

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)

Grant Recipient: Filipino Community, Inc.

Federal Tax ID: 92-0113973

Project Title:

Project Type: Maintenance and Repairs

Filipino Community, Inc. - Filipino Community Historic Building Repair and Maintenance

State Funding Requested: \$50,000

House District: Juneau Areawide (3-4)

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Needed repairs to the Juneau Filipino Community Historic Building. Roof work, maintenance of water drainage in back of the building from mountainside and surrounding buildings.

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$800,000

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Other Funds	\$31,000	2010				
Total	\$31,000					

Explanation of Other Funds:

The FCI received a \$1,000 grant from Walmart in January 2010; and dedicated \$30,000 from current FCI savings toward building repairs and maintenance.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Filipino Community, Inc. (FCI) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located at 251 South Franklin Street in Juneau. The building is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places and needs major repairs. The eroding hillside in back of the building has caused frequent damage, including flooding, to the building structure. The existing drainage system is no longer adequate. Routine maintenance can no longer address the needs of the building and the land.

Problem:

Because the building is old, major repair and maintenance projects need to be accomplished. First, the temporary fixes to the leaking roof have not solved the leakage problems in to the hall. Previously, water damage had caused sheet rock, ceiling, and flooring to be replaced. The FCI's roofing contractor is continuing to locate and stop the roof leaks. Water drainage in back of the building is no longer adequate. The eroding hillside and water coming off the surrounding buildings cause frequent blockages in the drainage system, causing water to flow into the building. The drainage system will need to be assessed and fixed. An Engineer's report prepared following a flood in to the building several years ago recommended major repairs needed to the rotting foundation on the older side of the building. Another project involves repair and redistribution of the entire electrical system that frequently experiences overheating problems. Floor tiles on the main floor are old, cracked, missing and in need of replacement. The building faces other upkeep issues as well, but those identified above are priorities.

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**\$50,000
Approved**

Plan:

The FCI must first continue work addressing the leakage from the roof. A contractor is currently addressing the problem. However, the roof has been patched repeatedly over the years. If the contractor is unable to resolve the leak, the FCI may need to consider replacing the entire roof. The FCI will secure engineering and contracting services to address the drainage problems in back of and to the sides of the building. Repair to the rotting foundation is a larger project for which the FCI will solicit professional services of engineers, architects, contractors and whatever additional help is needed. Approaching the repairs from the hillside in back of the building is an extreme challenge due to the steep terrain, limited access, and the need to secure permission from neighboring property owners. There is no identifiable area on the hillside to place excavated material as work commences. A building contractor has suggested that as an alternative, the older (left) side of the building could be temporarily removed to fix the foundation. This would require rebuilding of the removed section of the building once the foundation is fixed. To remove the older side of the building will also require the main electrical panels, restrooms and storage areas to be relocated until the removed section of the building is restored. At such time, the electrical system would also be fixed when reinstalled. There may be smaller projects that will need to be addressed between the larger ones identified above in order to make preparations from one major project to the next.

Financial Considerations:

The FCI is seeking financial assistance from governmental sources and private grants to fund these projects. State grants will be supplemented by the organization's current savings and income from gaming activities. The total cost of all repairs is likely to approach \$800,000. This FY 11 request covers the most critical, immediate needs. While no financial option will be ignored, the FCI will consider a private loan against its current assets as a last resort.

Considerations:

The facility usage must continue to be available, especially for its gaming activities which are the organization's primary source of funding. It is understandable that facility space would be reduced in size while the projects are being conducted.

The Filipino Community, Inc. is the oldest Filipino organization in Alaska, predating statehood by 30 years. Its building serves as a community gathering place, a place to pass on Filipino culture and history in Alaska, and a home for celebrations and sharing with the broader community. Membership is open to all, regardless of ethnic origin.

Project Timeline:

The FCI intends to solicit professional services to begin its projects as soon as funding is secured. It is the goal to tackle the most severe problems immediately and within the timeframe of available funding. Currently, only the roof leakage is being addressed and funded by FCI savings because of its immediate impact to the building.

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

Filipino Community, 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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January 12, 2010

Senator Dennis Egan
Alaska State Senate
State Capitol, Room 510
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Senator Egan,

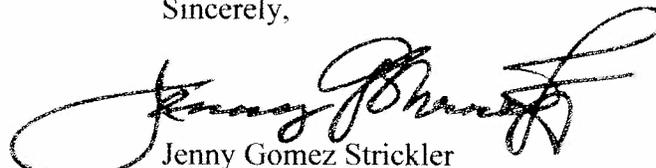
I am writing to request your help in securing financial support from the State for assistance to fund continuing repairs and maintenance on the Filipino Community, Inc. (FCI) building located at 251 South Franklin Street, Juneau, Alaska. In 2008, the FCI was grateful to receive \$75,000.00 that allowed us to begin repairs to the FCI building and property. The funding was well spent on temporary fixes to the roof, water damage in the building, and in bringing the building up to acceptable safety codes through installation of alarm and sprinkler systems, and engineering services on inspection of the leaning retaining wall. There is still much work at great expense to be done to the building.

The temporary fixes to the roof have not solved the leakage problems in to the hall because of the eroding hillside and water saturation of the base. A new roof will eventually become inevitable. There is still the rotting foundation on the older side of the building that needs attention, water drainage in back of the building coming from the mountainside and surrounding buildings to be addressed, and the entire electrical system that frequently experiences overheating problems. We are faced with many upkeep issues to a very old building. The building was placed on the National Register of Historical Places in June 1994.

We are seeking support in requesting \$800,000.00 to help us tackle some of these major maintenance issues. We will greatly appreciate any assistance you can give us.

Your support is appreciated and we thank you for your consideration.
(A hard copy of this letter is being mailed to your office as well.)

Sincerely,



Jenny Gomez Strickler
President