

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Cook Inlet Tribal Council****Federal Tax ID: 92-0094184****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

Cook Inlet Tribal Council - Chanlyut Social Enterprise Expansion

State Funding Requested: \$250,000
One-Time Need**House District: Anchorage Areawide (16-32)****Brief Project Description:**

Facilitate growth of the Chanlyut Mountain View based business training enterprises (providing for additional equipment, purchase of vehicles, upgrades for landscaping, snow removal, janitorial and moving services, food service, and other workforce ventures) to support a doubling of the number of residents in this successful program. Expanding the social enterprises will assist the Chanlyut program to attain its goal of self sufficiency.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$300,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$50,000)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$250,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

State capital funding was secured in the past for the purchase of the original Chanlyut building in Mt. View and for the new building which allowed expansion of the program. This is the first time funding is being requested for the social enterprise ventures which enable the residents to learn job skills and generate income to support the program operations. \$50,000 has already been spent for enterprise start-up costs.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Chanlyut social enterprises provide business training schools for the program. The landscaping, janitorial, moving and snow removal businesses provided needed services to the community while also engaging in labor, service and management training opportunities for the residents. Chanlyut residents learn by doing, operating all facets of the businesses themselves, with financial management support from CITC. These businesses are at a critical juncture where capital infusion will bring them to the next stage of fully supporting program opportunities. The requested funding would provide for purchase of vehicles and equipment to expand the Mountain View based social enterprise ventures. As Chanlyut has increased its capacity for residents, the business ventures need to grow to accommodate the correlating expansion. All proceeds from the businesses are reinvested into the program. This capital investment will accelerate the program's ability to become financially self-sufficient.

Project Timeline:

It is estimated that most of the equipment, vehicles and upgrades will be purchased in 2012 or early 2013.

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

Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC)

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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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Brief Project Description of Chanlyut Proposal

Overview

For the past five years, Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc. (CITC) has been operating Chanlyut. Chanlyut (chawn-LOOT) is the Athabascan word for “new beginning.” The project is a new beginning for its residents who come from the justice and behavioral health systems. Chanlyut provides an alternative to long-term justice and substance abuse treatment involvement, reintegrating residents as productive members of society, and has saved the State Department of Corrections millions of dollars in incarceration costs alone over the last five years. It does this without utilizing state or federal funds for operations.

The Anchorage-based program is a replication of San Francisco’s *Delancey Street* model of transitional living and education that provides residents with the full spectrum of life skills necessary to triumph over crime, addiction and homelessness. Both Delancey Street and Chanlyut share the following approaches to success:

- Labor-intensive business training ventures in which residents develop multiple work skills leading to self-sufficiency and responsibility for oneself;
- Continuous learning opportunities for residents in place of traditional therapy; and,
- Residents become members of a “family” structure, with Chanlyut being modeled after the Native village communities of Alaska.

The Chanlyut social enterprises provide business training schools for the program. The landscaping, janitorial, moving, and snow removal businesses provide needed services to the community while also engaging in labor, service and management training opportunities for the residents. Located in the heart of Mountain View, the Diner is both an eat-in restaurant and the hub of wholesale food provision and catering. Chanlyut residents learn by doing, operating all facets of the businesses for themselves, with financial management support from CITC. These businesses are at a critical juncture where capital infusion will bring them to the next stage of fully supporting the program operations.

Over the past five years, CITC started with less than \$20,000 in earned revenue through the business enterprises. In FY 12, the businesses have grown to over \$500,000. In October of 2011, the program moved into a larger facility supported by the State of Alaska, where it will have the capacity to expand to 40 residents. The program represents cumulatively over two million dollars in savings of correctional costs for the State.

Utilization of State of Alaska capital grant funds

CITC is requesting a \$250,000 state capital grant to be used toward the growth of the Chanlyut business enterprises to support a doubling of the number of residents. Not only will expansion be an essential investment for the program, it is also a beneficial investment for the community, rebuilding Mountain View along with rebuilding the lives of our program residents and their positive outcomes for the future.

In summary, this grant award from the State of Alaska will enable Cook Inlet Tribal Council to meet our mission *to work in partnership with Our People to develop opportunities that fulfill Our endless potential* for those individuals who wish to move from a life of poverty, crime and addiction to one of self sufficiency and self respect, as well as increasing goodwill in the community through building business traffic and opportunity.