

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Hope Community Resources, Inc.****Federal Tax ID: 73-1668460****Project Title:****Project Type: Other**

# Helping Ourselves Prevent Emergencies (HOPE) - Executive Director Hire

**State Funding Requested: \$80,000****House District: 5 / C**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

HOPE will hire an executive director for their Domestic Violence advocacy and prevention agency. This will allow HOPE to join ANDVSA as a full voting member in order to access more sustainable resources.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$100,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$20,000)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$80,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:*

-Presbyterian Women: \$23,200 was received in 2009 to establish and fund an office for 1 year.

-Crossett Fund: \$8,500 - 2008

\$800 - 2009 for the purpose of funding stays in the local B&B's for victims -, DHSS: \$138,191 - 2011

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

HOPE currently has a working volunteer board of eight members who provide program oversight, attend to day to day operations, as well as attend to financial sustainability.

With the hiring of an Executive Director HOPE will be in a position to become full voting members of ANDVSA; of which we are now just affiliate members. Full membership cannot be secured without an Executive Director. Full ANDVSA membership is vital to HOPE's sustainability. It is our understanding that we are not eligible to apply for funding through CDVSA unless we are full voting members of ANDVSA. This membership will also open other avenues for funding for HOPE on the state and national level.

HOPE board members will also be released to pursue more and varied funding opportunities and provide support for more advocacy and prevention services. While our communities have been overwhelmingly supportive of the work of HOPE, the resources available locally cannot meet our growing needs. An executive Director will be able to further maximize the local, state and national resources. CDVSA has recognized the need for funding for new and emerging programs in rural Alaska. HOPE is one of those new and emerging programs!

**Project Timeline:**

HOPE's need for an Executive is immediate and urgent. Upon notification of grant award, HOPE will begin the hiring process for the position. The expenditures will continue for one calendar year from the date of hire for the Executive Director.

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

Helping Ourselves Prevent Emergencies, HOPE.

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

Name: Katie Goodale  
Title: HOPE Prevention Program Coordinator  
Address: PO Box 145  
Craig, Alaska 99921  
Phone Number: (907)826-2581  
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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

Representative Bill Thomas  
Juneau, AK. 99801

Dear Rep. Thomas,

HOPE (Helping Ourselves Prevent Emergencies) is a not for profit organization that provides support services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. HOPE serves the entire population of Prince of Wales Island, the third largest island in the United States which includes 11 different communities.

Our local high school students are aware of HOPE's mission and have volunteered to help paint the offices, walk on its annual march to stop domestical violence, and help judge the poster contest, which focuses on treating all people with respect. Small communities in Alaska need very accessible domestic violence services. I ask you to support our request for this one time funding.

Our local organization is run by a volunteer board of directors that oversees the day to day operations of two full time employees. While the majority of DV advocacy programs in Alaska are funded with state monies, there are new and emerging programs in rural areas providing the same services without the benefit of state funding. We were disappointed to hear that the funding request for extra monies by the Alaska Network On Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (ANDSVA) and the state Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA) was removed from this year's capital request. This funding was for new and emerging programs for underserved areas which Prince of Wales would certainly qualify.

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Sincerely,  
Christina Barlow  
907.826.3081

Representative Bill Thomas  
District 5  
State Capitol Room 505  
Juneau, AK. 99801

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Sincerely,

John E. Borbridge      Cell: 907-401-0426

Karen L. Popoff      Cell: 907-401-0673



**CITY OF KLAWOCK  
ALASKA**

**PO Box 469  
Klawock AK 99925**

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**"Site of the First Salmon Cannery in Alaska"**

April 25, 2012

Governor Sean Parnell  
State of Alaska  
State Capital, Third Floor  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Governor Parnell:

The City of Klawock supports funding proposed in the FY 2013 Capital Budget designated for use by HOPE, a domestic violence advocacy and prevention agency here on Prince of Wales Island.

HOPE is a non-profit agency providing direct services to victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Their dual mission is to bring people together to build a safe island community providing safety, support and advocacy for persons who have experienced personal or domestic violence and to promote healthy communities that eliminate domestic violence and sexual assault.

HOPE does this through a combination of volunteer efforts, and donations from local organizations.

HOPE is a well-organized and effective non-profit organization; it enjoys the support of the City of Klawock, and the City encourages the State of Alaska join in the support.

Sincerely,

  
Donald Marvin  
Mayor

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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA  
 Seventy-Seventh Annual Tribal Assembly  
 April 18-21, 2012  
 Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA/ 12- 24

Title: **Support the efforts of Helping Ourselves Prevent Emergencies (HOPE) an Emerging Program for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault on Prince of Wales Island**

By: **Klawock** Tlingit and Haida Community Council

WHEREAS, Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council) is a federally recognized tribe of more than 28,000 tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence is a prevalent problem in all communities on Prince of Wales Island

WHEREAS, HOPE as a private non-profit agency provides direct services to victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault

WHEREAS, HOPE's Vision is an island-wide community where all members are respected and safe to develop to their fullest potential

WHEREAS, HOPE's Mission is to bring people together to build a safe island community and provides safety, support, and advocacy for persons who have experienced personal or domestic violence

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seventy-Seventh Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska convened in Juneau, Alaska on April 18-21, 2012, supports HOPE and its efforts to provide prevention and advocacy services for the residents of Prince of Wales Island.

\_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April 2012, by the Seventy-Seventh Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.



Craig Tribal Association  
P.O Box 828  
Craig AK, 99921  
907/826-3996 phone  
907/826-3997 fax

March 24, 2011

Victoria Gibson, Grant Administrator  
Department of Health and Social Services  
Grants & Contracts Support Team  
P.O. Box 110650  
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0650

Dear Ms. Gibson,

The Craig Tribal Association recognizes the need for prevention and early intervention services to help reduce the incidence of domestic violence and sexual abuse in communities on Prince of Wales Island (POW). We appreciate the efforts HOPE has made in recent years to provide services to victims of domestic violence on POW. We are also aware that there is a strong need for community-based programs that work towards prevention of domestic violence and assault. We endorse HOPE's application for a **COMPREHENSIVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES GRANT** from the State of Alaska, to build its capacity to implement a domestic violence prevention program through the strengthening of the POW Behavioral Health Coalition; building of community partnerships; additional assessment of individual community needs, resources, gaps and strengths; and planning for implementation of evidence based prevention and early intervention strategies island wide.

The Craig Tribal Association fully supports HOPE and agrees to participate in the proposed project by coordinating with the planning team, providing available information to support the assessment process, and providing a meeting place for any local planning/partnership building in our community. We look forward to building a strong partnership with HOPE to work towards violence free communities on POW.

Sincerely,

Edward K. Thomas Jr.  
Tribal President  
Craig Tribal Association

**City of Coffman Cove**

**Resolution 11-24**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COFFMAN COVE SUPPORTING THE PURSUIT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES GRANT FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA, FOR THE ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS H.O.P.E (HELPING OURSELVES PREVENT EMERGENCIES)**

**WHEREAS**, HOPE has been in existence since May, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of HOPE is to bring people together to build a safe island community and provides safety, support, and advocacy for persons who have experienced personal or domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, HOPE has primarily been funded through very modest, onetime grants from private organizations, membership fees, donations, and fundraisers to purchase furniture, supplies, to begin providing services, and to begin building an agency infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds received by HOPE have been instrumental in establishing needed victim services on Prince of Wales Island, in supporting HOPE's vision to increase its capacity to provide services, to begin building a community of cooperation and collaboration among island providers, schools, churches, municipalities, and law enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, HOPE recognizes that current funding sources are not adequate to meet the needs on the island, that additional funding is needed to achieve HOPE'S vision of providing sufficient prevention/early intervention services; and

**WHEREAS**, HOPE offers a direct benefit to the residents and businesses in the City of Klawock; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Coffman Cove as follows:

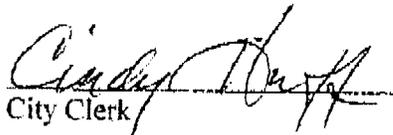
The Coffman Cove City Council endorses HOPE as a constructive and essential element in ensuring services to victims of domestic violence and to provide prevention/education services for the residents and visitors to Prince of Wales Island.

The Coffman Cove City Council supports HOPE in pursuit of grant funding through the COMPREHENSIVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES grant, and endeavors support HOPE by participating with HOPE in planning in the coming months to help develop prevention and early intervention strategies to be implemented island wide.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the Coffman Cove  
City Council of the City of Coffman Cove on this 17th day of March, 2011.

  
Mayor / Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

HYDABURG COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION



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March 23, 2011

Victoria Gibson, Grant Administrator  
Department of Health and Social Services  
Grants & Contracts Support Team  
P.O. Box 110650  
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0650

Greetings,

The Hydaburg Cooperative Association recognizes the need for prevention and early intervention services to help reduce the incidence of domestic violence and sexual abuse in communities on Prince of Wales Island (POW). We appreciate the efforts HOPE has made in recent years to provide services to victims of domestic violence on POW. We are also aware that there is a strong need for community-based programs that work towards prevention of domestic violence and assault. We endorse HOPE's application for a **COMPREHENSIVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES GRANT** from the State of Alaska, to build its capacity to implement a domestic violence prevention program through the strengthening of the POW Behavioral Health Coalition; building of community partnerships; additional assessment of individual community needs, resources, gaps and strengths; and planning for implementation of evidence based prevention and early intervention strategies island wide.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doreen Witwer".

Doreen Witwer  
Tribal Administrator



April 25, 2012

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State Capitol, Third Floor  
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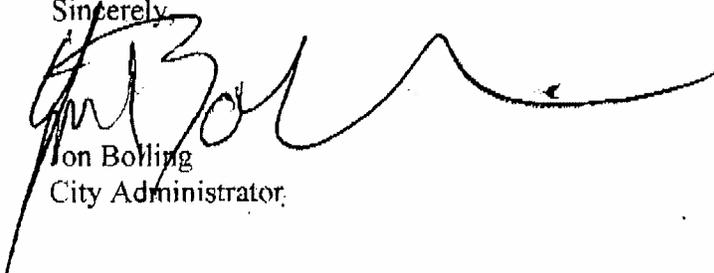
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HOPE's mission is to meet some of the local need for assistance to victims of domestic violence. HOPE does this through a combination of volunteer efforts and donations from local organizations. Among the donors is the City of Craig, which leases approximately 2,200 square feet of office and service delivery space to HOPE at \$1 per year.

HOPE is a well-organized and effective non-profit organization; it enjoys the support of the City of Craig, and the city encourages the State of Alaska to join in that support.

Sincerely,



Ron Bolling  
City Administrator



**HOPE**  
*Helping Ourselves Prevent Emergencies*

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April 25, 2012

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Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Governor Parnell:

The Board and membership of HOPE (Helping Ourselves Prevent Emergencies) urge you to join us in the fight against domestic violence on Prince of Wales Island by keeping the funding in FY 2013 designated for use by HOPE. This funding will allow us to hire an executive director which will in turn allow us to apply for state and federal grants that will continue that position. Peggy Brown, director of ANDVSA was very clear in her direction to us that an executive director was a 'must have' in order to move forward in partnership with the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

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HOPE has enjoyed overwhelming support from the communities and tribal organizations on Prince of Wales as evidenced by the enclosed letters, and financial contributions that have kept our doors open to the victims we have been honored to serve.

We appreciate your efforts for the victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and look forward to safer, healthier communities and a safer healthier state where all people are respected and valued.

Sincerely,

Brynn Bolling

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Vice-President, HOPE Board of Directors

Representative Bill Thomas  
District 5  
State Capitol Room 505  
Juneau, AK 99801

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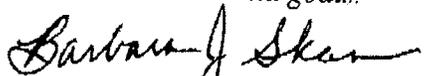
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*Kathleen Goodale*

*Kathleen Goodale 907-965-5909*

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Sincerely,

Thomas R. Gregg



Hollis, AK 99905 PO Box 1272 Craig AK 99921 [hriver@starband.net](mailto:hriver@starband.net) 907-530-7133

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Feb.12, 2012

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Colleen M. Watson

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*P.S. HOPE is providing a wonderful essential public service. This grassroots organization deserves state support. Please call me with any questions. Thank You, Colleen*

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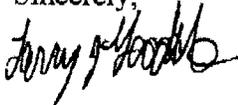
Law enforcement personnel have reported to HOPE that the majority of their calls are related to assaults and domestic violence. HOPE was established over six years ago and continues to work hard to support survivors of violence. To date HOPE has been able to provide these services without funding from the state. We have survived as an organization on local fundraising, membership dues, local pull-tab revenues and a few modest grants. We have one full-time advocate serving survivors of violence. However, the need for services is outgrowing our capacity to meet the demand. HOPE needs additional staff and resources.

While we appreciate what Governor Parnell has done for the state of Alaska with his emphasis on awareness and prevention HOPE needs operational funding so these public services can be continued. We are in desperate need of state funding if we are to meet the need of survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

HOPE's other employee is the Prevention Coordinator. This position is funded with a grant from the State of Alaska department of Behavioral Health, and focuses on prevention of violence in each of our 11 communities. This is a three year grant position and does not allow for any advocacy services. It is a very separate program designed solely for the purpose of providing prevention activities.

*We, as community members of Prince of Wales Island and supporters of HOPE are requesting equal access to state funding to provide these essential public services. In order to advocate for victims we are asking you to make a one-time capital request of 100,000 dollars to fund an executive director for HOPE. HOPE must have this position in order to apply for operational funding and to ensure, protect and continue HOPE's mission and goals.*

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