

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**

**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)**

**Grant Recipient: Ruby Tribal Council**

**Federal Tax ID: 92-004578**

**Project Title:**

**Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

# Native Village of Ruby - Altona Brown New Health Clinic Project

**State Funding Requested: \$171,000**

**House District: 6 / C**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

To provide a modern health clinic for the village of Ruby.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$1,900,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$171,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$1,729,000

*Funding Details:*

*CIP funding will be used to leverage federal, state and foundation funding to construct a new clinic at Ruby.*

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The City of Rudy has been working with the Denali Commission and the ANTHC to plan for a new 1,667 s.f. primary health care which has an estimated total development cost estimate of \$1,900,000. However, the Denali Commission no longer has clinic construction funding and the City will be seeking alternative federal and foundation funding to build the planned new clinic. For the City to receive federal and foundation funding, the City must provide cash match. As a result, the City is requesting a \$250,000 Legislative Capital Improvement Project (CIP) appropriation to provide part of required match funding to obtain funding from the State Community Development Block Grant Program and Rasmuson Foundation. In addition, the City will be requesting \$250,000 from the Indian Health Services Tribal Health Equipment program for the purpose of equipping the planned Ruby Health Care Clinic and this will be used as match along with this CIP request. Finally, the City will work cooperatively with Ruby Tribal Council to apply to the Indian Community Development Block Grant program to fund the remaining of the project budget. The funding breakdown is as follows:

FY2013 CIP: \$ 171,000  
 State CDBG: \$ 850,000  
 IHS TEF: \$ 250,000  
 HUD ICDBG: \$ 500,000  
 Rasmuson: \$ 179,000  
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 \$1,900,000

The planned Ruby Health Care Clinic will provide a "one-stop" primary health care services facility for the residents of Ruby

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**\$171,000  
 Approved**

(180 population). The planned new building will be designed to house the following health care services:

- Primary health care clinic
- Behavioral health services program
- Dedicated dental room

The planned Ruby Health Care Clinic will provide useful facility space at the least cost by replacing the existing clinic building which is inferior, too small, energy inefficient and has been recommended for replacement by the Denali Commission's "Code and Conditions" survey of it. The planned new health care clinic will provide the following spaces:

Purpose	Room Space
1) 1 each CHAP/Itinerant Exam Rooms	= 150 sq. ft.
2) 1 each Behavioral Health Room	= 188 sq. ft.
2) Clinic Waiting Room	= 163 sq. ft.
3) Clinic Office	= 165 sq. ft.
4) Dental Room	= 155 sq. ft.
5) 1 each Unisex/Handicapped Toilets	= 110 sq. ft.
6) Janitor Closet	= 40 sq. ft.
7) Pharmacy Area	= 55 sq. ft.
8) Mechanical/Electrical	= 70 sq. ft.
9) Itinerant Quarters/kitchen/laundry	= 269 sq. ft.
10) Hallways/Arctic Entry	= 302 sq. ft.
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	Total Space: 1,667 sq. ft.

**Needs Statement**

The existing clinic has lack of storage space, lack of adequate medical supplies storage, is not an ADA accessible facility and has no trauma room which prevents the staff from providing to the Village an appropriate level of daily and emergency services according the Denali Commission sponsored "Code and Conditions" survey of the facility. This survey also indicated that the existing clinic has marginal insulation in the floors, walls and roof and is energy inefficient. Due to the above deficiencies and others, the "Code and Conditions" survey recommended that the existing clinic be replaced with a 1500 s.f. modern clinic following Denali Commission "clinic prototype" design and criteria.

The present clinic (990 square feet) is in in an inactive status due to its severe deterioration. The existing clinic is too small and the "Code and Conditions Survey" noted the following:

Arctic Entries: The arctic entry for the building is the entry vestibule. It is in satisfactory condition but is smaller than guideline requirements as follows:

Waiting Room: The waiting room is too small and functions marginally. There is no supervision of the waiting area.

Trauma/Tele-med: None provided.

Office/Exam: The exam room is small but functional.

Administration/Records: None provided.

Patient Holding/Sleep: None provided.

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Ancillary Spaces: There are no ancillary spaces.

Specialty Clinics: None provided.

Pharmacy/Lab: None provided.

Handicapped: Toilet Room: The toilet room lacks sufficient clear space for handicapped accessibility, in addition to non-accessible fixtures.

Storage: None provided

Janitor Closet: The janitor closet is located in the mechanical room.

Need for New Clinic:

The City of Ruby has determined that securing a modern clinic in the Village is needed to establish and enhance health services that are essential to the future well being of Village residents and for the orderly development of Ruby. The planned Ruby Health Clinic (1667 square feet) fulfills the one City of Ruby's community development priorities identified in the 2008 Ruby Community Plan and it will directly improve the health and welfare of Village residents. To fulfill these needs, the City of Ruby is seeking funding through a number of funding sources to construct the planned Ruby Health Clinic.

As described in this business plan, there is not adequate functional facility space at the existing 990 square foot clinic and which also has a number of deficiencies that impede effective health care service delivery. The existing clinic's "Code and Conditions Survey" report concludes; "The lack of adequate space for medical supplies, the lack of trauma room, and the lack of additional work spaces prevent the staff from providing the level of care needed on a daily and emergency basis." In addition, the City of Ruby through its community planning process has embraced a long-term community development strategy to relocate and/or develop new community facilities and infrastructure to higher elevations out of the 100 year flood zone area of the Village.

As discussed above, the general lack of decent, modern clinic facility space in Ruby is hindering the performance of primary health care services and as a result, the health and welfare of Village residents is being harmed and threatened.

Project Timeline

	Project Period 2012 ----- 2013							
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr
	JFM	AMJ	JAS	OND	JFM	AMJ	JAS	OND
CDBG, ICDBG, Rasmuson awards						X		
IHS Grant approved					X			
Fire Marshal Approval			X					
Materials delivery						X		
Foundation installation						X		
Exterior Construction						X	-----	X
Project interior completion							X	-----
Furnishings/equipment installed								X- --X
Project start-up							X	
Final report to funders							X	
A-133 Audit Completed								X

**Project Timeline:**

Pre-development work and funding raising will take place during 2011 with construction to take place during 2012.

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

City of Ruby

**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

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RESOLUTION 12-05

Capital Improvement Project Proposal  
Request for Funds to Establish  
A Matching Fund for a New Clinic  
At Ruby, Alaska

**WHEREAS,** the community of Ruby desires a new health clinic facility; and

**WHEREAS,** the at a public meeting the community identified the need for a new clinic facility in its 2011/12 Ruby Community Plan; and

**WHEREAS,** The Ruby Tribal Council, City of Ruby, and Dineega Corporation signed a Memorandum of Understanding in 2005 that is currently expired and to which the parties still function in the spirit of the MOU; and

**WHEREAS,** The RTC and City of Ruby continue under the spirit of the MOU to foster cooperation, coordination and communication for addressing education, public health, economic development, roads, resource uses and other activities relating to the interests of public in Ruby; and

**WHEREAS,** the community of Ruby does not have a clinic facility to provide health services, and

**WHEREAS,** Altona Brown Health Clinic which served as a facility for many years deteriorated beyond use; and

**WHEREAS,** The Indian Health Service through the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortia did an evaluation of the Altona Brown Health Clinic facility and determined the building to be inadequate to provide community health care services; and

**WHEREAS,** In the continuance of basic health services the City of Ruby moved the health care office and equipment into a two bedroom apartment as a temporary facility to provide health services; and

**WHEREAS,** this temporary facility has inadequate space requirements but is the best place available at the moment; and



**WHEREAS,** Lab services are provided in the kitchen area, one bedroom is dedicated as an exam room and the other bedroom dedicated as an office/storage space for medical supplies and products, the client intake area is in the living room where an old couch and coffee table serve as a work area for the intake of patients, the kitchen table serves as office table and health practice like blood draws are done, the entrance to the apartment is through a dog leg and it is impossible to get a stretcher into the clinic and stretcher patients are cared for in a heated ambulance; and

**WHEREAS,** It has been well over two years since the old clinic has been out of service; and

**WHEREAS,** The Ruby Tribal Council and City of Ruby have both contacted the Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc. to solicited health consulting services; and

**WHEREAS,** Tanana Chief Conference, Inc. on behalf of the Ruby Tribal Council submitted a Indian Community Development Block Grant whose requirements for award asks for matching funds; and

**WHEREAS,** The Ruby Tribal Council match for an ICDBG is one hundred seventy one thousand dollars (\$171,000) which we do not have; and

**WHEREAS,** the proposal submitted for an ICDBG was not awarded; and

**WHEREAS,** The Ruby Tribal Council on behalf of the community of Ruby desires to start a Ruby Clinic Match Fund account to better qualify for an ICDBG proposal or a match any other funds being sought for the construction of a new clinic in Ruby.

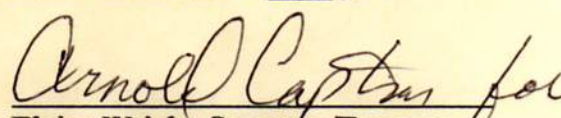
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Ruby Tribal Council request that the Alaska State Legislature to appropriate to the Ruby Tribal Council a CIP award of one hundred seventy one thousand dollars (\$171,000) to assist the community to set up a match fund for the design and construction of a new health clinic.

**Certification**

Adopted this February 2, 2012 by the Ruby Tribal Council via a vote of 10 yes,

0 no, + 0 abstain.

  
Edna Peters, First Chief

  
Elaine Wright, Secretary/Treasure