

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Big Lake Chamber of Commerce****Federal Tax ID: 90117171****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

Big Lake Chamber of Commerce - Jordan Lake Park Upgrade

State Funding Requested: \$10,000**House District: Mat-Su Areawide (7-11)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Parking lot development, drainage, signage for park entrance, educational kiosks and trail enhancements.
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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$25,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$14,000)
FY2014 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$10,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$1,000

Funding Details:

\$25,000 was originally funded when the park was built in 2003-2005 using the Jordan Lake Parcel Master Plan - Phase One. "Enhanced Natural" stage work was done with combined Mat-Su Borough and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Funding and labor from Community and AmeriCorps volunteers.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Projects not completed in Phase One include a parking lot and signage for the park entrance. Trail repairs and improved educational signage are also a priority. The park has become overgrown which has caused security issues in the park and at the Library. Currently the only parking is at the adjoining Big Lake Library. The master plan provides for a separate parking lot at the opposite side of the park that will take the pressure off the current lot at the Library. Because there is no park signage many residents do not even know this park exists. This 44 acre park is located in the middle of the Big Lake community center should be a jewel in the middle this wonderful community. The plan for this park was to enhance natural areas and provide educational opportunities. With Big Lake Elementary less than a mile away on a paved bike trail this park could be a wonderful classroom within walking distance for our students. The impacts of the 1996 Miller's Reach Wildfire are still seen in the area. With the West Lakes Fire Department across the street from this park and the emphasis of forest rehabilitation in the master plan this is an opportunity to educate the community about the Miller's Reach Wildfire and the natural process that takes place as a forest regenerates. As the first Firewise Community in Alaska this also provides an opportunity to educate residents how to better prepare for wildfire to reduce to devastating losses that the community suffered 16 years ago. Phase Two "Community Park" Stage and Phase Three "Community Center" stage still remain and will be considered once Phase One projects have been completed.

The project has growing support with Community volunteers, Big Lake Chamber of Commerce, Big Lake Community Council, Big Lake Public Library, Mat-Su Water and Soil Conservation crews, Boy Scout Troop, West Lakes Fire Department and Forestry.

Project Timeline:

The completion of this phase of the project will take place starting in June through August 2013. a project committee has been formed and will be meeting on a regular basis in order to organize the project and the needed volunteers and contractors.

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

Trails and Parking Lot are maintained by Community Volunteers

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Name: Ina Mueller
Title: President
Address: P O Box 520067
Big Lake, Alaska 99652
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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

Matanuska-Susitna Borough



February 28, 2013

Representative Mark Neuman
600 Railroad Avenue
Wasilla, AK 99654

RE: Jordan Lake Park Improvements

Dear Representative Neuman,

We are very appreciative of your sponsorship for Jordan Lake Park Improvements in this upcoming year's legislative budget. Please accept this letter of support for the project. The Matanuska-Susitna Borough would support a management agreement with the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce for oversight of the funding for this project.

We appreciate your care and concern given to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



John M. Moosey
Borough Manager



Cathy Tilton

From: Ina Mueller <lakeshoreentertaining@alaska.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2013 3:10 PM
To: Cathy Tilton
Cc: 'Chamber'
Subject: Jordan Lake Grant

Hello Cathy,

Thank you so much for your efforts towards acquiring this grant money for improvements to Jordan Lake Park. The Big Lake Chamber of Commerce gladly accepts the responsibility for the administration and oversight of the grant money for this project.

Thank you again!

Sincerely,

Ina Mueller, President

Big Lake Chamber of Commerce



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