

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)

Grant Recipient: Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Association

Federal Tax ID: 261832485

Project Title:

Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Association - Shooting Facility Replacement

Legislator Name: Senator Thomas (Joe)

House District: 7 - D

State Funding Requested: \$ 220,000

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Construct new indoor shooting range in Fairbanks to replace the historical structure destroyed by fire on March 31 2007

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$3,500,000

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Other	\$410,000	06-08			\$2,870,000	08-10
Total	\$410,000				\$2,870,000	

Explanation of Other Funds:

Insurance, land sales, private donations of labor, equipment and materials.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Construct a new indoor shooting range to continue TVSA's dedication to educate Interior Alaska's youth and adults in the safe use of firearms. The former facility was destroyed by fire on March 31 2007. The new facility will be 72' x 162' consisting of two bays of eight shooting lanes each a large classroom lobby and an administrative area. A state-of-the-art air handling and filtration system will be included in order to eliminate lead exposure. This facility is needed in order to continue TVSA's support of Interior High School Rifle Teams Middle School Rifle Clubs as well as other youth shooting programs and youth/adult educational programs. Several individuals who started shooting in TVSA programs have gone on to shoot for the National Champion University of Alaska Nanooks Rifle Team in addition to receiving valuable college scholarships.

Fairbanks' short construction season makes early funding important.

Project Timeline:

Site clean-up and preparation is completed. Construction of a new facility will commence this spring.

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

Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Association

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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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

Catherine Reardon

From: Grant, Pam or Layne Lewis [grantandpamlewis@alaska.net]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 11:25 AM
To: Sen. Gary Wilken; Catherine Reardon; Emily Beatley; Senator_._Joe_Thomas@legis.state.ak.us;
Rep_._Jay_.Ramras@legis.state.ak.us
Subject: TVSA Funding

Thank's again to all for your efforts in helping us rebuild the TVSA Range/Clubhouse. As you know we plan to move forward with construction as soon as break-up allows.

From the newspaper it sounds like there is a difference of opinion as to how and when the funding might become available. I don't claim to understand the politics involved, will leave that to you, but with the short construction season we face in Fairbanks the sooner we could get funds, the better for us. We plan to get the building closed in before winter, but if we had more money we could get farther along with the interior features and thus be able to get our youth programs going earlier. We have 3 highschool and 2 middle school clubs, as well as the Midnight Sun Sharpshooters, an area wide Junior Club, we'd like to accomodate as soon as the school year starts. The highschool rifle season starts the second or third week of Sept. and ends in mid Dec.

We'll be extremely grateful for any funding you can obtain for us, and will use it to provide the best facility for the shooters, both youth and adult in Interior Alaska. Again, thanks so much!! GLL

From: Grant, Pam or Layne Lewis

To: [Senator Albert Kookesh@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:Senator_Albert_Kookesh@legis.state.ak.us) ; [Senator Joe Thomas@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:Senator_Joe_Thomas@legis.state.ak.us) ;
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Sent: Friday, January 18, 2008 7:09 PM

Subject: Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Association Range

Thank you for your efforts last year in attempting to obtain funding to help TVSA in its rebuilding project. As you can see by the attached summary, we've accomplished a great deal; however, we have all but exhausted our finances, including the insurance settlement for the old structure. The club has continued fundraising efforts and through them and individual contributions, we collected approximately \$20.0 thus far. The estimate for the new facility is approximately \$3.5M. We hope to reduce this figure as much as possible through volunteer work and additional fundraising; however, the costs will still be substantial.

The loss of the TVSA shooting range has proved detrimental to the Interior Alaska youth shooting programs as evidenced this winter by the reduced amount of time the teams and clubs could practice in the remaining indoor shooting ranges and the fact that high school matches had to be fore-shortened because of available range times. Some of our most promising high school shooters have already been denied consideration for berths on college rifle teams because of the fact that they could not participate in full-length matches as required in the rest of the U.S.

Articles in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner provided interviews with teams that illustrated their frustrations at not having adequate practice time.

We greatly appreciate any assistance you can give us in the form of grants, such as those provided to Matanuska Valley Sportsmen's Association in the recent past and those approved last year for TVSA that were later vetoed.

Please feel free to contact me for any additional information. Thank you in advance for your support.

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(Request for contributions from donors)

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February 8, 2008

The Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Foundation, Inc. (TVSF) is offering you the opportunity to participate in our efforts to provide a new facility to educate Interior Alaska's youth and adults in the safe use of firearms. The Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Association (TVSA) has been dedicated to this goal for over 60 years. We are now in the process of constructing a new facility to replace the historic Fairbanks range/clubhouse that was destroyed by fire on March 31, 2007.

TVSA currently supports the largest junior shooting club in Alaska as well as three Fairbanks High School Rifle teams, two Middle School rifle clubs and various adult programs. Several individuals who started shooting in our programs have gone on to shoot for the National Champion University of Alaska Nanooks Rifle Team, in addition to receiving valuable college scholarships. Your support will allow us to continue and expand youth programs in our new facility.

TVSF, Inc. is the 501(c)(3) arm of the non-profit TVSA. Our employee identification number is 26-1832485. Another arm of TVSA, Tanana Valley Rifle and Pistol Club (TVR&P) actually operates the shooting range. TVSA, originally formed in 1916, and chartered in 1937, has always been a 100% volunteer organization; our original facility was constructed by volunteers from 1947 to 1958 or so. In order to provide an up-to-date facility in which to continue our youth programs in a timely manner, we will need to contract for several features of the building. We still plan to accomplish as much with volunteers as possible. Attachment No. 1 details work performed to date on the new facility site, while Attachment No. 2 gives a preliminary cost breakdown of the major items required to construct the building this coming spring/summer.

Construction of the new facility will far exceed the financing TVSA currently has on hand. We received a little over \$200,000 from insurance on the old building, have sold some of our land granted to the club by an Act of Congress and have listed additional lots for sale. In order to provide a safe, clean facility for our youth shooters, we need to provide a "state of the art" air handling and treatment system. This, of necessity, is about the most expensive part of a new shooting facility, but the health and wellbeing of our youth must be of paramount consideration.

Experience has shown that limiting factors in our current educational programs are the size of the facility and availability of range times. With two bays of eight shooting lanes, we will be able to benefit Interior Alaska communities by accommodating more events and programs in the new facility.

We greatly appreciate any assistance you can give to help construct the new facility. We will be glad to publicly recognize donations. Please contact me at (907)488-2884 for additional information.

Sincerely,

Grant L. Lewis, President

Attachments: as stated

TVSA/TVR&P New Building Update
1/28/08

We have accomplished a good deal these past few months toward construction of a new Clubhouse/Range to replace the historic facility destroyed by fire on 3/31/07.

1. We had the debris remaining after the fire cleaned up and disposed of at a cost of approximately \$14K.
2. Volunteers constructed a fence around the old foundation to keep any errant persons or vehicles from falling into the old basement. Cost ~ \$300.
3. We contracted with an architect to design a new facility which will fulfill the needs of the clubs and meet appropriate codes. Cost ~ \$217K, of which over 2/3 has been paid.
4. We contracted a soils engineering firm to perform a soils investigation and provide recommendations for preparation of a gravel pad on which the foundation for the new structure will be built. Cost ~ \$18K.
5. We cleared the site of the new structure with volunteer help and rental of a loader. Cost ~ \$700.
6. The Matanuska Valley Sportsmen donated a bullet trap they were not using that had been donated to their club several years ago. Volunteers made 3 trips to Palmer to load and haul the smaller steel parts back to Fairbanks, unload and store them. Transportation, via semi, of the bulk of the bullet trap was donated by Lynden Transport. We purchased a connex to store the small parts. Cost ~ \$2K.
7. We contracted preparation of the gravel pad for the new structure which consisted of excavation of 2 to 3 feet of existing soils and placement, compaction and grading of about 6 feet of clean fill. Cost ~ \$70K.
8. We decided to pay water assessments and arrange for water hookup to Golden Heart Utilities' waterline along Airport Way. To date, \$21K in assessments has been paid, but work on the connection will take place next spring.
9. We decided to construct a septic system rather than pay sewer assessments. The system is designed, has DEC approval, and will be constructed next spring for an estimated half or less than half of the \$42K in sewer assessments that Golden Heart Utilities would charge.
10. We have conducted various fundraising activities through the summer and fall. Additional efforts are continuing.

Grant Lewis, President

**TVSA Range/Clubhouse
Preliminary Cost Estimate, 1/28/08**

ITEM	COST
Concrete foundation and range walls:	\$100,000
Roof Trusses	\$ 20,000
Frame Walls	\$ 40,000
Ventilation/air handling Sys.	\$100,000
Heating System	\$ 25,000
Plumbing	\$ 10,000
Septic System	\$ 20,000
Electrical	\$ 25,000
Insulation	\$ 75,000
Interior sheetrock	\$ 18,000
Siding	\$ 30,000
Roofing	\$ 20,000
Doors/ windows	<u>\$ 10,000</u>
Total Preliminary Estimate for Basic Building*	\$493,000

Materials (Does not include labor / contractor)

*Note, this estimate does not include any finish work, painting, landscaping, or incidentals.