

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Tanana Valley State Fair****Federal Tax ID: 92-0029566****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

# Tanana Valley State Fair - Livestock Pole Barn

**State Funding Requested: \$47,000****House District: Fairbanks Areawide (1-5)**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

This Pole Barn would be used for showing livestock animals, dog shows, horse shows, community gatherings and other public events.

**Funding Plan:**

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| Total Project Cost:           | \$129,000         |
| Funding Already Secured:      | (\$82,000)        |
| FY2014 State Funding Request: | <u>(\$47,000)</u> |
| Project Deficit:              | \$0               |

*Funding Details:**FY14-\$47,000 requested***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Fire Marshall has forbidden the continued use of the Tanana Valley State Fair Show Arena for animal shows. This means that no matter rain or shine, children and adults will be showing their livestock animals outside in the elements.

Approximately 244,000 people are impacted by the North Pole Ptarmigan 4-H Club Petting Zoos. Through their petting zoos, 4-H not only educates the public about livestock animals that the 4-H youth raise, and take care of, they also share how the animals are there to supply us with our food.

Petting Zoos are held at the Tanana Valley Fairgrounds every year (200,000 visitors) and have also been held at the Fairbanks Downtown Solstice (40,000 visitors), Farmer's Market (3,000 visitors), at the Noel Wein Library (444 participants), North Pole Library (200 participants), North Pole Elementary (540 students), Badger Elementary (500 students) Pioneer Home (70 residents and staff), Vacation Bible School (200 participants), and North Pole 4th of July Parade (500 visitors).

The new Pole Barn would provide a place for the Tanana 4-H District to show their livestock and it would allow for the annual Market Livestock Auction where 4-H youth sell their animals.

The community is supporting this request.

Rotary Clubs have donated \$20,000 and the Tanana Valley State Fair Association is contributing \$15,000.

4-H Youth have already raised \$47,000 and they are simply requesting a match from the State of Alaska.

Volunteer work teams will provide some of the labor with over 80 volunteers expected.

Funds will be used to build the Pole Barn, prepare the ground work, and hire electrical and general contractors.

**Project Timeline:**

FY14. They would like to have the Pole Barn erected by the first week of August 2013.

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

Tanana Valley Fairgrounds and 4H

**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

*For use by Co-chair Staff Only:*

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## North Pole Ptarmigan 4-H

**February 4, 2013**

**Honorable Legislators  
Alaska State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182**

**Dear Honorable Legislators,**

**My name is Nancy Graff, and I am writing this letter to ask for support for The North Pole Ptarmigans 4-H Club.**

**The North Pole Ptarmigans is the oldest 4-H club in the Tanana District, and our main focus is Community Service Opportunities through Petting Zoos.**

**Here is a list of our Community Service, and the number of people it impacts:**

**Downtown Solstice-40,000 at the high end**

**Farmer's Market-3,000**

**Noel Wein Library-444**

**North Pole Library-200**

**North Pole Elementary-540**

**Badger Elementary-500**

**Pioneer Home-70**

**Vacation Bible School-200**

**North Pole 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade-500**

**Through our petting zoos, we not only educate the public about livestock animals that the 4-H youth raise, and take care of, we also share how the animals are there to supply us with our food.**

**Also, this past Christmas, we sent 150 pounds of Christmas Presents, to a various kids in Allakaket. The presents went to kids from Kindergarten to the Fourth grade.**

**This summer we are planning to have petting zoos to raise money for the Pole Barn at the TVSF.**

**Tanana Valley State Fair is no longer to use the Show arena. The fire Marshall has forbidden us to use the current show ring because of fire regulations. This would mean that no matter rain or shine the kids as well as adults showing their livestock animals will be outside. With this Pole Barn, Tanana District will have a place to show their livestock animals, and also supply a place to have the Market Livestock Auction.**

**Also this Pole Barn will provide a place for other activities, such as dog shows, horse shows, community gatherings, as well as various other activities. This will not only benefit Fairbanks, but all community activities.**

**With my fourteen years that I have been involved with 4-H, I have seen the positive that our youth, have learned through Community Service, and the hard work of raising and taking care of livestock animals. I feel blessed to see the future leaders that are going to be taking care of us, and know the importance of giving back.**

**I hope that you consider us for funding!!**

**Respectfully,**

**Nancy M. Graff  
Leader, North Pole Ptarmigans 4-H Club**