

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: GlennRich Fire Rescue****Federal Tax ID: 74-3237276****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

# GlennRich Fire Rescue - Personal Protective Equipment

**State Funding Requested: \$50,000****House District: 6 / C**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Replace Personal Protective Equipment including, "turnout" or "bunker" gear.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$50,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$50,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

GlennRich Fire Rescue, utilizes "turnout" or "bunker" gear that is well beyond its serviceable life. This is the gear firefighters use to protect themselves from smoke and flame when we respond to fires in the Copper River Valley.

We average two responses per month on a very inconsistent basis.

Most of the current gear is surplus or retired from other fire departments. While GlennRich appreciate the freebees, the safety of volunteers must come first, they are our most precious commodity.

The National Fire Protection Association standard is to replace any gear which shows signs of wear or damage. This would include all of our gear. In addition to this, many advances have been made in the last couple of decades to provide better protection. Protective suits made from Nomex, Kevlar, and other similar materials are now available. The bulk of the gear used by GlennRich volunteers is constructed of older materials such as cotton and wool which is no longer considered suitable.

We currently have 17 active members and three applicants.

**Project Timeline:**

Expenditures are expected to be completed within one year of funding award.

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

GlennRich Fire Rescue

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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