

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Juneau Shooting Sports Foundation****Federal Tax ID: 41-2243542****Project Title:****Project Type: Other**

Juneau Shooting Sports Foundation - Northern Southeast Middle School Firearm Safety and Competitive Shooting Programs

State Funding Requested: \$20,000**House District: Juneau Areawide (31-32)**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Provide funding to continue Juneau middle school firearm safety and competitive shooting programs in addition to expanded competition with northern southeast communities.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$25,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$5,000)
FY2014 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$20,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

2011 - \$3,000 JSSF

2012 - \$4,370 JSSF

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Juneau Shooting Sports Foundation (JSSF), along with participating organizations in Juneau, has sponsored the establishment of a middle school archery and firearm safety and competitive shooting programs.

The 'Archery in the Schools' program is well established and the air rifle program is in its second year.

In cooperation with other organizations and hunter safety programs established by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, JSSF intends to continue this youth program and expand the air rifle shooting programs to other areas of SE Alaska.

The first priority is to encourage an expansion into northern SE Alaska.

These competitive shooting programs are intended to mirror programs already established in Central and Interior Alaskan communities.

The major purposes of this program are to provide firearm safety instruction to our youth, to promote balanced competition between small and large schools in the region and to create a steady stream of internationally competitive shooters for Alaska's University system.

Equipment packages needed at each school participating in the program include 8 quality air rifles, screens, air tanks,

pumps, targets, pellets and safety glasses which vary from \$5,000 to \$6,000 depending on the air rifles selected.

Air rifles have been selected as the rifle of choice because it can be fired in properly controlled gyms or commons areas. This is a great advantage for rural schools who frequently do not have access to high powered rifle ranges.

JSSF is hopeful that a well designed and popular competitive shooting program will eventually be included in the school district budgets. Until that occurs funding is needed for equipment and annual supplies while JSSF and other organizations push for personnel funding for coaches and assistant coaches. Some travel costs will be expended for training, organizational efforts and regional competition.

In all communities these programs will rely on community volunteers in order to make the programs successful.

Project Timeline:

Expenditures will begin Fiscal Year 2014

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

Maintenance and operation of the equipment is the responsibility of the school district employees.

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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