

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Fairbanks Drama Association****Federal Tax ID: 23-7251136****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades****Fairbanks Drama Association and Children's Theatre, Inc.  
- Riverfront Theatre Heating System Repair and Upgrade****State Funding Requested: \$25,000****House District: Fairbanks Areawide (7-11)**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Replace about 600 linear feet of black iron water flow pipes with new copper, plastic, and wirsbo piping; purchase and install a new pump for upstairs apartment; purchase and install a new unit heater for scene building shop; purchase install baseboard heat in two administrative offices.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$25,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$25,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:*

2007 - Alaska State Legislature appropriated \$25,000 in capital funds to replace old and unreliable oil-fired boilers.

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Fairbanks Drama Association & Fairbanks Children's Theatre, Inc. marks its 50th year of service to Interior Alaska in the 2012-2013 season. Founded in 1963 as a community theatre organization, its mission is "To teach, produce, present, and support quality theatre for children and adults in the Fairbanks area and the State of Alaska." The capital funds requested will assist FDA/FCT in meeting its mission by upgrading the theatre and office facility that has been its home since 2000.

**Goals:**

- 1) A reliable, efficient hot water circulating system to heat the theatre building;
- 2) acceptable living warmth in tenant apartment;
- 3) acceptable working warmth in scene construction shop; and
- 4) acceptable working warmth in administrative offices.

The problem: about 600 linear feet of existing black iron water flow pipes are constantly depositing rust sludge into the building's boilers. Continuously running glycol through the system during the summers helps clean the pipes, but replacement is the only way to prevent constant sludge blockages in the boiler pumps and valves, which necessitate frequent cleaning and maintenance.

The solution: this appropriation would cover the costs to purchase and install 1) approximately 600 feet new copper, plastic,

and wirsbo piping, 2) a new pump to circulate heat and domestic water to the building's upstairs apartment, 3) a new unit heater for the scene building shop, and 4) baseboard heat in the building's two administrative offices, which to date have been heated by space heaters only, which, in extreme winter weather is unacceptable and unsafe for the one full-time and one part-time employee working there.

Upgrading the heating system will save money and allow the FDA/FCT to direct more of their resources to their programs and productions.

Letters of support from Fairbanks North Star Borough Mayor Luke Hopkins and City of Fairbanks Mayor Jerry Cleworth are on file.

### Project Timeline:

July, 2012

Begin tear-out of 600 feet of old water piping  
Purchase and install 600 feet new water piping

August, 2012

Purchase and install pump for tenant apartment  
Purchase and install heating unit in scene construction shop  
Purchase and install baseboard heating elements in administrative offices

Completion Date: September 10, 2012

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

Recipient

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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