

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development
Grants to Unincorporated Communities (AS 37.05.317)

Grant Recipient: Port Protection

Federal Tax ID: 92-0086228

Project Title:

Project Type: Maintenance and Repairs

Port Protection - Repair and Maintain Existing Community Boardwalk

State Funding Requested: \$18,000

House District: 33 / Q

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Ongoing annual repair and maintenance of the community boardwalk.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$20,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$2,000)
FY2014 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$18,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

This project has historically been funded by Capital Project Grants and Revenue Sharing monies.

The last capital grant we received ended in October 2009. Since then all funds have come from Revenue Sharing.

Money spent on boardwalk material and labor: 2010 was \$14,337.84, 2011 was \$10,621.63, 2012 was \$17,981.99.

In-kind contributions were \$1862.00 for 2010, \$950.00 for 2011, and \$1675.00 for 2012.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

This project entails the ongoing annual repair and maintenance of the existing community boardwalk of Port Protection Village. Annually, we need to rebuild, repair, and maintain significant portions of old, degraded boardwalk. This repair and maintenance is unremitting. This project is the first phase of a three-year plan to rebuild/replace a 900 foot section of the most used zone of the boardwalk. The targeted area for 2014 is a section of 300 feet of the original boardwalk, which is now quite degraded, that was built on an untreated foundation. Repairing and maintaining the boardwalk is the primary focus of Port Protection Community Association, as noted in the resolution to pursue Legislative Grant funding.

Being a remote, rural community with no roads, Port Protection's boardwalk is vital to the integrity of the community. It is the only access throughout our community: to our homes, to our neighbors, to the water tank/system, to the school, to our community building, and to the store where we shop, buy fuel, do laundry, meet float planes, get mail, rendezvous with incoming supply boats, and socialize with friends. It is crucial to the health and safety of our community. The community relies on it for maintaining the water system and for fire safety, and with our aging population, it provides relative ease of movement for potential medi-vacs. We are also dependent on it for hauling necessary daily supplies to our homes: like groceries, firewood, fuel, etc. It is essential to our emotional wellbeing by providing access to our neighbors. It fundamentally allows for the efficient movement of goods and people throughout the community.

The 3500 feet boardwalk traverses the entire village of 37 lots with one spur going up the hill to our community water tank. Water supply lines to each household and fire hydrants run along side the entire length. Another spur connects to our state float where we leave skiffs and small boats; a critical landing as this is where all our supplies are staged before being transported up to our cabins. The boardwalk is wide enough to accommodate four-wheelers. The rain forest environment causes constant rot and decay to the underpinnings, deck boards and handrails. Ongoing repair and maintenance is essential due to safety and well being of our residents.

Our Revenue Sharing money is budgeted for:

- Supplies and re-certification courses for our volunteer fire department and EMS team.
- Administration costs for the community, which include fuel for our community building, repairs and maintenance on structures, fire insurance, liability insurance, salary for the secretary and treasurer, payroll taxes, telephone, etc.
- Maintenance on our water system, monthly testing costs, continuing education and certification for water operators.

There is little left over to fund the continual needed repairs to the boardwalk. We have recycled what lumber we could but that is now used up. The upcoming project will require gravel fill. This request is for funds to purchase lumber, transport it 89 miles up island to the end of the road, move it by skiff two miles to our village, haul it by cart or four-wheeler, and transport gravel fill to the work site. Wages to local workers provide much needed income as few jobs exist in the village.

Project Timeline:

The project time-line is dependent on project funding and weather. Boardwalk repair and maintenance usually takes place during the fall, winter, and spring.

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

Port Protection Community Association Board

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Name: Leslie Fahey
 Title: PPCA Secretary
 Address: PO Box PPV
 Port Protection, Alaska 99950
 Phone Number: (907)489-2221
 Email: portprotectioncomm@gmail.com

Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No

A resolution of the community of Port Protection supporting pursuit of legislative grant funding for annual repair and maintenance of the village boardwalk, as a priority.

Whereas, due to the fact that Capital Grants are no longer available and the community is using a large portion of Revenue Sharing funds to repair and maintain the boardwalk annually, and

Whereas, given that our community is a remote, road-less, rural community where everyone is dependent on the boardwalk, and

Whereas, the PPCA Board would like all members of the Port Protection Community Association at the annual meeting October 20, 2012 to vote to pursue funding of the annual repair and maintenance of the boardwalk with Legislative grants as the priority; now therefore,

Be it resolved that Port Protection Community Association voted unanimously to pursue Legislative Grant funding for the repair and maintenance of the community boardwalk as a priority at the annual meeting Oct 20, 2012.

Adopted by the Port Protection Community Association on October 20, 2012



Gretchen Goldstein
Chair, PPCA

Attest:



Leslie Fahey
PPCA Secretary,

January 6, 2013
Port Protection, Alaska

To whom it may concern,

I have been a resident of Port Protection, Alaska for 35 years. I am writing to communicate how valuable and vital the community boardwalk is to our community. The boardwalk serves us in many ways;

It provides access to our homes from a community dock and beach and vice/versa for the conveyance of goods – firewood, food/groceries/wild game, fuel, mail (we get a lot of goods via mail as we live remotely and is one of the few options we have for receiving goods), building materials, and general freight.

It provides access to our homes for fire protection. We have a community water system with fire hydrants located at intervals along the boardwalk and a community volunteer fire department. The boardwalk is vital for providing ease of movement for fire fighters and equipment and access to the hydrants and homes.

It provides access for maintenance, repair, and servicing our community water system which provides drinking and domestic use water to all of our homes and water for fire protection.

It provides ease of movement and access to our homes for emergency medical needs, emergency medical personnel and equipment, conveyance of injured or ill persons to dock or beach for emergency transportation.

It provides an avenue of movement for kids coming and going to school.

It provides an avenue of movement for our residents to move about the community for whatever the need; social interaction, coming or going to the store, etc. just as a road or sidewalk does in a town.

Sincerely,
Jeff Sbonek
Port Protection, Alaska

Box PPV
Port Protection
Ketchikan, AK.
99950-0180

January 3, 2013

Dear Legislators,

I am writing in support of Port Protection's request for CAPSIS funding to continue the maintenance of our village boardwalk system.

When I moved here 35 years ago there were only muddy trails. Johnny James claimed he lost an inch in height packing lumber from the beach to his back-in-the-woods lot. We had no water system, so fire protection was a bucket from a creek. We had no school. Very few non-beach lots were developed.

Now our whole infrastructure is built around the boardwalk. The Village Safe Water mains, and the Fire Hydrants run along it, and it provides access to our water tanks and catchment basin. The State installed a skiff float at the beginning of the boardwalk. The Community Building, which houses our EMT equipment as well as being a meeting place, library and place for gatherings, and the tool and fire equipment annex, are on the boardwalk. There are residences on

every lot, and people depend on the boardwalks to get supplies to their homes.

Our village is unique. The boardwalk is essential to the continued health, safety and well-being of its people. Please help us by supporting our request for funding.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Gretchen Goldstein
Chair - PPCA



Port Protection Community <portprotectioncomm@gmail.com>

Letter in support of community boardwalk (from Sequoia)

1 message

Sequoia Fahey <cosmic.cumquat@gmail.com>

Tue, Jan 8, 2013 at 6:29 PM

To: portprotectioncomm@gmail.com

My community's boardwalk is important to me for many reasons. It makes a lot of what I do on a daily basis possible. It is the central hub of activity providing safety, comfort, and beauty for this town.

I am a young resident who was raised in this community and I have an interest in continuing my life in this unique and beautiful area. A few years ago I began building a house for myself located in the middle of the community. The existence of the boardwalk made it possible for me to transport lumber and building supplies to the building site. Without the boardwalk I would have had to build my house the hard way, like the distant forefathers of this community did; by dragging and carrying every pound through the woods by hand along a muddy trail. Backbreaking work! And while this is part of the legacy that makes Port Protection unique and poetic, having a boardwalk is part of what makes new and young individuals have the viable option of choosing to live here.

The boardwalk is important for many other reasons. It is the central hub of much daily activity. It is how we get our firewood, how we get our groceries, and how we visit each other. In addition to this, it provides essential safety access for emergency situations. These situations include, access to fire hydrants to every home, access to medical supplies and access to the airplane float for emergency airlifts.

Lastly but not least importantly, the boardwalk is also a part of what makes our town beautiful. It gives us a way to recreate, exercise, and enjoy the beauty of the forest and natural landscapes that we live within.

In summary the boardwalk of Port Protection is important to me because it makes my lifestyle feasible, it provides many vital needs of a small rural roadless community and it is beautiful.

Sincerely

Sequoia

To Governor Parnell, Representative Peggy Wilson and Senator Bert Stedman
Re: Port Protection Boardwalk Maintenance Funds request

We have lived in Port Protection for 17 years now. On our initial visit to the village all those years ago we were very impressed with the boardwalk, winding through the woods. It was welcoming and also somewhat mysterious as to who lived down that pathway and what was their cabin like. The boardwalk is so important to our well being. If it wasn't there we would have to use the skiff every time we wanted to move our supplies or go anywhere. This can be a big ordeal at low tide because you have to clamber down a rock ledge and over big rocks. It is so much better to walk. Good for exercise and your mental well being. Keeps you connected to your neighbors too as you always run into someone. It is crucial in the winter to haul supplies with a sled. Thank you for your consideration for our needs. We really need and would appreciate the funds to keep it up. Thank you.

Gail Sterling and Michael Nichols
Box PPV
Port Protection, AK 99950
907.489.2241

Jan. 5, 2013

1/04/2013

Legislative office:

As a citizen of port protection, a PPCA board member and current boardwalk foreman, I strongly support the maintenance and rebuilding of our boardwalk. I currently live on the boardwalk and depend on it for transportation of everything. I have recently purchased land near a different less used section of boardwalk and plan on connecting to it with a private boardwalk. This will give me access to a calm harbor for my skiff in winter months. Our boardwalk connects many properties via easements that would otherwise be inaccessible. Individuals can then use their own resources to improve access to boardwalk. With an aging population and an increased need for hauling machines, the boardwalk for some has become a necessity of life. As a community we have limited infrastructure, what we do have helps us hold on here.

Zeek Roulston

January 6, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

The boardwalk in Port Protection is essential to our community. We use the boardwalk daily, ourselves, and value it highly. It is how we transport groceries, fuels and other supplies to our home on the outskirts of Port Protection. We support any funding opportunities that will allow the community to continue upkeep, repair and maintenance of this boardwalk.

Thank you,

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