

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Great Alaska Council, Boy Scouts of America****Federal Tax ID: 92-0016314****Project Title:****Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

# Great Alaska Council, Boy Scouts of America - Camp Carlquist Septic System

**State Funding Requested: \$100,000**  
One-Time Need**House District: Mat-Su Areawide (7-11)****Brief Project Description:**

To construct a new first-aid building

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$100,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2014 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$100,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:*

None

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Great Alaska Council, Boy Scouts of America requests \$100,000 towards the upgrade of the existing septic system for Camp Carlquist at Rasmusen Scout Reservation.

This camp serves over 2500 participants each year including local, national, and international Scouts. Adult leaders and groups from other community service organizations also participate impacting local economies and the long-term viability of the camp. Its patrons will support Alaska's economy, as they travel through Anchorage, and the Matanuska-Susitna Valley to participate in Alaska's state-of-the-art facility serving wilderness, high adventure, and camping experiences for the next 50 to 100 years.

Camp Carlquist began hosting scouts and their families in 1993. Thousands of scouts and their families have experienced the varied programs offered at this camp. Additionally, tens of thousands of school-aged children have participated in field trips and mini-camps. Its close proximity to Anchorage, Eagle River and the Matanuska-Susitna Valley make this camp an ideal location for day trips, overnights, and other mini-camps. A varied and diverse user group includes: Girl Scouts USA, American Heritage Girls, Jr. ROTC, multi-denominational Church groups, Sorties, Home Owners Associations, High Schools (Clubs, Grad night, etc.), Universities, Weddings, Alaska Dog Sports, Family Events, Alaska Pony Club, Native Corporations.

The Great Alaska Council supports the state's work on environmental education and lowering youth health risks such as obesity and stress by helping youth to reconnect with nature. Furthermore, developing this base support the No child Left

Behind Act, with the Department of Education and Early Development is leading to develop the state's Environmental Literacy Plan. Working together we are helping reconnect children with nature.

The Great Alaska Council supports the governor's pledge to stop the epidemic of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child sexual abuse in Alaska. Working together we can stop this epidemic.

**Project Described Further:**

Construction includes improvements to drain and leach fields, septic tank rework and compliance with current sanitation codes to insure the health and safety of participants. This facility has year round usage, and that usage is part of our strategy. While we recognize there will be considerably less usage than summer months there is still a substantial amount of use in the winter months due to its close proximity to the Anchorage and Mat-Su Valley areas.

**Justification:**

Providing modern facilities for a wide and divergent clientele is a critical aspect in attracting participants for both the State of Alaska and the Boy Scouts of America. These facilities become part of the necessary infrastructure and sanitation at this existing site. Without adequate restroom facilities this site will be significantly hampered in delivering its varied programs.

The existing system limits the number of campers in camp on a daily basis. This system exceeds the regulatory limits set by ADEC. ADEC has been helpful to us in managing the septic system versus the number of days we are non-compliant. That being said, it is critical to bring the existing system into compliance of ADEC regulations.

**Project Timeline:**

August 1, 2013 -- December 31, 2013

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

Great Alaska Council Boy Scouts

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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