

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: This Generation Ministries****Federal Tax ID: 010883680****Project Title:****Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

This Generation Ministries - Camp Nahshii Land Acquisition and Improvements

State Funding Requested: \$125,000**House District: 39 / T**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Land purchase and expansion of the youth cultural-enrichment suicide prevention camp in the Yukon Flats Region.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$182,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$20,000)
FY2014 State Funding Request:	(\$125,000)
Project Deficit:	\$37,000

*Funding Details:**FY13-Donations from in and outside Alaska, DNR Grant**FY12-Legislative grant, donations from in and outside of Alaska**FY11-donations from in and outside Alaska***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Traditional Chief, AFN Elder of Year 2011, and Land Manager Paul Williams Sr. has leased the 40 acres of land to us for use. Every participating community has parents and youth who love Camp Nahshii. Funds would be used to purchase the land and build 5 cabins, at \$9,000 each. Volunteer work teams provide the labor for construction. This is the 5th year of the camp, and every year the camp has grown in size. TGM will use the funds to expand the camp to accommodate the growing numbers of youth and work teams who attend/volunteer.

Camp Nahshii is strategically located in the center of the Yukon Flats Region, 30 miles up river from Beaver, AK. Participating villages/communities include: Fort Yukon, Beaver, Chalkyitsik, Venetie, Arctic Village, Minto, Steven's Village, Fairbanks, Circle, Nenana, Valdez, Tetlin, & Birch Creek.

ADF&G teaches hunting, conservation, and bear/firearm safety. In 2010 the US Army built an obstacle course that the kids use every year, and that we expand and improve. The Alaska State Troopers have used our helicopter pad. Alaska Fish & Game utilizes our float plane landing and dock.

Youth participate in trapping and survival skills such as how to build a traditional freight sled and canvas canoe.

Teens interact with positive role models from TGM team/trained volunteers. Campers learn wellness and how to have a drug and alcohol free lifestyle & healthy relationships, which are keys to suicide prevention. Campers have an opportunity to

grow further through the Junior Staff Leadership Program. TGM staff maintain relationships with campers after camp to encourage their healthy choices.

Project Timeline:

Work teams in May assist in preparations and expansions. Youth camps occur in June. Followup work teams and further expansions through September.

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

This Generation Ministries-Ron Pratt

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

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THIS GENERATION MINISTRIES

Honorable Legislators
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

January 11, 2013

Dear Honorable Legislators,

I am writing this letter to ask for your support of This Generation Ministries' (TGM) Camp Nahshii Expansion capital proposal.

As a full time volunteer at Camp Nahshii with TGM, I have seen first hand the positive advances in **preventing suicide in the young people of the Yukon Flats Region**. 7 years of building relationships and youth outreach in the villages along the Yukon preceded the establishment of Camp Nahshii. The need to positively impact our youth became evident to local traditional Chief Paul Williams and TGM President Ron Pratt. The two forged a partnership to found Camp Nahshii in 2009. That same year we ran our first camp, with 11 youth. Since then the camp has doubled in size every year, and now in 2013 we have 2 camps scheduled to accommodate the growing attendance.

Every year I witness young people find hope and strength to overcome life-controlling issues. They return home and positively influence their community. Each year we see the growing impact of Camp Nahshii when former campers bring new friends and siblings for the first time. One girl brought her cousin who lives over 500 miles down river in Pilot Station.



The Camp Nahshii Expansion is an investment into the future and sustainability of this suicide-prevention program. Every summer volunteers from all over Alaska and beyond partner with us to further develop the land and structures because they believe in **reaching the youth people before their lives are cut short on paths of destruction.**

As an Alaskan Native who has worked with youth for over 8 years I believe in TGM's efforts in rural Alaska. I believe programs like Camp Nahshii provide young people with much needed exposure to positive role models and offer an atmosphere of support for at-risk teens. Camp Nahshii serves as a connect point for the TGM team to mentor youth throughout the year. A team just returned from this region and re-connected with many youth from Camp Nahshii, who anticipate this year's camp.

I believe the Camp Nahshii Expansion **aligns with the State's suicide prevention plan to avert suicide through promoting wellness, healthy living, and encouraging individuals to engage in community**. This collaborative, relational-oriented approach to suicide prevention is recognized as effective and should receive state funding.

Respectfully,

Keeley Kaveolook TGM Admin, Camp Nahshii Volunteer, Licensed Minister

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Grant Recipient: This Generation Ministries

Project Title:
Camp Nahshii Expansions

FY2014 State Funding Request: \$45,000
Future funding may be requested.

Brief Project Description:
Expansions to this youth cultural-enrichment suicide prevention camp in the Yukon Flats region.

Funding Plan:
Total Project Cost: \$102,000.00
Funding Already Secured: \$20,000
FY2014: State Funding Request: \$45,000.00
Project Deficit: \$37,000.00
Funding Details:

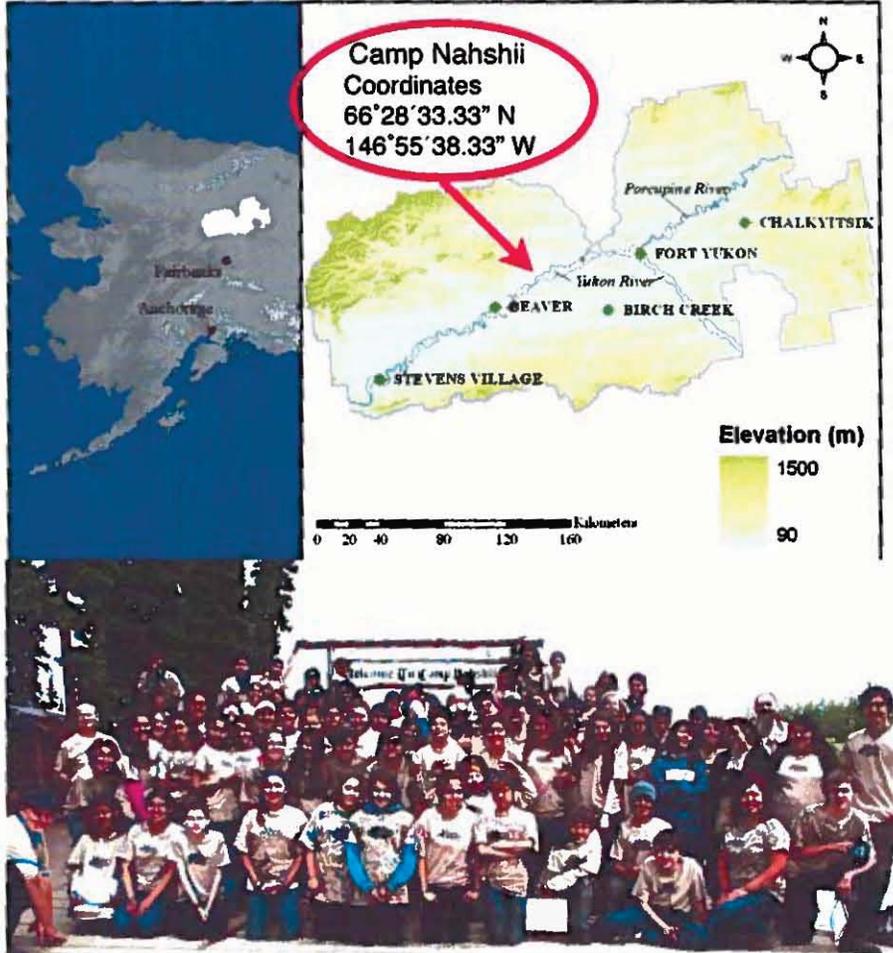
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FY12- Legislative grant, donations from in and outside Alaska
FY11- donations from in and outside Alaska

We have received funding from in and out of state non-profit organizations, individuals, regional & village native corporations, and a grant from the Department of Natural Resources.

Detailed Project Description & Justification:

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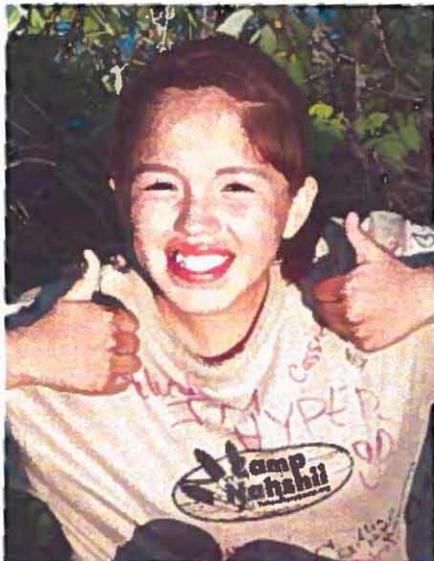
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THIS GENERATION MINISTRIES

Honorable Legislators
Attn: Paul Labolle
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Juneau, AK 99801-1182

February 22, 2013

Dear Honorable Legislators,

I am writing this letter as a supplement to our Camp Nahshii Expansions proposal. The land Camp Nahshii is located on has been to this point, leased to us. As of late, we have an opportunity to purchase the forty acres of property for \$80,000.00. Purchasing the property would ensure the longevity of Camp Nahshii. Therefore, we would like to increase our current capital proposal from \$45,000.00 to \$125,000.00. Please contact me with any questions or if you need any other information from us.

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