

City of Galena - Boarding School Expansion

FY2007 Request: \$1,000,000
Reference No: 41968

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Education
Location: Galena
House District: Interior Villages (HD 6)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2006 - 06/30/2011

Project Type: Planning
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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project will provide funds for an expansion of existing facilities on the Air Base for a boarding school in Galena.

Funding:	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$1,000,000						\$1,000,000
Total:	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Project Description/Justification:

The ADOL provided the City of Galena with \$100,000 of US BRAC funds to begin evaluation of the facilities on the Air Base. With that funding, the community held a strategic planning session with the community to establish priorities.

It was the consensus of the community that education will be the primary driver for the base re-use. It was also determined that there will be other activities and users who will share in the overall costs of operation, but all activity on the base is 'at risk' without an expanded educational component.

The educational program includes several components. First is the boarding school which brings in High School students from around the State to assist these students in meeting the state and federal educational standards. Secondly, there is a vocational school that has post-secondary certification in 4 or 5 vocational areas. The vocational program also has developed short-term programs, 3 weeks or more, for special training. In the past, the City has coordinated with the Job Corps to provide some hands-on training in Galena.

The dilemma for the LRA is to match the facilities needs with facilities that will be available, usable and compatible with their particular program. However, funding constraints will not allow us to study the much larger issues. There are several key factors that must be addressed for the development plan to be implemented:

- Evaluate the campus as a whole unit including both educational and other users
- Determine how various components can compliment each other
- Provide preliminary cost estimates for building renovation to meet specific user needs
- Prepare siting report
- Obtain architectural drawings and cost estimates
- Evaluate the long-term sustainability of the programs
- Determine long-term utility and maintenance costs

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- Determine optimal number of tenants and/or students to bring in adequate revenue to sustain the operational costs.

Anticipating growth in the communities and eventually integrating the city school with the boarding school, preliminary estimates are that more than 60,000 sq/ft of new class room space to meet that demand is needed.