

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. - Statewide Facilities Improvements and Equipment

State Funding Requested: \$800,000**House District: Statewide (1-40)**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Statewide request for miscellaneous capital projects to improve housing and facilities for persons with disabilities.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$800,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$800,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:**FY 2014 Legislature approved \$1,500,000,**FY 2013 Legislature approved \$1,025,000,**FY 2012 Legislature approved \$763,000,**FY 2011 Legislature approved \$600,000,**FY 2010 No funding.**FY2009 Legislature approved \$800,000, partially vetoed reduced to \$400,000.**FY2008 Legislature approved \$400,000, partially vetoed reduced to \$176,000.**FY 2007 Legislature approved \$300,000,***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Hope Community Resources, Inc. is the largest statewide provider of community supports for children, adolescents and adults who experience disabilities. The individuals who choose Hope supports are diagnosed as intellectually disabled, physically disabled, experience complex medical conditions/technology dependence or other conditions and classifications. Hope provides individualized supports with nine regional offices that also serve many villages in those specific areas. The housing needs for this wide variety of individuals require Hope to acquire and maintain reasonable housing and accommodations. During FY'15, in addition to this capital request, Hope has budgeted and will expend over \$2 million within its annual budget for regularly scheduled maintenance, critical repairs and other capital improvements. This request to the legislature is essential for continuing the Hope tradition of providing safe and accessible community options for Alaskan citizens who experience disabilities. These projects are necessary to maintain state licensing requirements.

Life safety upgrades are essential for individuals who experience intellectual, physical and developmental disabilities. As such, more evacuation time is required in the event of an emergency such as a fire. Research data from a multiplicity of fire

safety personnel clearly suggests that sprinkler fire suppression systems offer optimal time to exit should such an emergency occur.

Yukla Anchorage Sprinklers Installed \$25,000.00

ADA accessibility and safety modifications are essential to independence. They allow individuals to live their lives with minimal levels of support while maintaining environmental health and safety. Modest modifications to a home, such as widening a bathroom, adding a walkway, or constructing a ramp for entrance/exit purposes allows for dignity and independence while maximizing life safety.

Cherokee Way ANCHORAGE ADA Bathrooms \$15,000.00

Resolution Bay WASILLA ADA Deck replaced \$6,000.00

Eadies Way SOLDOTNA Deck replaced \$15,000.00

Nugget Lane ANCHORAGE Kitchen remodel \$20,000.00

Viburnum ANCHORAGE Kitchen remodel \$15,000.00

Alex Court SOLDOTNA Kitchen remodel \$10,000.00

Ranch Home WILLOW Kitchen remodel \$20,000.00

Yuguukut DILLINGHAM Kitchen/Bthrm remodel \$25,000.00

Many of the residential properties owned and operated by Hope have roofs that have reached or exceed their anticipated "life" and therefore are in desperate need of replacement. This not only enhances the structural and future value of a home, but adds to the safety and comfort of those who live within the house.

East 34th Ave. ANCHORAGE Roofing replaced \$15,000.00

Sherrie Street ANCHORAGE Roofing replaced \$35,000.00

Student 2 ANCHORAGE Roofing replaced \$60,000.00

Farm Loop WASILLA Roofing replaced \$30,000.00

Many people who experience intellectual, physical and developmental disabilities are often challenged by barriers associated with old, worn flooring and/or inadequate materials that might restrict movement. Damaged floors can prevent safe navigation within the home for both staff and individuals requiring wheel chairs or walkers. Certain types of flooring can enhance respiratory health and sustain the rigors of wheelchair utilization.

Juanita EAGLERIVER Flooring replaced \$10,000.00

Bull Pine KETCHIKAN Flooring replaced \$20,000.00

Resurrection SEWARD Flooring replaced \$10,000.00

Pioneer Parkway WASILLA Flooring replaced \$6,000.00

Ranch Home WILLOW Flooring replaced \$20,000.00

Alaskan weather conditions require specific windows that can sustain the climate in our state. Such windows have additional benefits of reducing energy costs and demands while enhancing the health of individuals who experience disabilities. Periodic replacement is also necessary in both instances. Windows that offer maximum energy conservation, durability and protection will serve as replacements. Extreme climate over time has resulted in damage to the siding and associated structural concerns. These home's are over twenty years old.

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2014 Legislature

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Arlene	ANCHORAGE	Windows replaced	\$25,000.00
Julianna	ANCHORAGE	Windows replaced	\$25,000.00
Pioneer Parkway	WASILLA	Windows replaced	\$10,000.00

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Shenandoah	ANCHORAGE	Septic replaced	\$50,000.00
Rasperry	ANCHORAGE	HVAC (Heating / Cooling) replaced	\$15,000.00

These homes have significant structure issues, the siding, fencing, and or driveways being damaged and in need of replacment.

W 79th	ANCHORAGE	Paving driveway	\$10,000.00
Student 2	ANCHORAGE	Siding replaced	\$80,000.00
Selief Apts	KODIAK	Siding replaced	\$90,000.00
Viewcrest	KODIAK	Siding replaced	\$70,000.00
Alex Court	SOLDOTNA	Driveway paved	\$20,000.00
Yuguukut	DILLINGHAM	Electrical upgrade	\$10,000.00
Whale Bay	ANCHORAGE	Fencing	\$15,000.00
East 40th	ANCHORAGE	Painting exterior	\$5,000.00
Farm Loop	MATSU	Painting exterior	\$8,000.00
Pioneer Muldoon	ANCHORAGE	Painting exterior/int	\$10,000.00

Project Timeline:

Anticipated completion within the fiscal year.

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

Hope Community Resources, Inc

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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

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Hope Community Resources, Inc., FY2015 Capital Budget Request Overview and “Context Explanation”

Hope became a licensed provider of services to the disabled in October 28, 1968. Beginning as a single home known as Hope Cottage, Hope has undergone immense growth and numerous changes, and as of 2012, over 1,300 Alaskan individuals statewide are working in partnership with Hope to ensure their needs and dreams are being met. **As the State Department of Social Services authorizes additional Alaskans to receive these services, Hope is increasing the Alaskans it serves annually. From June 2005 (757 individuals) to July 1, 2013 (1547 individuals) the number of Alaskans served by HCR grew 98%.** Hope additionally has a strong successful relationship with Alaska Housing Finance Corporation to provide housing for people who experience disabilities.

The existence of Hope has helped enable over eighty Alaskans to return home from institutional locations out of state and making Alaska institution free with the closing of Harborview Developmental Center in Valdez. The providing of these services has shifted from large state run institutional centers to assisted community housing and is **annually saving the State of Alaska millions of operating budget dollars** by doing so. (See Legislative Research Services 8/28/09 report “Projected Impacts on State Spending from Eliminating Certain Medicaid Programs”)

As an agency, Hope’s mission is to provide services and supports that are requested and designed by individuals and families who experience disabilities that result in choice, control, family preservation and community inclusion. Currently, Hope is the only agency to provide services to disabled Alaskans on a state-wide basis through regional offices that are located in **Anchorage, the Mat-Su Valley, Dillingham, Kodiak, Juneau, Seward, Barrow, Kenai/Soldotna, and Ketchikan.** Based in these communities, Hope also serves the outlying areas and numerous villages surrounding each region.

The majority of those receiving services from Hope are dealing with a developmental disability (about eighty percent). Some individuals suffer from exclusively physical disabilities but most experience a combination of both mental and physical challenges. In addition to providing housing, Hope is adding new services and supports, such as vocational education, life skills training, recreation programs, self-defense, spiritual wellness, and supported parenting/relationships in an effort to meet the ever-changing needs of Alaskans who experience a disability. This year’s funding request will help pay for badly needed remodeling and upgrades to Licensed Assisted Living Homes throughout the State of Alaska. **Housing for the mentally and physically disabled is more complex and expensive than ordinary housing. As the State continues to add new “participation requirements” and not completely compensating for inflation, Hope’s annual capital budget funding is essential to Hope’s ability to continue providing services.**

A 2009 report by Legislative Research Services indicated the huge savings to the State of Alaska from providing Medicaid waiver in-home services such as those provided by Hope versus nursing home/other institutional services. The state benefits from an over \$10,000 per recipient annual savings between home and community based medicaid waiver services versus nursing homes. Additionally, the report pointed out the huge capital expense required to institutionalize existing in-home service recipients:

Any savings in Medicaid spending that might occur if only small proportions of projected PCA and HCBS recipients move to institutional care would likely pale when contrasted with the construction and operating costs for the additional long term care facilities that would be required due to increased demands on an already strained system. Actual costs for those facilities would depend on the number of projected program recipients who would move to such facilities, the location of those facilities, and other factors that are difficult to predict. However, **our range of estimates indicate that total construction costs would likely total billions of dollars for hundreds of residential facilities with combined annual operating expenses of many hundreds of millions.** Because it is unlikely under current market conditions that the private sector would be capable of meeting the needs of individuals that would otherwise be served by PCA and HCBS, **the state would likely have to heavily incentivize or directly fund the capital and operating costs for additional long term care facilities.** (8/28/2009 LRS report emphasis added)

Due to the Legislature and the Governor prioritizing Hope's recent capital budget requests we have been able to reduce the backlog of projects **essential to comply with state Department of Health and Social Services requirements.** Additionally, most of the Alaskans being served by Hope for the first time during 2014 are children living with their families and did not require new housing facilities. These two factors have allowed Hope to reduce its capital budget request for FY15 by almost half. **However, as these children get older we anticipate they will require independent housing so it is essential to eliminate the project backlog to be able to maintain a future reduced level of funding.**

Hope has hundreds of volunteers and raises tens of thousands of dollars annually from fundraisers. As with previous years' grants, these projects will provide work for local Alaskans. Small projects such as these are an excellent way to maximize the positive local economic impact of state capital dollars. Additionally, Hope is now the 38th largest employer in Alaska. During FY2015, in addition to this capital request, Hope has budgeted and will expend approximately \$2 million within its annual budget for building maintenance and other critical repairs.

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Hope Community Resources, Inc. FY15 Capital Budget Request

Statewide Capital Budget Request

Listed by Community

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Ranch Home	WILLOW	Kitchen remodel	\$20,000.00
	STATEWIDE	TOTAL	\$800,000.00

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Rep. Craig Johnson
State Capital
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January 10, 2014

Dear Rep. Johnson:

Thank you for your past support of Hope Community Resources and the disabled Alaskans and their families we serve. Thank you also for again sponsoring our request in CAPSIS. I am writing to request your support for Hope Community Resources' FY15 State-wide Capital Budget request of \$800,000. The details of this request are in the CAPSIS system as a statewide request.

In consideration of the budget challenges the State is facing we have made every effort to reduce this year's request. The result is we are asking for only about half of last year's funding level. The Legislature approved grants to Hope of \$1,500,000 for FY2014, which the Governor approved and is currently being used for safety and major repair projects state-wide.

This year's funding request will continue to help pay for badly needed replacement, remodeling, and upgrades to Licensed Assisted Living Homes throughout the State of Alaska. Of particular emphasis again this year is **fire safety, flooring repairs, and accessibility issues**. Wheelchairs and other mobility assisting devices are very hard on flooring and if floors are not in excellent condition they can inhibit safe exit during emergencies by persons with mobility disabilities. The 24 hour a day staffing nature of many of our properties and state requirements of above typical condition also increased the frequency for the need for major repairs. Another priority this year is kitchen improvements to comply with state requirements and promote self-sufficiency.

As in the past, we have limited our capital funding request to items of an extraordinary nature that would not typically be covered by our currently over \$2 million annual maintenance budget. **The annual capital budget funding has been and continues to be essential in filling the funding gap between these costs and other funding to provide these services.**

During the 1990s as the State of Alaska faced huge budget deficits caused by oil prices as low as \$10/barrel; as Chair of the Senate Finance Committee's Capital Budget Subcommittee I adopted some criteria for prioritizing capital budget requests:

1. What is the impact on future operating budgets? - Does this capital expenditure reduce operating costs?
2. Does the requesting group or program have a successful history/record?

3. Does the requesting group or program have strong community support and volunteer participation?
4. Does the requesting group or program raise funding on its own to help pay these costs?
5. Are state laws or regulations in any way related or responsible for these costs?
6. Does the request assist Alaskans who truly need state assistance?
7. Will this spending efficiently benefit the Alaskan economy? (As opposed to highly economically “leaky” expenditures whose value goes mostly outside Alaska.)

This capital funding request by Hope Community Resources clearly meets all these criteria.

A 2009 report by Legislative Research Services indicated the huge savings to the State of Alaska from providing Medicaid waiver in-home services versus nursing home/other institutional services. The state benefits from an over \$10,000 per recipient annual savings between home and community based medicaid waiver services versus nursing homes. Additionally, the report pointed out the huge capital expense that would be required to institutionalize existing in-home service recipients if the state discontinued the medicaid waiver program.

Hope has been providing these services for since 1968; has hundreds of volunteers statewide; raises tens of thousands of charitable funds annually; has huge community support; has an excellent working relationship with OMB and AHFC; and serves some of the most in-need and deserving Alaskans.

Also attached to this email is the CAPSIS information including specific projects to be funded by this request and an informational summary. The Alaskans served by Hope would greatly appreciate your help to secure these needed funds in this year’s Capital Budget.

Thank you



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