

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**  
**Grants to Unincorporated Communities (AS 37.05.317)**

**Grant Recipient: Klukwan**

**Federal Tax ID: 92-0041889**

**Project Title:**

**Project Type: Maintenance and Repairs**

## **Klukwan - Jilkaat Kwaan Dock Repair**

**State Funding Requested: \$63,500**  
 One-Time Need

**House District: 5 / C**

### **Brief Project Description:**

This project is to repair the Jilkaat Kwaan/Portage Cove Dock to prepare it for operation and use by the public.

### **Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$63,500
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$63,500)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

#### *Funding Details:*

*No previous requests or funding were ever submitted for this project*

### **Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

This dock is important infrastructure for the economic development of Klukwan. It is in need of repair to ensure safe operation and use by the public. Moorage space is limited in Haines and having our dock in operations will help to support the budding tour industry in Haines. The surface of the dock needs some boards replaced and the ramp needs extensive repair and replacement of some hardware including a metal diamond plate, a new chain, steel wheels, and winch. The pontoons need to be pumped out and the underwater surfaces need to be scraped and cleaned. In addition there is a need to purchase a dockside sewage pump to accommodate the sewage needs of our own vessel, the Chilkat Express, and any other boats that may opt to use our dock. The dock includes a building with public washrooms, commercial and office space. This building also requires some maintenance before it can be open and used by the public. The interior needs painting, insulation needs to be installed to make it more cost effective to heat, and there is currently no heat source in the building so we will need to purchase two laser heaters, one for the bottom level of the building and one for the second story. There are also a number of other incidentals that need replacement or improvement. See attached list of estimates.

### **Project Timeline:**

The project will begin immediately upon funding. CIV will follow procurement policies to secure bids and contract for the work. The Project will be completed before winter 2013.

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

Chilkat Indian Village

**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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February 3, 2012

The Honorable Albert Kookesh, Senator,  
State Capital, Room 11  
The Honorable Bill Thomas, Representative  
State Capital, Room 434  
Juneau Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Sirs,

The Chilkat Indian Village Tribal Council thanks you for this opportunity to submit these projects for your consideration. The Council met on January 12, 2012 to review and prioritize our CIP requests. We have created a list of five projects for your consideration. Our projects this year deal with Klukwan's needs for economic development, public safety, well-being, and historical preservation.

Before we begin with our CIP priorities for this year we would first like to thank you for your support in the past, it has made a positive difference in our community. We especially anticipate great things for our future when the Jilkaat Kwaan Cultural Heritage Center is completed. This is a monumental project for our village as we have a small pool of human resources to accomplish the work that needs to be done. Never the less you can be assured that the project is moving forward.

The Council has listed the debt retirement for the purchase of the Portage Cove Dock and the M/V Chilkat Express. The Chilkat Indian Village is the sole governing body for the community of Klukwan and under their Constitution Article V, Section 1 (a) have the power and responsibility to: "manage, promote, and control all the economic affairs and enterprises of the Village." Since 2001 the Chilkat Indian Village Council has been working on bringing some diversification to what has historically been a subsistence based economy. In January of 2002 the community got together to create a strategic community development plan and determined that any development should be based upon the village's greatest assets: the rich culture, history, and the natural environment. To that end the village has worked together to complete the first two phases of the Jilkaat Kwaan Cultural Heritage Center. The JKCHC is intended first to help protect, preserve, and perpetuate our cultural assets while also serving as a basis for tourism development. The JKCHC currently offers a unique Native cultural exchange opportunity that includes opportunity to view Native carvers at work at the Traditional Knowledge Camp, purchase local Native artwork, enjoy a salmon bake or meal at the Hospitality House, and view eagles in the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve. Once the Heritage Center is built, visitors will be able to view Chilkat Tlingit treasures including, the world famous Whale House Collection, Chilkat Blankets, masks and other Chilkat Indian artwork, a replica of a long house, and see basketry and Chilkat or Ravenstail weaving demonstrations in the studio. The communities of Haines and Klukwan have experienced depressed economies and have been working to establish themselves as a tourism destination. Haines and Skagway are separated by more than 350 miles of road making access to fast ferry service between these communities essential to the Upper Lynn Canal during the busy tourist season. Ferry service offer by the Alaska Marine Highway is limited and not sufficient to meet the growing need of transporting visitors in the summer between the two community's ports. The Chilkat Indian Village is a tribal government that is interested in providing this public service in much the same way that the State of Alaska is interested in

promoting commerce and economic development within our state. The project's expected economic impact is directly tied to the three basic components of visitor-related employment: direct wage and salary employment, proprietorships, and indirect employment. These jobs stem from local spending by visitors to the area, including cruise ship passengers (shuttled from/to Skagway as well as those aboard ships docking in Haines), and visitors traveling to and through the Haines-Klukwan area.

The second priority is the Repairs and Upgrades to the Klukwan Fire Hall project. The Village has been striving to get our Fire Department in good operating shape. To that end we have made some minor improvements to the building: replacing the old garage door, installing new windows, walking entry door, and a waste oil furnace. However there are still some needs to get the building in shape to enable quick response to fires in our community and the upper Chilkat Valley.

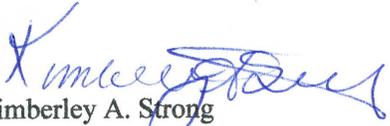
The third priority is the purchase of a heavy duty truck with a hydraulic bed, a snow plow blade with wings (nearly 12 ft combined width), and a sand spreader/hopper with a 2. cubic foot capacity. The current road maintenance equipment the village has not been sufficient to meet the demands upon it has created some safety issues within the community.

Our fourth priority is the Klukwan Gymnasium project. The gymnasium was designed to allow for easy expansion. Most gymnasiums have bleachers to allow for public sporting competitions/events but, in the interest of saving costs at the time, our gym was built with out any room for public seating. This project will expand the existing gym to allow for public seating.

Fifth on our list of priorities is the Historical Building Renovation. This historical structure was built in 1902 and is the oldest building in Klukwan. Although it is a church, the building often serves as classroom space for adult community education courses and other community functions. At 110 years the building is in fairly good shape but does need some substantive repairs to keep it sound, and extend its use for the community.

The sixth and final priority is to purchase a dockside sewage pump out system and to make repairs to our dock. We see the dock as an important part of our infrastructure, one that is necessary to our plans for economic development. The repairs are needed to ensure safe operation and easy public access by patrons of our fast ferry service, or others vendors who may choose to use our facility. Thank you again for this opportunity and for your consideration of these projects.

Respectfully,

  
Kimberley A. Strong  
C.I.V. President

Chilkat Indian Village  
Council Meeting  
Minutes 1-12-12

~~10 hours a week unless otherwise approved to check on CX. Larry Sweet Sr. volunteered to put Teye down on the CX with Johnnie Gamble.~~

~~Letter from Saxon Tribal Council~~

~~Kimberley Strong stated that she had already responded with a letter of support and had carbon copied to some of the Council that have emails.~~

~~Letter from Lynn Canal~~

~~Kimberley Strong turn Chair over to Vice President Brian Willard~~

~~M/S Kim/ to write letter of support to Lynn Canal for the grant through the Grassroots Community Mining grants program. Limit to developing the grant requires don not want our name on it. M/C 6 approves 1 no~~

~~Chair back to President Kimberley Strong~~

~~T&H Regional Housing Authority estimates~~

~~Kimberley Strong stated that our NAIHASDA crew should go through Anna Stevens house and come in and give their report to the council to see if that would be enough money to get it fixed.~~

~~CIP list~~

~~M/S Larry/Jeff to approve CIP list Debit relief for dock/boat, renovation of Fire Hall/equipment, Snowplow truck/sander, Gym expansion and Klukwan Church renovation. And dock renovation M/C~~

~~M/S Larry/Elsie to have a couple of Council members to go meet with the Governor Parnell and with William Thomas and Albert Kookesh. M/C~~

~~AWARE ICDBG~~

~~Kimberley Strong stated she wrote a letter of support for their shelter.~~

~~Weather Station~~

~~The Council would like more information about the weather station and the cost of a weather station.~~

~~John Brower stated there will be a retreat with the Chilkat Indian Village council/Tilkat Kwaan Heritage Center/Tilkat Kwaan Cultural Tours boards at the A N S Hall January 24.~~

~~Use 477 to get Charlie Spud trained to maintain the Hospitality House.~~

~~M/V CX sale~~

~~Tax purposes John Brower, Brian Willard, Beverly Klant, Hakan Sebastian representatives.~~

~~From Willard stated Port Townsend meeting with the feds and should be learning from them today or tomorrow.~~

~~USFS Sacred sites~~

~~USFS Sacred sites will be visiting with the elders the last week of January.~~

~~Alaska Department of Transportation~~

~~John Brower asks if there are any more comments on point 21. John stated should ask Anastasia Wiley and Christopher Hough.~~

Keet Gooshi Tours  
P O Box 997  
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April 29, 2010

Chilkat Village IRA  
Kimberly Strong President

To Whom It may Concern:

Keet Gooshi Tours has been doing Cultural Tours to the Village of Klukwan for 12 years now. We are a very small Tour Company compared to some of the others here in Haines. Also, we are not pre sold off the Cruise Ship and therefore any clients that we would have coming from Skagway would not be a priority for space on the existing boat company.

We fully support the purchase of the Chilkat Dock by the Jikaat Kwaan Cultural Tour Company. It is our sincere belief that Keet Gooshi Tours will benefit from the operating of a boat owned and operated by the Village of Klukwan. Keet Gooshi would use this company exclusively.

We look forward to the opportunity to work with them in the future.

Sincerely yours



Cheryl Katzeek  
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April 29, 2010

Chilkat Indian Village IRA Council  
Kimberly Strong IRA President:

The Captain's Choice Motel gladly writes you a letter of support for your new venture of transporting clients to and from Skagway. We do understand that the now existing company has limited space on their boat for their main priority is to transport clients doing their tours. Understandably these two companies are two of the largest tour companies doing business in Haines they rarely have room for other clients.

The Captain's Choice Motel is the largest Motel in Haines and we pride ourselves in the fact that our guests can rest and relax while we book their tours and excursions for them. This past year it was difficult to arrange the boat to coincide with the train trip and therefore we were unable to sell that tour as often as we had in the past. It is a loss for everyone, the Motel, the boat company, White Pass Train, and the city of Haines for the lost tax revenue. Your new venture would be a win, win, situation for all and most of all for the many visitors to our beautiful City.

We look forward to the opportunity to work with you in the future.

Sincerely Yours

Cheryl Katzeek  
Front Office Manager  
Captain's Choice Motel  
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**TO: Sean Parnell  
Governor, State of Alaska**

**From: Al Gilliam and Pam Coulter  
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**DATE: April 25, 2010**

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**Regarding:**

**Support of the \$2,000,000. 2010 Capital Budget Appropriation for the Chilkat Indian Association, Haines Borough, Haines, Alaska**

**Governor Parnell,**

**Please know that we support the Capital Budget Appropriation in the amount of \$2,000,000. that the Legislature has approved for the Chilkat Indian Association's purchase of dock facilities in Haines and a catamaran ferry from Klukwan, Inc.**

**In an effort to keep these entities as native owned business assets Klukwan Inc has provided the Chilkat Indian Association with a remarkable price for these assets.**

**The ownership of the dock facilities and the catamaran ferry by the Chilkat Indian Association will dramatically enhance the Associations newly developed tourism enterprise located at the Klukwan Village.**

**The Chilkat Indian Association has been successful in the development of a "World Class" Visitor Center at Klukwan Village that truly imparts the essence of Tlingit native culture to visitors. The Chilkat Indian Association is to be commended for the years that they have devoted to the process that has culminated in such a rewarding first class experience for our visitors. We feel that the vast majority of residents in the Haines Borough celebrate the accomplishment of the Chilkat Indian Association and look forward to the economic growth that this endeavor will provide to the Borough as a whole.**

**Of paramount consideration is that the Tourism business is seasonal with a window of five months, May through September, in which to maximize the tourism traffic to any one tourism entity. By owning and operating the key transportation leg and facilities of their package tour the Chilkat Indian Association will have full control of the days and departure times in which to maximize their fair share of the 800,000 cruise ship passengers that visit Skagway, Alaska each season. We cannot emphasize enough the impact that the ownership of these facilities will have on the initial growth and ultimate success of the Visitor Center at Klukwan.**

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Also, the operation of the catamaran ferry by the Chilkat Indian Association will provide opportunities for other tour companies in the Haines Borough to grow their business as well. The Chilkat Indian Association understands the need for this kind of business growth and is eager to participate in joint marketing of tour products, knowing that the more an area is recognized for its quality visitor experiences the more traffic will be generated to that area producing a "Win Win" scenario for the community of Haines and the Village of Klukwan.

Also, the building located at the docking facilities will serve as an area within the town of Haines to further showcase native art, crafts, history and lifestyle.

Additionally, the docking facilities are coveted by explorer class cruise ships as well as other commercial and private boat operators visiting the Upper Lynn Canal for which docking fees will contribute to the overall bottom line of the business activities of the Chilkat Indian Association.

Overall, this appropriation should be considered as a fundamental catalyst in support of the economic development of the visitor industry at large of the Haines Borough.

Signatures:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sam Court".A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Al Williams".



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Sean Parnell, Governor  
State of Alaska  
Juneau, Alaska

April 29, 2010

Subject: support for Jilkaat Kwaan's dock and boat purchase

Dear Governor Parnell,

I am seeking your endorsement of economic support for Jilkaat Kwaan in their efforts to purchase Chilkat Cruises' boat and Portage Cove Dock facility here in Haines. The boat and dock have been an unused resource since Chilkat Cruises closed their doors over two years ago. Tourism has been the main economic base for Haines for the last twenty-five years. Now the lion's share of our economy is dependent upon moving some 50,000 of the 800,000 Skagway visitors between Skagway and Haines each summer. Both communities will benefit from increasing the shuttle capacity on cruise ship days between towns.

The Chilkat Indian Village is building cultural tourism businesses based the rich heritage of the Tlingit "mother village", Klukwan. As our national economy slowly improves I can think of no other place the state could invest funds to benefit the most people in our area. Helping Jilkaat Kwaan purchase this tourism infrastructure now, is a positive step in shoring up the economic future for numerous small businesses such as ours in Haines, plus those in Klukwan and Skagway. Thank you for considering this request. I would be happy to be contacted with any questions and would appreciate hearing back from your regarding your decision on this important matter.

Kind regards,

Dan Egolf, President  
Alaska Nature Tours

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