

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Metlakatla Indian Community****Federal Tax ID: 92-0014579****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

# Metlakatla Indian Community - Senior Citizen Bus

**State Funding Requested: \$60,000****House District: 5 / C**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Senior Citizen bus needs to be replaced to better serve our elders.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$60,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$60,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The current bus that serves our Senior Citizens is aging, constantly needs repairs, and no longer meeting the needs of our Elders. We have an increasing population of Seniors that need the services of a senior bus and an increasing amount that are in wheelchairs. Our current bus can only hold 8, plus a driver and one wheelchair place. We are in need of a bus that can hold at least 12 seats with 2 wheelchair access. The senior bus is the only transportation that our Seniors have and the only service available for them to get to the clinic, shopping, pay bills, etc.

**Project Timeline:**

When funded the community can immediately buy a bus and have it sent up to Metlakatla.

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

Metlakatla Indian Community

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

Name:	Victor C. Wellington Sr.
Title:	Mayor
Address:	PO Box 8 Metlakatla, Alaska 99926
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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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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

**G.    SENIOR CITIZENS BUS**

The estimated cost of a Senior Citizen bus is shown in the attachments provided.

The current bus that services the Senior Citizens of Metlakatla is aging and no longer meeting the needs of our Elders. We have an increasing population of Seniors that need the services of a Senior bus.

January 31, 2012

To: Victor Wellington, Mayor, Executives and Council

From: Opal J Hudson, Director Metlakatla Senior Citizens Program

Enclosed please find information on a new bus for the Metlakatla Senior Center. We are in dire need of a new bus. Our bus has severe leaks on the back right hand side. The water literally runs down the side when it's raining. The Driver's side window also leaks. Several years ago the bus was sent to Ketchikan to be repaired and the windows replaced but it still leaked when it was returned.

Our bus is constantly being repaired for one thing or another. We just had the alternator and brakes replaced a few months ago.

The bus we have right now is an 8 seats +driver and 1 handicap place for a wheel chair. We current have 8 wheel chair clients. We need a bus at least 2 wheel chairs access. The information I am attaching is for a bus with 12 seats and a 2 wheelchair access. This will give ample room for our Seniors to travel back and forth. Currently our bus driver has to juggle rides and make double runs because the bus is too full after lunch. We also have a difficult time when there are more than 2 wheelchair clients who need to get to the clinic at the same time. There is no other transportation for them.

Our bus is in constant service on a daily basis. This is the only transportation our Seniors have. It is time for a new bus. Any help you can give us for our Seniors will be greatly appreciated. This is a vital program for our Community. For most Senior's we are the only contact they have and we are the only service available to escort them shopping, pay bills, medical appointments, and medicine pick up and delivery daily.

Without our bus we would take a severe drop in client attendance and meal services which in turn would affect our meal reimbursements and our grants. If we don't spend out our grants then we lose money for the next year. Our grants are to specifically to provide services to our Senior Citizens of Metlakatla.

The meal service we provide is sometimes the only big meal they have daily. Without this service they would be stuck at home with no way to get to the Senior Center for meals. Our Senior Citizens are our living Treasures and deserve to be honored and cared for.

We provide approximately 60 meals a day on the average, this includes home delivery's to the shut ins. Our Seniors are our living history for the Metlakatla Indian Community.

I am attaching a copy of our Driver's log. This shows how much our bus is used on a quarterly basis. It is amazing how many services we provide for our seniors. All of the information is logged daily by the bus driver and turned over to our Secretary, who then enters all of this information into the computer. All of this information is used for our quarterly reports for both Title VI and Title III Grants.

METLAKATLA INDIAN COMMUNITY  
Senior Citizen's Program  
"Driver's Log"

FY12 (4/113/12)

MONTH/YR	HOME D'S	RIDES	ERR/SHP	ESCORTS	NEW RIDERS
		unassist	unassist	assisted	
1ST T6 Apr-11	336	1124	152	110	0
May-11	322	1235	177	124	1
Jun-11	387	1380	200	178	1
1ST QTR	1045	3739	529	412	2
1ST T3 Jul-11	412	1272	221	166	3
Aug-11	396	1373	217	162	3
Sep-11	313	1192	192	129	1
2ND QTR	1121	3837	630	457	7
Oct-11	363	1210	213	122	2
Nov-11					
Dec-11					
3RD QTR	363	1210	213	122	0
Jan-12					
Feb-12					
Mar-12					
4TH QTR	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL FY 12</b>	<b>2529</b>	<b>8786</b>	<b>1372</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>9</b>

4thQ T3 Apr-12					0
May-12					1
Jun-12					1
1ST QTR	0	0	0	0	2

NOTE: HC-Handicap; HD-Home Delivery; Medicine=Errands

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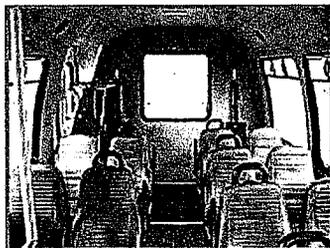
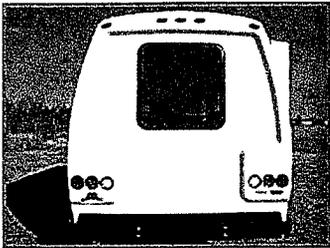
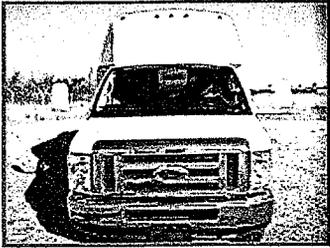
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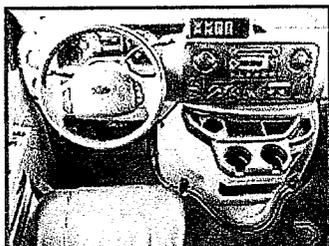
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**30 miles (not a rental)**

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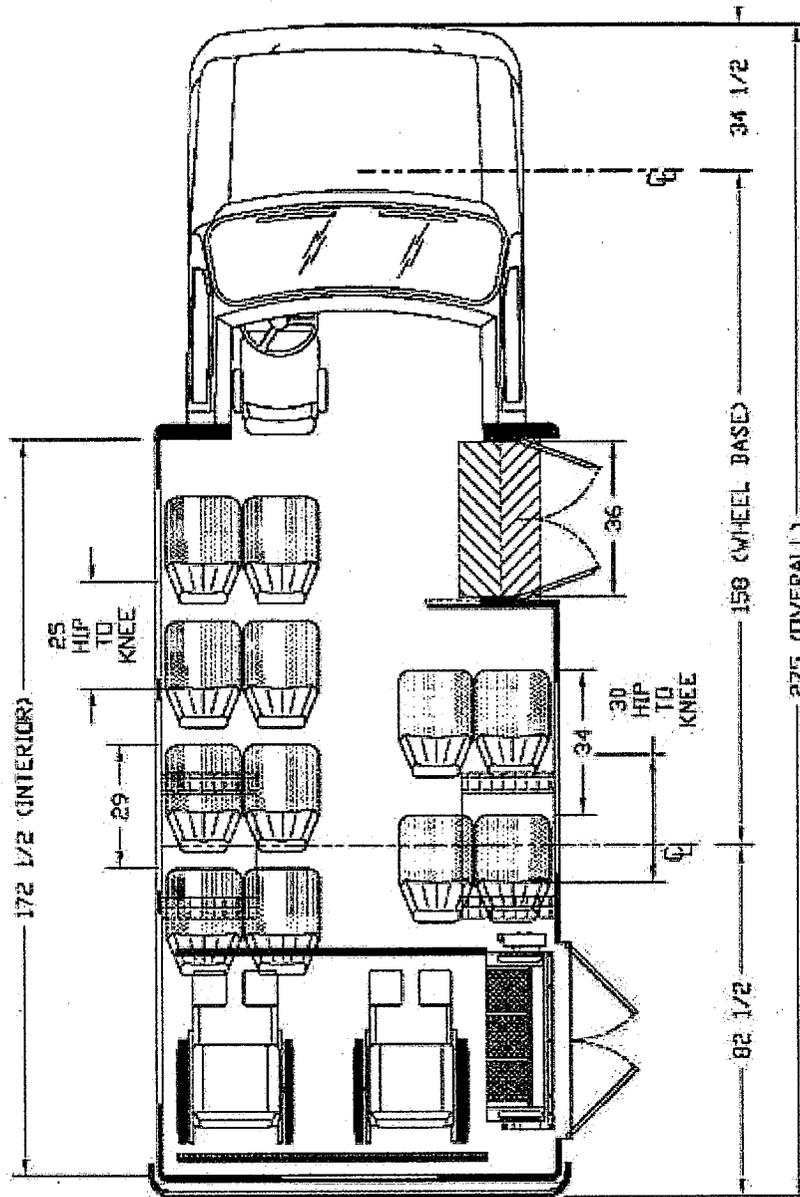
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