

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Wellspring Revival Ministries****Federal Tax ID: 92-0164483****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

Wellspring Revival Ministries - Joel's Place Weatherization

State Funding Requested: \$150,000**House District: Fairbanks Areawide (1-5)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

This project will insulate and weatherize the walls for Joel's Place Youth Center.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$150,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2014 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$150,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

WRM worked with ServAlaska from 2008-2012 to run an AmeriCorps program in Interior Alaska. The Joel's Place Cafe has operated with the SFSP for since 2009 and the CACFP since 2012. Project Safety Net has been funded through the borough HSSC grants since 2012. WRM was awarded a Legislative capital grant in 2012 to pave and fence the exterior of our facility in order to offer outdoor recreation activities in addition to the indoor option.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Joel's Place Indoor Skate Park and Youth Center is a drop-in center for high-risk youth in Fairbanks. It offers opportunities for extreme sports such as skateboarding and BMX biking. It offers free meals from the SFSP and CACFP programs. In addition there are life skills enrichment classes, concerts, job training, suicide prevention programs and the local Safe Place program. 2012 saw over 900 youth come through our facility as we sought to create an environment that would both address the safety and development of Interior Alaska.

Joel's Place is located in a renovated warehouse. The facility was originally intended to accommodate merchandise, not youth. Over the past eight years we have upgraded the furnace, changed the air circulation system, pumped several inches of insulation into the roof and changed the windows and doors. Regardless, heating costs continue to be our primary funding issue each year. The final step in our building weatherization project is to re-insulate the walls.

When the warehouse was initially constructed, insulation was piped in between the ridged siding and building. Over the decades the insulation has degraded into powder, leaving no protection from heat loss. We would like to add new foam and siding to the building which should radically effect our annual energy costs.

The project is simple and straight forward: We will take down the existing siding, apply insulating foam to the structures walls and then attach new, protective siding to the building. If there is any money left, we would like to use that to purchase heating fuel for the winter.

Project Timeline:

All renovation and expenses will take place between April and September, 2013. Bids will be taken in April. Renovation will proceed in June or July, depending on the Contractor's schedule. The estimated length of the project is two weeks.

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

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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