

Agency: Department of Health and Social Services**Project Title:****Project Type:** Maintenance and Repairs

Juneau Pioneer Home Grounds Cleanup and Restoration

State Funding Requested: \$60,000
One-Time Need**House District:** Juneau Areawide (31-32)**Brief Project Description:**

This project will redesign and restore the grounds to a low maintenance garden. The Juneau Pioneer Home will oversee the contracting of the redesign, restoration, and purchase of plant materials and gardening supplies necessary to bring the grounds back to its former beauty.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$60,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2014 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$60,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:**There has been no other funding for this project***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Juneau Pioneer Home (JPH) sits on approximately five acres of land. Approximately 40% of those five acres are landscaped grounds. When the JPH opened in 1988, a full time grounds keeper was assigned to the Home. For a few years, the JPH grounds were well-maintained, and the residents and their family members were pleased with the grounds until 1992 when the position was eliminated.

Since 1992, the JPH grounds have been without a grounds keeper. The gardens are now in serious need of restoration. There are multiple lawns to tend to, seeding, moss control, and pruning of trees. Weeding the garden beds, installing fabric, bark mulch, and pruning and fertilizing existing plants could become a full-time operation. Instead, restoration of the JPH grounds will make it possible to maintain the gardens through the Adopt a Garden program that was recently initiated at the JPH.

This project will restore and redesign the grounds to a low maintenance garden. The Juneau Pioneer's Home will oversee the contracting of the redesign, restoration, and purchase of plant materials and gardening supplies necessary to bring the grounds back to its former beauty. The Juneau Pioneers Home has initiated an Adopt-a-Garden Program that will bring in volunteer organizations to maintain the gardens once the restoration is complete

Work will include: the removal of dead plants, pruning, weeding, fertilizing existing plants, considering the individual needs and characteristics of plants such as adjusting mineral content of the soil, sloping and planting terraces, transplanting a wide variety of flowers, shrubs, and trees, and pruning trees to obtain proper balance between roots and top growth, selecting the location for best plant growth and development, and the overall landscape plan. Prepare bed under sign for annual flowers. Beds around dining room window will be pruned, weeded, and fertilized. Install geotech fabric and bark mulch. Beds around parking lot to be pruned, weeded, and fertilized.

Project Timeline:

This project will begin July 2013 through June 2014

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

Juneau Pioneers Home

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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