

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Hope Community Resources, Inc.****Federal Tax ID: 92-0036594****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

Hope Community Resources, Inc. - Kodiak and Kenai Capital Grant

State Funding Requested: \$200,000**House District: Statewide (1-40)**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Grants to Kodiak & Kenai for Hope Community Resources

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$200,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2014 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$200,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The final version of SB18 (the FY14 Capital Budget) included two appropriations for Hope Community Resources, Inc. The first was Hope state-wide request in CAPSIS of \$1.3 million for statewide improvement and repairs to assisted living homes. This appropriation is fully explained in CAPSIS. The second appropriation is a combination of Hope's two CAPSIS regional requests for Kodiak and Kenai. Hope had originally requested \$900,000 for Kenai and \$750,000 for Kodiak. The majority of these requested regional funds was for construction of a new community center in Kenai/Soldotna and improvements to a newly acquired building in Kodiak to function as a community center. The legislature combined these two requests into one regional request for Kodiak and Kenai and funded it at \$200,000.

This \$200,000 to assist Hope with community centers in both the Kodiak and Kenai/Soldotna communities is essential to the continued development of both centers. Hope intends to divide the appropriation equally between the Kenai and Kodiak Community Centers. Both projects have support from the local communities and local governments.

Hope has been providing supports and services in the greater Kodiak area for more than 20 years. There is a great demand for a community center to serve the disabled community. In 2012 Hope purchased a building in Kodiak to serve as a combination office building and community center. The building will allow for the means to operate administrative functions in Kodiak in a very cost effective manner. More importantly, a significant portion of the building has been set aside in order to operate a community center. To bring the building up to code to use as a community center Hope will use \$100,000 of the \$200,000 appropriation. Essential work associated with emergency exits, lighting, fire suppression systems and ventilation systems all must be completed prior to safely allowing community use. This essential funding will allow us to open this community center within one year from now. There will be no state operating budget costs associated with this community center.

In the Kenai/Soldotna area Hope has experienced an over 55% growth rate since beginning service there six years ago. There is a great need for a facility in which to conduct educational and community programs for the disabled community. This project is the top priority of our local advisory Board and over thirty individuals and groups provided letters of support to the legislature including the City and Borough Mayors. Hope already owns the land on which the new community center building will be located. The State of Alaska has previously provided \$325,000 toward this project and the engineering and planning phases are completed. The additional \$100,000 is essential to provide Hope sufficient additional funding to begin site preparation and to effectively gain access to additional funds from community and private foundations. This years funding combined with other funds Hope intends to raise will be sufficient to complete this project. Again there will be no operating costs to the State created by this expenditure.

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Project Timeline:

FY 14

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

Hope Community Resources

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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