

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

Grant Recipient: Minto

Federal Tax ID: 92-6002702

Project Title:

Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition

Minto - Minto Independent Elder Housing Project

State Funding Requested: \$200,000
 One-Time Need

House District: 6 / C

Brief Project Description:

To provide decent independent living elders housing so that elders can live in place at Minto Village.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$1,200,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	(\$200,000)
Project Deficit:	\$1,000,000

Funding Details:

Funding requests are planned for 2012 to HUD and AHFC which require "match" contribution. This CIP request will provide the required "match".

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Minto Traditional Council is working with Tanana Chiefs Conference to raise funding from various sources to construct five (5) units of housing designed to accommodate the lifestyles of Minto elders. According to the a Council survey of Minto residents, 14% of the village's population is senior citizens residing year-round at Minto. It has been the Village Council's observation through its community planning activities that Village elders wish to remain in their Village so that they can be near friends and family but they also require decent housing that is conducive to their special needs as elderly persons. In some cases, elders require supportive services which both TCC and the Village Council can provide including a Elders Nutrition Program, transportation, home care services and primary health care services.

The Council believes that the Village of Minto faces severe housing needs for its elders, if not remedied, will ultimately lead to out-migration of elders to distant locations where suitable housing exists. The loss of these elders and their base of cultural knowledge may negatively impact Shageluk and could be an impediment to both the physical and social development of the Village and have made the following findings:

1)"The majority of elders residing in the Village face very difficult, overcrowded, or inadequate living circumstances, causing undo social stress on families and the community. The resulting relocation of our elders to those regional centers where they may obtain centralized assisted/independent housing robs our villages of precious resources: oral history, wise and experienced counsel, and our most respected leaders."

2)"The majority of the identified elders are either low or very low income due to the traditional subsistence lifestyle, so integral to the Village culture. Village residents, especially elders, do not participate to a significant degree in the cash economy. As a result, did not participate to a significant degree in cash generating employment and as a result, retirement

savings and social security benefits are minimal."

Implementation Plan: To meet the need for decent elderly appropriate housing at Minto, the Council and TCC will utilize the requested \$200,000 CIP as "match" to applications for additional funding from HUD's Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG), AHFC, and Rasmuson Foundation.

- 1) The housing will be a five-plex with each living unit having one bedroom and a total of approximately 660 square feet of private living space. Each living unit is designed for independent living and has accessibility features to accommodate wheel chair movement if needed.
- 2) The four-plex will include a common gathering room where elders can interact with each other and with visitors. There will also be shared laundry and storage.
- 3) The five-plex will be built to the State of Alaska's "Five Star" energy standards which will result in low heating expenses.
- 4) The choice of a five-plex, multi-unit building versus single family housing for elders was decided upon through a series of community meetings and resulted in attempting to take advantage of a number benefits gained by a multi-unit living approach. Elders will be able to rely on each other for assistance if needed. They will be able to share activities and socialize on a regular basis. Elders will not have to bare the burden of upkeep required of living in a single-family homes. The choice of a five-plex multi-unit facility versus single family housing will also result in significant cost savings in terms of heating, maintenance, and is also less costly from a total construction cost standpoint.

The Council will be starting pre-development activities summer,2012 in order to get ready for fall-time grant funding opportunities. Almost all CIP expenditures will take place in 2012 but an approved CIP is needed this year to use a proven "match" in upcoming funding applications.

Project Timeline:

Project planning and fund raising will take place during 2012 and construction will be carried out during 2013.

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

The Minto Village Council will manage the project including O&M responsibilities.

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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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RESOLUTION NUMBER 2012 - 01

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FY2013 CIP FUNDING FOR THE MINTO ELDER INDEPENDENT LIVING HOUSING PROJECT (1st. Priority)

WHEREAS, it is the Minto Traditional Council's mission, purpose and vision is to improve the health and welfare of the residents of Minto, and

WHEREAS, Minto Village has a number elders who desire to continue living in the village but lack decent housing designed to support elder independent living, and

WHEREAS, new housing availability from the Interior Regional Housing Authority will not be available to Minto until 2019 and as a result, Minto Traditional Council must seek other housing funds, and


WHEREAS, the Minto Traditional Council has indentified federal funding sources such as HUD's Indian Community Development Block Grant and 202 Independent Supportive Elder Housing Programs which requires "match" cash contributions in order to obtain funding from these sources, and

WHEREAS, the Minto Traditional Council desires to apply to federal programs during 2012 and requires a \$200,000 FY2013 Legislative CIP to be used as "cash match" to leverage these federal housing funding programs, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minto Traditional Council hereby certifies that it has received and considered citizen comments and hereby declares that the planned Minto Elder Independent Living Housing Project is a village community development priority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Minto TRADITIONAL Council hereby respectfully requests a Legislative CIP appropriation in the amount of \$200,000 for the purpose of leveraging federal housing funding sources to implement the Minto Elder Independent Living Housing Project during 2012-- 2013.

This resolution was duly adopted by the Minto Traditional Council at a meeting held at the Village Council's office in Minto, Alaska on the 3rd. day of February, 2012 by the following vote: Ayes 3, Nays 0, Abstain 0.


Lori Baker - First Chief

Attest

