

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)

Grant Recipient: Valley Community for Recycling Solutions

Project Title:

Valley Community for Recycling Solutions - Community Recycling Center

House District: 14

Funding Amount: \$ 2,000,000

Brief Summary:

Construction of Community Recycling Center for Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Funding Plan:

Type of Need: One-Time Need

Prior Funding to Date:

Local Volunteer effort \$155,000
 15 acre site from Mat-Su Borough \$405,000

Other Funding Requests:

Local corporate and other contributions \$160,000
 EDA \$50,000
 Rasmuson Foundation \$495,000
 MJ Murdock Charitable Trust \$200,000
 2007 Mat-Su Borough Community Block Grant \$850,000
 US Congressional delegation \$2 Million

Project Description:

Permanent construction of Community Recycling Center for Matanuska-Susitna Borough is estimated to cost \$4.5 Million. The new facility will enlarge operations center to receive more materials from business, industry, government and individuals. The new facility will be the centerpiece of first Regional Recovery and Training Park in Alaska and will include an education center with a library and operations veiwing area.

The expansion of services will decrease the amount of waste going to the landfill and will expand the lifespan of the landfill that is currently filling at twice the expected rate. The volume of waste going to the landfill should be reduced by 25% within five years of opening the new facility. At the current rate of landfill cell filling, a 25% reduction would result in a cost savings to the community of approximately \$750,000 per cell.

The recycling center hopes to reduce illegal dumping, use of burn barrels, recover resources from waste stream for local economic development/manufacturing and shrink the tax burden on citizens.

The desired timeline is:

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2006-2007 secure funding
2007 architectural and engineering design and bulding site preparation
Spring and Summer 2008 building construction
Fall and Winter 2008 move in and open for operation

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