

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Fairbanks Community Food Bank****Federal Tax ID: 92-0088266****Project Title:****Project Type: Other**

Fairbanks Community Food Bank Service, Inc. - Vehicle Replacement

State Funding Requested: \$65,000
One-Time Need**House District: Fairbanks Areawide (1-5)****Brief Project Description:**

Fairbanks Community Food Bank is requesting a \$65,000 grant for replacement of two Dodge Sprinter vehicles.
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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$65,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2014 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$65,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:**No previous funding for this project has been received.***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

<p>Fairbanks Community Food Bank's mission is to salvage local surplus food and give it to people in the Tanana Valley who need it. We collect food from approximately 100 different commercial food vendors each year and deliver the food through approximately 100 churches and agencies who handle food boxes for their clientele. Last year, we collected about 2,000,000 pounds of local food which we used to pack food boxes for those who request aid.</p> <p>Fairbanks Community Food Bank is requesting a grant to purchase two Dodge Sprinter vehicles, which will replace half of the current fleet of vehicles used to pick up and deliver food. This one time funding request of \$65,000 is one year earlier than we anticipated in our vehicle replacement plan which calls for a 7 year rotation (we carry heavy loads 6 days a week and our experience is that after year 7, vehicle maintenance costs significantly increase). In February 2013, we were informed that the 6 year maintenance contract which we purchased with the vehicles was cancelled due to a local dealership issue, beyond our control. One of these vans has been a "lemon" since we have owned it, and now we have no local dealer to do the maintenance which is essential for these vehicles. We currently do not have a vehicle that we can use as an "extra" back-up and our vehicles are on the road 8 hours a day, 6 days a week, so the loss of one or both of these Sprinters because of lack of available dealer maintenance is a significant threat to the operations of the Fairbanks Community Food Bank.</p> <p>The Fairbanks Community Food Bank has a fleet of 4 vehicles. In 2007, we moved to Sprinters (from larger sized vehicles) because they are less expensive to operate but still carry maximum pallet sized loads. We do not need refrigerated vans or</p>

lift gates. We do not need or want vehicles which require drivers with CDL ratings. If a donation of food exceeds our carrying ability, we rely on freight companies to move these larger loads. We need a small fleet that requires minimum maintenance to operate.

Project Timeline:

Expenditures will occur in FY 2014.

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

Fairbanks Community Food Bank

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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