

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Downtown Association of Fairbanks****Federal Tax ID: 51-0591306****Project Title:****Project Type: Other**

Downtown Association of Fairbanks - A Community Response to Chronic Inebriates

State Funding Requested: \$20,000**House District: Fairbanks Areawide (7-11)**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

The Community Service Patrol is a joint foot- and van-patrol operating in a defined area downtown to keep downtown's public spaces safe and welcoming for all to enjoy and to ensure the safety and well-being of incapacitated and intoxicated people as required and defined by Alaska Statute Title 47, Chapter 37 by taking incapacitated people into protective custody and transporting them to appropriate medical and clinical resources.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$193,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$173,000)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$20,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

Although we may not necessarily request funding next year we do not want to close the door on state funding if we have not reached an ideal situation in handling the issue of chronic inebriates. Please find attached a list of all of the donors and supporters this projects has accumulated.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

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By seeking out incapacitated people and responding to calls for assistance seven days a week, 15 hours a day, the CSP has a decisive role in affecting the fortunes of people unable to care for themselves. Since the services are rendered to people who meet a legal definition of intoxication or incapacitation under state law, the unavailability of these services would see an increase in cold-related injuries and death, victimization, injuries going untreated, and a general upsurge in the acuity of symptoms of presenting patients.

For calendar year 2011, the CSP:

- Encountered 1,957 intoxicated people in the patrol area;
- Transported 1,532 incapacitated people to an appropriate point of care, 73% of whom had breath alcohol content of .300 or higher;

- Performed these transports on behalf of 327 unique individuals;
- Found 9 people in such a fragile condition as to require transport by Emergency Medical Services.

The CSP program has extensive community, corporate and local government support -- 58 individual, corporate and government donors in all. A strong Community Service Patrol is thus circumstantially a community priority. But in a Golden Heart Project needs assessment in 2010 and again in 2011, a strong CSP program was a top-tier priority.

Even though state and local laws require public safety agencies to take into protective custody incapacitated people, the lack of capacity at these agencies creates a need for the Community Service Patrol (CSP). The Fairbanks Police Department is a great advocate for the CSP since the CSP takes incapacitated people into protective custody against victimization or climate, and transports them to appropriate points of care.

In performing protective custody transports within the Golden Heart Project's continuum of care for a vulnerable population, the CSP follows that portion of their protocol inspired by Title 47.37.170 which spells-out the transport priority: home to a consenting adult, Gateway to Recovery Detox Center, Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, or lastly Fairbanks Correctional Center. By following the protocols for transport, the CSP optimizes a person's access to medical care at the most appropriate level of care required by their condition. Moreover, the CSP relieves the duty- and cost-burden on the City of Fairbanks' most crucial emergency resources -- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and the Fairbanks Police Department (FPD).

Project Timeline:

Funds to be used upon receipt

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

Downtown Association of Fairbanks Community Services

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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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

**12-month rolling donor list Community Service Patrol program as of March 12,
2012 (2012 additions in red)**

Government	
City of Fairbanks General Fund appropriation	\$50,000
Alaska Mental Health Trust	\$12,000
FNSB 2011 Health and Soc. Svc. Match	\$2,250
FNSB 2012 Health and Soc. Svc. Match	\$25,000
	\$89,250
Corporate	
Fairbanks Memorial Hospital	\$45,000
Doyon	\$10,000
ExxonMobil	\$5,000
Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce	\$1,000
Northrim Bank	\$3,000
TOTE	\$500
	\$64,500
Individual	
Anonymous donor	\$20,000
Tom Hewitt	\$23
Michael Kuca	\$1,000
J. Stormer	\$25
Jerry and Janice Cleworth	\$100
	\$21,148
Downtown Property Owners (BID)	
ACS	\$600
Bachner Companies	\$1,000
Baan O Yeel Kon Corporation	\$200
BIH Properties	\$500
Brickley, Dick and Hoa	\$100
Cavitt, Dave	\$1,000
Cole, Charlie	\$333
Eagle, Frank and Kathy Lavelle	\$575
First Presbyterian Church	\$1,000
Hage, Jim	\$125
JL Properties	\$2,000
Maloney, Robert	\$250
Miller, Chris and Angie Schmidt	\$900
Mount McKinley Bank	\$500
Rogers, Bill and June	\$502
Rostad, Monty	\$1,000
Schikora, Gary	\$200
Solin, Eugene	\$25
Somers, Dave and Judy	\$125
St, Pierre, Bill	\$200
Thompson, Dan	\$100
Usibelli Investments	\$1,000

Webb, Mike and Carl Cox	\$500
Wells Fargo	\$1,000
Whitmore, David	\$100
	<u>\$13,835</u>

Downtown Businesses

5th Avenue Designs	\$100
A Bed & Breakfast on Minnie Street	\$50
Alaska Heritage House Bed & Breakfast	\$100
American Tire and Auto	\$25
Arctic Traveler's Gift Shop	\$50
Dance Theatre Fairbanks	\$50
EcoSeg Alaska	\$50
Fairbanks Shakespeare Theatre	\$50
Fairbanks Convention and Visitors Bureau	\$1,500
Johnson River Enterprises	\$5
Julia's Solstice Café	\$25
Lady Lee's Bath House Emporium	\$25
Midnite Mine	\$300
SpruceWind Healing Arts	\$25
Stephenson CPA	\$100
Taoist Tai Chi Society of the USA - Alaska	\$150
	<u>\$2,605</u>

Other Community

ATIA Charity Walk	\$125
Rotary Club of Fairbanks	\$500
Sunshine Health foods	\$25
The Turtle Club	\$50
Northern Land Use Research, Inc	\$100
The Kobuk Store	\$25
	<u>\$825</u>

12-month rolling total donations	\$192,163
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Help for CSP: Community Service Patrol needs more than a new van

03.12.10 - 11:06 pm

Editorial

Finding the money to buy a new van might not seem like such a big deal, but it is if you're in a program that continually struggles for financial support.

The Community Service Patrol received a much-needed new van thanks to a grant from the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. The van replaces one that was spending too much time in the shop after having hauled so many chronic public inebriates to treatment locations or, in some cases, jail or home.

The new van is one bright spot for the CSP program and its supporters, but the program needs to have a string of them. It would be best, of course, if the program weren't needed. But it is false hope to think the problem of chronic public inebriation is going to end. Efforts might someday succeed in reducing the prevalence of the problem, but Fairbanks likely always will have a population of public inebriates.

Organizations that have helped pay the cost of operating the CSP deserve much thanks. These groups include Doyon Ltd., Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, downtown businesses, the Downtown Association, the Downtown Rotary and the city of Fairbanks.

The program needs a stable source of funding, however.

The preservation of Fairbanks' image as a tourist destination requires the program have a more permanent feel. And so does the general health and safety of the public.

Let's hope that in the months ahead leaders of the Fairbanks city government and others involved in trying to reduce the problem of chronic public inebriation can come up with a long-term plan to sustain the Community Service Patrol.

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City Council agrees to fund Community Service Patrol

11.23.10 - 10:31 pm

Editorial

The Fairbanks City Council voted wisely Monday when it approved a standing city contribution of \$50,000 per year to the Community Service Patrol.

This investment, taken from bed tax income, should save the city money. The patrols pick up inebriated people in the core downtown area and take them in vans to an appropriate location. The patrol officers made more than 1,000 such trips in the 10 months ending June 30.

If the Community Service Patrol officers weren't there, the job often would fall to Fairbanks police officers, who are much more expensive. Even if police handled half the calls that the service patrols do, it would represent a huge cost to the city.

Of course, the city also could save the money by telling its police not to respond to public inebriation calls. That's not realistic, though. Often, the inebriated people are a danger to others in addition to themselves. Their presence and behavior also is highly upsetting to the sober folk trying to go about their business in the city. A response is necessary.

The city could also continue to leave the job to the private sector. The Community Service Patrol is operated by the Downtown Association of Fairbanks, a private nonprofit organization. It funds the patrols with government grants and private contributions. (The association has obtained some city bed tax money through the annual competitive process, but not much.)

The city should neither ignore the problem nor leave the entire effort to downtown businesses to handle, though. This is a public problem that reverberates far beyond the city core, and it deserves a public response.

The CSP organization has struggled in recent years and has had to cut back its services. The city's contribution for the next three years should help anchor the effort and prevent more back-sliding.

A contribution of city funds is an economical and effective choice.

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Core Service: Donors help community service patrol continue

12.01.11 - 11:20 pm

Fairbanks Daily News-Miner editorial

The Community Service Patrol performs an important public service by helping people who wind up on the streets downtown.

The community benefits because there are fewer inebriated people taken to Fairbanks Memorial Hospital who need medical or clinical treatment that cannot be found in an emergency room.

The goal of the CSP is to “ensure that all incapacitated people are treated in a fashion where their safety and well-being is ensured” and to “protect and promote downtown Fairbanks.”

From September 2010 to September 2011, there were 261 individuals who were picked up and transported a total of 1,555 times.

About 40 percent of the trips ended at the Fairbanks Native Association detox center, while 27 percent of the people were taken to the jail for a 12-hour sleep off and 23 percent were taken to the hospital. About 11 percent were taken to a home where someone could provide care.

During the past two years, the number of people taken to the hospital by the patrol has declined from about 450 to about 250, thanks in large part to the detox option. That in a year’s time the 12-hour sleepoff center at the jail is the destination for hundreds of people reflects a lack of community alternatives for treatment.

We want to thank the donor, who wishes to not be publicly identified, who stepped up and gave \$20,000 to meet the matching funds goal for the patrol and keep it going. The donation, coupled with other support from the community, allows the Downtown Association of Fairbanks to qualify for a \$50,000 grant from the city.

The patrol was facing a 2011 shortfall of between about \$4,000 and about \$20,000 to qualify for the full city grant, depending upon the results of its other year-end fundraising efforts. The additional funds provided by the donor will allow the patrol to start 2012 with a bit of an advantage, though it faces a difficult chore each year securing the funds for continued operations.

Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, Doyon Limited, the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, the city and the borough have been core supporters of the program.

We also want to recognize the other new donors helping this program, including the 22 downtown property owners, who have chipped in at least \$13,602, and ExxonMobil, which provided \$5,000.

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March 21, 2012

Honorable Senators of the Alaska State Legislature
Senate Finance Committee
State Capitol
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RE: Community Service Patrol Support

Dear Committee Co-Chairs and Members:

The City of Fairbanks supports the \$20,000 Capital Request for the Community Service Patrol ("CSP"). Alaska Statute requires that incapacitated people be taken into protective custody and transported to an appropriate point of care. The CSP helps the City to ensure that our community is adhering to this state law and enables our police and fire departments to address more urgent issues.

The service provided by the Community Service Patrol is a valuable service to our community – the City of Fairbanks has made three annual \$50,000 appropriations to the CSP and will do so again for two more years provided the CSP is able to meet the City's contribution by a 3:1 cash match.

Working to resolve safety issues for inebriates has been a priority for our city for quite some time. While we continue to search for ways to lessen the chronic inebriate issues our community faces, the watchful and timely transport service provided by the CSP helps to keep all of our citizens safer, and aids our emergency responders.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact me for further information at 907.459.6793.

Sincerely,

Mayor Jerry Cleworth

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