

Chilkat Indian Village, IRA - Jilkaat Kwaan Cultural Heritage Center and Bald Eagle Observatory **FY2007 Request: \$1,500,000**
Reference No: 41938

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Construction
Category: Development **Recipient:** Chilkat Indian Village, IRA
Location: Klukwan **Contact:** Samuel Thomas
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2006 - 06/30/2011

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The Chilkat Indian Village has developed plans to design, construct, and operate the Jilkaat Kwaan Cultural Heritage Center and Bald Eagle Observatory in the community of Klukwan. This project contributes to the Department's mission of promoting a healthy economy and strong communities by providing economic growth and cultural education in the community it serves.

Funding:	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	Total
Gen Fund	\$1,500,000						\$1,500,000
Total:	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,500,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Refer to the funding matrix in the detailed description.

Project Description/Justification:

The Chilkat Indian Village has developed plans to design, construct, and operate the Jilkaat Kwaan Cultural Heritage Center and Bald Eagle Observatory in the community of Klukwan, Alaska. The building would serve many purposes: a place to display cultural artifacts, teach traditional Tlingit fine arts, provide opportunities for visitors to better understand the culture and traditions of the Chilkat Tlingit, and to share the beauty and wonder of their natural environment.

Klukwan is a small, traditional Tlingit village that is located at the confluence of the Tsirku, Klehini, and Chilkat River in southeast Alaska. Klukwan is located on the north bank of the Chilkat River, 20 miles north of Haines, Alaska along the recently designated "scenic by-way" Haines cut-off Highway. The village is also adjacent to the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve Council Grounds that encompasses Klukwan and the segment of the Chilkat River downstream from Klukwan.

The Jilkaat Kwaan Cultural Heritage Center and Bald Eagle Observatory includes two facilities: the Cultural Heritage Center and the Klukwan Traditional Knowledge Camp. The site selected for the Cultural Heritage Center and Traditional Knowledge Camp is located off of Chilkat Avenue, east of the clinic, near the eastern edge of the Village. The Cultural Heritage Center and Bald Eagle Observatory are within a 1.9 acre lot adjacent to the road; the Traditional Knowledge Camp is north and east of this parcel, in a lot that contains 2.5 acres. The Jilkaat Kwaan Cultural Heritage Center and Bald Eagle Observatory is planned to include about 16,000 square feet. The main area provides about 10,800 square feet of exhibit space, the eagle observatory, gift shop, and cafe. The lower level adds another 5,200 square feet that can be used for classrooms, a multi-purpose meeting area, artifact storage, and a future laboratory.

The estimated cost for construction of the building is \$3,753,299. The facility is modest in design, size, and cost in relation

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to similar facilities in the Pacific Northwest. The project will be designed, constructed, and operated in an environmentally responsive manner, consistent with the traditional values of the Chilkat Indian Village.

The Jilkaat Kwaan Cultural Heritage Center and Bald Eagle Observatory will create nine full-time jobs and approximately 40-50 part-time positions. In addition, the establishment of this facility in Klukwan is expected to create numerous spin-off economic opportunities in Klukwan and the nearby town of Haines. The Village's business plan indicates that the proposed Jilkaat Kwaan Cultural Heritage Center and Bald Eagle Observatory could assure itself of a capture rate in excess of 35 percent of the predestined visitors, or 18,970 visitors annually. This would translate to an estimated income of \$550,000 in revenue (EAC, 1998).

The project meets the objective of the Chilkat Indian Village: it creates jobs and a positive impact to a depressed local economy, it provides a good venue for protecting and perpetuating their culture, and it provides an ideal location for visitors to enjoy both the rich natural and cultural resources of the Chilkat Valley. Based on all the preliminary studies done by the village: Architectural Feasibility Report, Comprehensive Site Development Plan, and the Business Plan, it can easily be concluded that this is a viable project with a strong likelihood of success.

Estimated Budget:

Site Preparation, Extension of infrastructure to building site, bank stabilization (Pending HUD ICDGB award)	\$ 500,000
Updating of Business Plan (work donated C. Ridolfi, Engineer)	\$ 40,000
Updating of Architectural Plans and preparation of Construction Engineering specifications of building (pending SEDS award)	\$ 387,556
Earthwork and Paving (no funding source identified yet)	\$ 460,140
Building Construction (no funding sources identified yet)	<u>\$3,753,299</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$5,140,995</u>

Funding History

Year	Amount		Legislation
FY 2003	30,000	Mini Grant	SLA 01 Ch 61 Page 3 Line 11
FY 2005	120,000		SLA 04 Ch 159 Page 92 Line 8
FY 2006	1,230,000		SLA 05 Ch 3 Page 7 Line 5