

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Big Lake Lions****Federal Tax ID: 521164053****Project Title:****Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition****Big Lake Lions - Community Rec Center****State Funding Requested: \$150,000****House District: Mat-Su Areawide (13-16)**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

The planning, surveying, permits, mechanical, structural, and fire reviews, and code processing for Phase II of the Big Lake Lions Recreation Center. Phase II encompasses adding a heated second building to house locker rooms, restrooms, offices, concessions, community meeting rooms, and a heated viewing area.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$1,500,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$150,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$1,350,000

*Funding Details:*

*On going fundraising in the community, grant requests from the Mat Su Health Foundation and the Rasmussen Foundation.*

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Starting in 2008, the Lions have raised over a two year period, in kind and cash donations from members of the community and Alaskan business totaling \$1,000,000. An additional \$300,000 was raised from the Mat-Su Health Foundation.

During the summer of 2010, a 26,000 sq. ft. a non-heated facility was constructed. Initially it was just a metal building to cover an ice rink. Now, the facility is used year round attracting youth athletics and economic growth in the community. Artificial turf was purchased and installed for spring and summer use. With the addition of batting and hitting cages, to complement the turf use, it now houses all the youth baseball teams for spring tryouts and practice.

Presently the facility is without heat or restrooms and is used by approximately 600 kids a week by practicing youth athletics; hockey, baseball, softball, soccer and track with teams from Chugiak, Palmer, Talkeetna, Wasilla, Houston and Big Lake that use the facility weekly.

Due to the high demand, it is necessary to add drastically needed improvements to the facility. Phase II will add restrooms, heated locker rooms, office space, concessions, and a heated viewing area for parents to watch events and practices.

The addition will be built on five acres of land that has been donated next to the existing structure.

**Project Timeline:**

Plans are to start construction in 2013. Total estimated construction costs to build this two story 10,800 sq. ft. addition are approximately \$1.5 million. The requested \$50,000 is to aid in the initial planning cost.

Immediately upon receipt

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

Big Lake Lions Club

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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