.

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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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



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

Year 2012 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: STERLING

Funding Recipient: Sterling Area Senior Citizens, Inc.

Project Name: Garage for Storage and Work Shop

Project Priority
Ranking: 1

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Funding Request:	\$	300,000	Election District:	Senate:	Q
Total Project Cost:	\$	300,000		House:	34

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How did the Community select this project as a funding priority?

A community meeting was held on October 17th at 6:00pm. Approximately 100 Sterling residents attended the meeting and chose this project as the 1st priority in Sterling.

If a Community Meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?

Notices for the community meeting were put in the local newspaper and our newsletter. Additionally, the other main organizations in Sterling were contacted regarding the meeting. It was held on October 17th at 6:00pm at the Sterling Senior Center.

Who owns the property and what is the status of the land for the project?

Sterling Area Senior Citizens owns the property.

Who will own the project or facility?

Sterling Area Senior Citizens.

Entity responsible for ongoing operation and maintenance of this project:

Sterling Area Senior Citizens.

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?

The operations and maintenance will be primarily funded through donations, volunteer work, and fundraisers.