

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)

Grant Recipient: PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center

Federal Tax ID: 92-0016490

Project Title:

Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center - Ketchikan Medical Center Chemotherapy Infusion Center

State Funding Requested: \$55,000

House District: 1 / A

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Remodel and equip two rooms to serve as a dedicated Chemotherapy Infusion Center

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$55,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	(\$55,000)
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:
 \$55,000 in state funding is requested in FY 2013 to remodel and equip two rooms to serve as a dedicated Chemotherapy Infusion Center.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

As the sole provider of chemotherapy and infusion services in southern Southeast Alaska, PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center (KMC) is committed to continuing to offer services that are necessary to treat a wide range of cancer treatment needs. Over the years, the number of patients receiving chemotherapy and infusion services at KMC has steadily increased. Last year, 84 patients were treated receiving 324 encounters of chemotherapy and infusion therapy services. Of those patients, over fifty percent received three or more encounters and over twenty percent of patients received six or more encounters during calendar year 2010.

Patient Gender

Gender#%
 Female5060
 Male3440
 TOTAL84100

Age Distribution

Years#%
 18 and under
 22
 19 - 441214
 45 -- 603441
 Over 603643

For use by Co-chair Staff Only:

\$55,000
Approved

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TOTAL84100

Patient Residency

Service Area *#%

Primary 74 88

Secondary 78

Not Available34

TOTAL84100

KMC offers patients the opportunity to receive life saving, palliative care and hospice care at or near home, with the support of family and friends, under the care of their personal health care providers.

Currently, two inpatient rooms located between the Intensive Care Unit and Medical/Surgical Inpatient Unit are used for chemotherapy and infusion therapies. This location was initially selected as it was the best space available fifteen years ago when the service was initiated. Today, with growing patient volumes and relocation of some functions offsite, a new space has been identified -- adjacent to the Medical /Surgical Unit but not within, close to public elevators and accessible from the main covered parking, with water views, and adequate space to provide patient privacy and comfort.

The total project has an estimated cost of \$55,000.00 and will involve:

- Remodeling two rooms (including painting, flooring and trim).
- Equipping and furnishing the suite with new recliners, IV pumps and other needed equipment, fixtures and furnishings.

The result will be:

- A well-equipped, comfortable room with views to the channel and space to care for two to three patients in recliners with an area for a family member or friend.
- A private room with a water view equipped with a bed to care for patients who have greater needs or desire privacy.
- Dedicated ADA patient bathroom available to both patient care rooms.
- A second patient bathroom with shower in the private patient room.
- A nurse work area with excellent visibility and access to all patient care spaces.
- Equipment and furnishings to support current practice and delivery of care.

KMC provides the highest level of medical services in southern Southeast Alaska delivering scheduled and emergency care to residents and visitors throughout Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Metlakatla, Prince of Wales Island, Wrangell and Petersburg. Serving a primary and secondary service area population of 35,000, KMC is relied on for and delivers a wide range of inpatient and outpatient surgical procedures supported by an array of diagnostic imaging and other clinical support.

If KMC cannot deliver chemotherapy and infusion services, patients will be required to travel out of town, generally to the Lower 48. If this were to occur, the result would be serious hardship for Alaskan families (especially for those with minimal economic means) with increased costs, disruptions to family life and work, and in some cases, delays in receiving life saving care. Support from the state is critical to maintain and improve the quality of healthcare in southern Southeast Alaska.

This project addresses a number of focus areas including Infrastructure, Economic Development, Investment in the Future, and Support for Essential Services. Specifically, this project

- Supports the community oncology program allowing the broadest scope of services to be available locally that are feasible and sustainable.

- Allows KMC to continue to provide services and support to other area health care providers including two smaller rural hospitals, KIC Tribal Health Clinic, Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium, US Coast Guard and private practice physicians and health care providers throughout southern SE Alaska and their constituent patient population.
- Critical to our community's overall health and economy, influencing and impacting businesses and industry.

COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES (CEDs):

KMC currently employs over 400 staff and carries an annual average payroll of \$27.5 million. In addition, KMC's local purchases of food and supplies as well as the direct and indirect impacts on lodging, restaurant and other support services are significant.

The ability to provide a spectrum of oncology services in Ketchikan benefits local employers and businesses as employees and possibly family members or friends do not have to travel out of town, sometimes for weeks at a time, to receive this care. As a regional medical center for southern Southeast Alaska, KMC also brings out of town patients to our community, generating travel, hotel, food and other service business.

Project Timeline:

Upon receipt of funding.

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

PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center

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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