

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)

Grant Recipient: Bridge Builders of Anchorage

Federal Tax ID:

Project Title:

Project Type: Other

Bridge Builders of Anchorage - Education Program

State Funding Requested: \$148,500
Future Funding May Be Requested

House District: Anchorage Areawide (17-32)

Brief Project Description:

Targeted education outreach to at-risk students to keep kids in school through understanding of education's relationship to income, citizenship, and a healthy life. Project will use parent networks within "volunteer cultures" to design activities that allow kids to succeed academically and vocationally.

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$248,500

	<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>
State Funds					\$100,000	2012
Total					<u>\$100,000</u>	

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The pilot 2010 Bridge Builders Education Project is intended to keep kids in school on track to graduate by working through their community cultures with an emphasis on parent networks. Bridge Builders now works directly with Bajek Deng and the board of the Southern Sudanese Alaska Community Association. For example, together with funding from a variety of sources and a direct federal grant, the SSACS will recruit parents for a Pan-African parent language class provided in Fairview by Nine Star Education and Employment Services. In particular, BB is working with Lucy Hansen, Ruby Sokimi and the Board of the Polynesian Community Association and with Arthur Yang and the elders of the Hmong Community Association on this project.

With each community, BB staff and members will initiate a dialogue with community members, map out educational strategies the community's representatives believe will work, prepare written and illustrated electronic and printed tips (translated into traditional languages as appropriate) which emphasize best parenting practices. They will also help parents and students understand how parental support and student effort results in better paying jobs in Anchorage and statewide.

Bridge Builders is a membership organization from which the 21 board seats are filled annually and which is presently under the leadership of Elsa Sargento with Denee Zah and AmeriCorps Member Elissa Regan serving in the Bridge Builders office in the Success by Six building in Mountain View. Dr. Ellsworth James is the Sustainability Vice President, Dr. David S. Alexander is the Board Development Vice President, Donna Stephens is Treasurer, Angela Jimenez is Secretary, and Malcolm Roberts is Immediate Past President.

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**\$148,500
Approved**

Project Timeline:

The BB Education Pilot will extend from July, 2010 to June, 2012 and expend approximately \$5,000 a month for operations with another approximately \$5,000 for each of five signature events (ML King Day (January), Meet the World (February), Fourth of July (July), Unity Dinner/Gala (September) and Potluck (November)).

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

Bridge Builders of Anchorage

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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