

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Armed Services YMCA of Alaska****Federal Tax ID: 92-0016680****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

Armed Services YMCA of Alaska - Armed Services YMCA - Military Families Project

State Funding Requested: \$100,000**House District: Anchorage Areawide (16-32)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Provide monetary support to purchase bulk meats, non-perishable food items, and hams/turkeys during the holidays to ensure that no military family goes hungry because of financial strain.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$179,700
Funding Already Secured:	(\$25,000)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	(\$100,000)
Project Deficit:	\$54,700

Funding Details:

This program is largely funded through in-kind donations of food, corporate and individual donations, and special event allocations. In the past we received a \$1,000 grant from the Food Bank of Alaska which, even at 16 cents per pound, has already been spent.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

In 2011, our Food Pantries collectively fed more than 1,500 members of our Alaskan military community. We experienced a 30% increase in the number served in 2011, and we believe that this is due in part from better educating the military community that we offer Food Pantries on the installations. Additionally, we supply food for a Chapel run Pantry on Eielson Air Force Base and on occasion help stock a Food Pantry on Fort Greely.

One benefit for operating the Pantries on the military installations is the fact that service members view us as part of their community -- they do not have to go outside the gate and admit that they can't take care of their families or have others perceive that the military is not taking care of them. It is hard enough for most service members to come to our pantry and ask for help, but having it inside the gates ensures that pride does not get in the way of our military community going hungry. Many are having difficulties adjusting to the higher cost of living in Alaska, have unexpected or emergency expenses, or have issues with their military pay.

Our request is for \$100,000 to support the ASYMCA Food Pantries on Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson and Fort Wainwright for the next five calendar years. This amount, at \$20,000 annually, will provide the following support each year:

- \$8,000 -- 400 Turkeys and Hams for Christmas and Thanksgiving; 100 per holiday per location
- \$8,000 -- Purchase of 2,857 pounds of bulk meats purchased from local grocery stores; provides 119 pounds of meat per month per location

- \$2,000 -- 12,500 pounds of non-perishable food and meat purchased from community food banks; provides 521 pounds of food per month per location

We solicit funds through corporate sponsorship, individual donations, revenue generating business operations, and special events revenues which help us underwrite the ongoing program expense.

Project Timeline:

This project is a 5 year project. We expect to spend \$20,000 annually, throughout the year, as Food Pantry demand and storage space dictate. Our food pantry is hit especially hard in the winter months, August, and during the holidays, so expenditures will likely be higher during those months.

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

Armed Services YMCA of Alaska

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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