

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Nenana****Project Title:****Project Type:** Planning and Research**Nenana - Borough Study****State Funding Requested: \$75,000****House District: 6 / C**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Nenana Borough Study

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$75,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$75,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

N/A

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

This is a study to determine the feasibility and advisability of creating a borough in the Nenana area. The topic has been discussed several times in the past and in the early years was met with significant resistance. Local residents are strongly independent and wanted no part of more government. Recent court cases have made it appear that if a neighboring borough was to move to annex, concerned residents may be denied standing to oppose annexation. Continued development on all sides of Nenana, and within the area of Nenana itself, such as oil and gas exploration, bridge and road construction, and increased access to lands and resources, are likely to make Nenana more attractive for annexation by neighboring boroughs. Strongly independent individuals have begun discussing the idea that local control of more government would be better than distant control by bigger government. The study would follow a three-step process consisting of 1.) Researching and Producing a feasibility report, 2.) Conducting community meetings in each community that could be affected at which the results would be shared, input sought, suggestions considered, and modifications made and, if desired 3.) A petition could be prepared to form a borough and submitted to the State Local Boundary Commission.

Project Timeline:

The study will begin immediately upon receipt of funding and will take place between July and December 31st 2012 and the remaining steps will be completed by December 31st 2013.

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

City of Nenana

For use by Co-chair Staff Only:

**\$75,000
Approved**

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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