

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Capital Community Broadcasting, Inc.****Federal Tax ID: 92-0058054****Project Title:****Project Type: Information Systems and Technology**

Capital Community Broadcasting, Inc. - Gavel to Gavel Video Server Replacement

State Funding Requested: \$190,000**House District: Juneau Areawide (31-32)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

KTOO is requesting a capital grant of \$255,000 to replace the video server system which provides the Gavel to Gavel Alaska television service.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$255,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	(\$190,000)
Project Deficit:	\$65,000

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The video server is a complex system of hardware and software which is used to record, store and play back all of our Legislative coverage. Video tape is no longer used -- we depend entirely on the video server to capture every legislative event as video files. We use the system to record and archive all of the events we cover, as well as events covered by the Legislature's "Alaska Legislative TV" service. The archives include 19,801 individual Legislative events dating back to 2001.

Our current video server was funded by a grant from USDA, and was purchased in 2005 at a cost of \$174,411. It is now fully depreciated and the manufacturer terminated their support for most of the system's components on June 30, 2013, leaving us extremely vulnerable to a catastrophic failure that would essentially take Gavel to Gavel and all of our programming off the air. In addition, the old video server is only capable of recording and playing standard definition (SD) television, and like most stations, KTOO is now producing new local programs in high definition (HD). The old server is not compatible with HDTV signals. We're borrowing spare parts from other equipment, and the server is now living on borrowed time.

The video server replacement has been on our critical list for the past two years. In past years, most of the equipment for Gavel to Gavel has been funded by federal grants from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Public Television Facilities Program and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service. The Dept. of Commerce program was shut down by Congress in FY 2011. We applied to the Dept. of Agriculture program for funding for Gavel to Gavel equipment in FY 2012. While we were awarded \$483,000 for critical equipment, the video server system was not funded by USDA. It is unlikely that we will receive further federal funding for Gavel to Gavel equipment.

We are proposing to purchase a system with an estimated life span of seven years. The engineer's estimate of the cost of

the equipment is \$180,000.

We will also install a 21 terabyte archive storage system to store the ever-expanding Gavel to Gavel video archives. The cost of the archival system is \$42,000.

Installation cost is estimated at \$43,000.

Project Timeline:

If funded, the equipment will be purchased and installed during the summer and fall of 2014, with installation complete by the start of the 2015 Legislative session.

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

KTOO budgets for ongoing maintenance including annual factory service agreements.

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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