

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation****Federal Tax ID: 92-0041414****Project Title:****Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation - Regional Phillips Ayagnirvik Treatment Center

State Funding Requested: \$12,650,000**House District: Southwest Region (36-38)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

The current Phillips Ayagnirvik Treatment Center (PATC) is inadequate for providing residential alcohol and drug treatment in the Y-K Delta. The new facility would allow for needed program expansion to provide quality alcohol treatment care for both genders, including much needed space for counseling, assessment and supportive services.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$12,810,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$160,000)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$12,650,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

N/A

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Implements Governor Parnell's "Choose Respect" Initiative

By treating chronic alcoholics and drug users, the Regional PATC carry's out Governor Parnell's Priority, "Choose Respect" initiative by preventing domestic violence and sexual assaults against women. Although open to everyone, PATC is a key partner of the Bethel Therapeutic Court and has assisted many clients with graduation from this successful and rigorous program.

A 2004 study of domestic violence and sexual assaults in Alaska, found that "alcohol was involved in 59 percent of domestic violence incidents reported to Troopers." Marny Rivera, et al., Assaults in Domestic Violence Incidents Reported to Alaska State Troopers, Alaska Justice Forum, v. 25, n. 3, p. 7, University of Alaska Anchorage (Fall 2008). Unfortunately, a 2011 study estimated that in Alaska 26.8% of women over their lifetime will experience one alcohol or drug involved sexual assault. See Brad A. Myrstor, et al., Alaska Victimization Survey: Detailed Responses to Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Violence Questions, p. 3 (2011) at <http://justice.uaa.alaska.edu/research/2010/1004.victimization/1004.06.av.s.dhss2.pdf>. Indeed,

"[m]embers of Alaska's law enforcement community and others who are part of Alaska's criminal justice system have long known that the greatest contributing factor to violent crimes, including domestic violence and sexual assault, is drug and

alcohol abuse. It is also widely recognized that many of the accidental deaths that occur in Alaska are related to alcohol use. This is especially true in the western regions of the state and is clearly shown through statistics drawn from the Alaska State Trooper case management system. Of all cases initiated by the Alaska State Troopers in 2010, 37% involved drugs and/or alcohol. Of all violent crime cases, 61.9% involved drugs and/or alcohol." See Alaska State Troopers Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement: 2010 Annual Drug Report, p. 5 at <http://dps.alaska.gov/AST/abade/docs/2010ABADEAnnualReport.pdf>.

A replacement facility for the Regional PATC will allow quality alcohol and drug treatment to continue as well as expand in a region of the State where it is most needed.

Project Justification

- Implements Governor Parnell's "Choose Respect" Initiative in Western Alaska.
- The new facility would provide for quality residential treatment, counseling and assessment for men and women.
- The aging facility was built in the 1980's and was not designed as a residential treatment facility for both genders. The new facility would accommodate separate wings for men and women, supportive services and welcome regional and statewide referrals for treatment.
- There are currently 13 women on a wait list for treatment and 36 women waiting to be assessed, including pregnant women who seek treatment opportunities from substance and alcohol abuse.
- YKHC has a building designed that could be easily adapted to accommodate the above needs.
- The current PATC has a staff of 22. A new PATC would create 3-6 additional jobs. Twenty jobs would be created to construct the facility. We also anticipate construction opportunities for members of the YUUT apprenticeship program.
- YKHC has secured land for this project.

Project Timeline:

Initial site preparation and purchases will occur immediately upon received funding in the fall and winter of 2012; Materials would be barged in summer of 2013 with construction to commence thereafter and continuing through 2014.

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

Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation

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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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January 11, 2012

Re: Letter of Support for YKHC's Legislative Priorities

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Bethel, located on the Kuskokwim River, is the largest community in Western Alaska with approximately 6,000 residents. I write this letter to support the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation's (YKHC) legislative priorities to the State of Alaska.

After reviewing YKHC's three legislative priorities, they clearly are community priorities and will be beneficial to the City of Bethel, its residents and the entire region of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. YKHC's legislative priorities are:

1. The Regional Phillips Ayagnirvik Treatment Center;
2. Operating Funds for the Sobering Center; and
3. The Regional Medical Supply and Emergency Preparedness Warehouse.

All three priorities will provide valuable community services, numerous construction and full-time employment opportunities.

Sincerely,

CITY OF BETHEL

Lee Foley, City Manager