

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**

**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)**

**Grant Recipient: Funny River Chamber of Commerce & Community Assoc**

**Federal Tax ID: 92-0030894**

**Project Title:**

**Project Type:** New Construction and Land Acquisition

# Funny River Chamber of Commerce & Community Assoc - (FRCCCA) Playground/ Recreational Area

**State Funding Requested: \$75,000**  
Future Funding May Be Requested

**House District: Kenai Areawide (28-30)**

**Brief Project Description:**

Funny River Playground/ Recreational Area

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$250,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	(\$75,000)
Project Deficit:	\$175,000
<i>Funding Details:</i>	
n/a	

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Everyone young and old needs a place to play. A well-designed and safe recreational area is a joy to experience. It helps a community to raise happy and healthy kids. It makes the community more attractive to residents, visitors and future community members, whether they have kids or not. It's a sign that a community cares about kids, families and cares about its future.

Following up with the Funny River Community Development Plan of 2004, #1 Action Item in Paragraph V Community Goals, our goal is to develop a fenced in playground and recreational area. This playground area will provide a sliding hill, walking trail, baseball, soccer field, basketball court and play equipment. Being 12 miles from the nearest public recreation facility, something is needed for the children and adults to have a safe place for recreation in the Funny River area.

Of the school age children in the Funny River area approximately 50% are home schooled. This could become a site for their physical education requirements. The land is provided for. The area to work with is approximately 400 feet wide and 600 feet long. A newly remodeled community center and paved parking is already available.

Project Goals:  
Design a master plan for the area  
  
Relocate the existing fence

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**\$100,000  
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New safety fencing for the playground

Site preparation for future development

Construct a sliding hill on the backside of the property

Create an 1800 feet walking trail around the perimeter

Upgrade the existing asphalt

Purchase pea gravel and / or other underlayment

New Playground Equipment (will have all the required ADA and safety standards)

Site Amenities (trash cans, bike racks, benches & picnic tables)

**Project Timeline:**

This project will begin in 2014. If the requested funds become available for the project, construction will begin. Community fund raising events will be scheduled and the project will move forward as more funding becomes available.

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

Funny River Chamber of Commerce and Community Association

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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