

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Health & Social Services****Project Title:****Project Type:** Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

Homer Senior Citizens, Inc. - Homer Senior Center Natural Gas Conversion

State Funding Requested: \$100,000**House District:** Kenai Areawide (28-30)

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Natural Gas Conversion Project - Homer Senior Citizens, Inc

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$504,898
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$100,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$404,898

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Homer Senior Citizens, Inc. is a non-profit organization senior services for Homer, Anchor Point, Kachemak City, Fritz Creek for the past 40 years. Homer Senior Citizens, Inc. has been the sole non-profit senior services provider for Homer and Homer Senior Citizens, Inc. relies upon grants, private donations and fees for service to meet budget at same level. Our expenditures increase annually, while our revenue continues to remain at the same level and in some cases lowered.

Converting to natural gas as a supplemental energy source will reduce our cost for heating and oil. This will save the Center as well as the 85 seniors who pay for electric heating at this time. Currently Homer Senior Citizens, Inc. expends over \$101,000 in fuel oil. With natural gas we will save \$25,000 annually if the projected 25% Enstar savings is accurate. We will save approximately \$10,000 annually due to the replaced appliances. This approximate \$35,000 annually equates to one full-time employee.

We are working with Rasmuson Foundation for additional funds to cover those costs to convert to natural gas.

Project Timeline:

City of Homer Capital Improvement Plan

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

Homer Senior Citizens, Inc.

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

Heather Beggs

From: Rep. Paul Seaton
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2014 1:49 PM
To: Heather Beggs
Subject: FW: Homer Senior Citizens Inc. Gas Conversion

From: Nina Faust [<mailto:aknina51@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2014 11:58 AM
To: Rep. Paul Seaton
Subject: Homer Senior Citizens Inc. Gas Conversion

P.O. Box 2994
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April 2, 2014

Dear Paul:

Now that gas is available within the City of Homer, it is important to help agencies providing a public service to hook up to the gas line. Homer Senior Citizens Inc. is a vital part of our community, providing Independent and Assisted Living Housing for our aging population. Most of their facilities are using expensive electric heating. Switching to gas would be a big benefit both for HSC as well as the residents, many of whom are on fixed incomes. As a non-profit serving our senior population, HSC depends on grants and funding from government agencies.

The cost for Homer Senior Citizens to convert to natural gas is estimated at just over \$500,000. I urge support for their funding request of \$100,000 to accomplish this much needed upgrade to gas.

Sincerely,

Nina Faust