

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Matanuska-Susitna Borough****Federal Tax ID: 92-0030816****Project Title:****Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

# Matanuska-Susitna Borough - Talkeetna Public Library & Community Resource Center

**State Funding Requested: \$2,742,434****House District: Mat-Su Areawide (13-16)**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

A new 7,840 sq ft Talkeetna Public Library/Community Resource Center will provide needed and requested services to children and adults. Further, it will provide a needed community space for local organizations and the expansion of current community programs. The new facility will be energy efficient and will meet ADA as well as other building codes.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$5,484,868
Funding Already Secured:	(\$300,000)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	(\$2,742,434)
Project Deficit:	\$2,442,434

*Funding Details:**2007 -- Borough land -- \$200,000.**2011 -- Foraker -- pre-development \$50,000.**2011 -- Rasmuson Foundation -- LOI -- \$500,000.**2012 -- Mat-Su Health Foundation -- project pitch accepted and full grant applicaiton requested -- \$135,000.**2011/12 -- Friends of the Talkeetna Library -- committment to raise \$50,000.**FY2013 -- Matanuska Susitna Borough -- \$1,800,000.**Ongoing -- grant requests to major foundations ongoing.***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Talkeetna Public Library, which serves four rural/remote communities (Chase, Talkeetna, Skwentna, and Susitna North (previously known as Sunshine or Y) is too small to adequately serve the needs of its service area. Compounding this issue is the dramatic use increase during the summer months occasioned by tourism.

The building itself is cobbled together with a 1950's era house and a 1985 addition and meets neither ADA, seismic, structural or flood plain requirements. Retrofitting the facility is not feasible from either a cost or use standpoint.

The need for the new facility has been documented since 1999, and there is strong community support. In order to determine the correct size of a feasible and sustainable public service, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, the Friends of the Talkeetna Library, the Rasmuson Foundation, and the Foraker Pre-development program have worked in partnership to identify a building of 7,840 square feet that will meet the communities' and region's needs for the next 20 years. Total project costs, including in-kind are estimated at \$5,484,868. In recognition of the few public services in the region, and the fact that this facility is far more than a library, the name of the new facility will be the Talkeetna Public Library/Community

Resource Center. A draft of the Foraker Pre-development Plan is available on request.

The Borough submitted its grant application to the State Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development for the State's Library Construction and Major Expansion Matching Grant Program. The grant application scored second, one point below the top ranked application, and is one of the four library construction/expansion projects identified by the Alaska Library Association for funding in FY13.

### Project Timeline:

Site identified -- Borough owned -- 2007  
 Foraker Pre-development program begun -- August 2011  
 Foraker Pre-development program completed -- est. February 2012  
 Design of Facility -- September 2012  
 Bid and Award of contract -- November/December 2012  
 Construction -- Begin Spring 2013  
 Installation of furniture, fixtures, and equipment -- February/March 2014  
 Grand Opening -- March/April 2014

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

Matanuska-Susitna Borough

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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