

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Boys & Girls Clubs of Southcentral Alaska****Federal Tax ID: 92-0036082****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

Boys & Girls Clubs of Southcentral Alaska - Northeast Clubhouse Kitchen Upgrade

State Funding Requested: \$48,000**House District: Anchorage Areawide (11-27)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Boys & Girls Clubs will improve the functionality and food service delivery to youth through the remodel of its commercial kitchen at the Northeast Clubhouse.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$228,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$180,000)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	(\$48,000)
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:**Matching**Operational funding provided by Northeast Community Center Board \$170,000**Operational funding provided by BGCA OJP pass through \$10,000***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Boys & Girls Clubs is a private non-profit corporation in its 47th year of service to Alaskan youth. Boys & Girls Clubs is affiliated with the national organization Boys & Girls Clubs of America and share their commitment to help youth of all backgrounds develop the qualities needed to become responsible citizens and leaders. Boys & Girls Clubs' mission is to empower and inspire the diverse youth of Alaska to realize their full potential by offering them hope, opportunity and a safe environment in which to grow.

Northeast Membership and Community Center Usage

Clubhouse Youth Membership 793

34% reside in single parent homes

78% qualify for free or reduced lunch

2,700 Community Center Users, not including large community events

Clubhouse provides free meals and free Clubhouse membership for youth.

Capital Request

\$20,000 Replace walk in refrigerator

\$20,000 Kitchen flooring and cabinet upgrades

For use by Co-chair Staff Only:

**\$48,000
Approved**

11:57 AM 5/13/2014

\$8,000 Replace and upgrade miscellaneous kitchen durables

The Northeast Community Center and Boys & Girls Club are widely used by the Muldoon area community. Serving several elementary schools, Begich Middle School, and Bartlett and East High -- it has an active youth membership with high teen numbers. Community groups also regularly use the space.

One of the most needed resources is the kitchen. Free meals are offered to hungry youth every day. Meals are provided (cooked and served) by employees of Children's Lunch Box at no charge to youth. More than 23,000 meals were served to children in 2012!

The kitchen, while serviceable, is showing signs of wear. The refrigerator is requiring regular maintenance and has reached the end of what could reasonably be expected to be its estimated useful life. Flooring is old and cabinets and counters should begin being upgraded to commercial kitchen standards. Kitchen durable equipment for food preparation will be upgraded, repaired or replaced.

Project Timeline:

Bidding and procurement in the Fall/Winter 2014, shipping and installation in Spring/Summer 2015.

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

Boys & Girls Clubs of Southcentral Alaska

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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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

January 6, 2014

**Ms. Alana Humphrey
Chief Executive Officer
Boys & Girls Clubs-Alaska**

Dear Ms. Humphrey,

As you are aware, I am the President of the Board of Directors of the NorthEast Community Center, located in Muldoon. The Center has been managed by the Boy's & Girl's Club for the last 18 plus years. The Board supports the Club and feels it is a valuable asset to the northeast community, which functions as a Community Center, Kid's Kitchen and a Boy's & Girl's Club.

It has come to our attention that the Boys & Girls Clubs - Alaska is applying for grant funding in the amount of \$48,000, from the State of Alaska to purchase a new walk in refrigerator and other kitchen upgrades at the Center. These upgrades will support the Children's Lunchbox program that serves over 50 children at the Center. We believe wholeheartedly in the mission of your organization and feel that this funding for upgrades, will be money well spent for the youth and our community members.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at (907) 333-0117.

Sincerely,

**Bob Reupke, Board President
NorthEast Community Center**



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December 17, 2013

To whom it may concern;

I strongly urge you to consider the Boys & Girls Clubs grant application for FY 2015 kitchen improvements for their Northeast Community Center site.

The Children's Lunchbox and staff continue to partner with the Boys & Girls Club year after year to provide healthy, balanced meals for kids all year long. We began meal service at the Muldoon clubhouse over two years ago and are delighted with the wonderful partnership we've nurtured with Boys & Girls Club staff. We are impressed with the learning components offered by staff each day including physical activities, and the commitment to promote cooperation.

We are happy to be a part of their ideals that include proper portion controls and healthy food choices. Staff members encourage youth to volunteer with meal preparations, serving and clean-up. This is an excellent example of kids helping kids which speaks volumes about the important work they do.

I believe this program plays an exceptional role in meeting the needs of young people and is critical to education and building self-esteem of the youth in our community while providing healthy food to eat.

This grant will ensure that these services will continue without interruption for the programs they offer as well as meet the nutritional needs and food safety requirements for some of the most venerable in our community, the children we both serve.

Sincerely,

Linda Kupers
Program Manager
The Children's Lunchbox

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We feed hungry kids in a safe community environment!

December 18, 2013

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter to show my support for the Muldoon Boys and Girls club. The Children's Lunchbox has had the pleasure of working with the Muldoon Boys and Girls club for many years. I have witnessed on several occasions the great works of the staff with the children, their families, and with people in the community.

In 2011 The Boys and Girls welcomed the Children's Lunchbox program in to use their kitchen facility at NECC. Having cooked at Muldoon for more than a year, I have seen how the dinners served here have impacted the children in a positive way. They are thankful for the meals and want to help with dinner service and even with cleanup. The parents are also appreciative, especially if they have fallen on difficult times. Together we are now helping feed kids that might be at-risk, healthy meals Monday thru Friday.

Thank you for considering support to NECC Muldoon Boys and Girls club, allowing the children of Anchorage to reach their full potential.

Sincerely,

Laura Hahn
Kitchen Manager
The Children's Lunchbox

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