

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)

Grant Recipient: Kasaan

Project Title:

Kasaan - Community Facility and Cultural Center

State Funding Requested: \$ 100,000
 Future Funding May Be Requested

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Brief Project Description:

Phase I: Complete architectural and engineering documents to prepare for the construction phase of a community multi-use facility.

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$6,800,000

	<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>
Federal Funds					\$1,500,000	2010
Rasmuson Foundation			\$500,000	2009		
Local Funds	\$83,500	2007				
Other	\$370,000	2007	\$900,000	2009	\$900,000	2010
Total	\$453,500		\$1,400,000		\$2,400,000	

Explanation of Other Funds:

70,000 Alaska DCED Mini-Grants.

600,000 HUD/ICDBG, 300,000 HUD/RHED each year and will also be eligible to request 25% of alternative energy planning and construction through USDA, Alternative Energy Funding.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Phase I consists of completing all required archaeological and environmental assessments, and completing all architectural and engineering work so that the project is fully construction ready.

The City of Kasaan has no adequate facilities to hold community trainings, potlatches/celebrations, or large meetings. There are only three public facilities in Kasaan: a small school, a one-room library, and a 400 s.f. community hall with two city offices. There is also no adequate community cooking facility for food preparation for summer Culture Camp and other community activities/celebration. Government and Tribal office space is also lacking.

The City of Kasaan and the Organized Village of Kasaan (local Tribal government) are combining their vision and resources to construct a community multi-use facility that will include large expandable room for meetings, trainings, and community and cultural events, space to display cultural artifacts, a commercial kitchen, and office space for visiting staff and consultants.

The building site has already been secured. Proof of site control is available upon request. Some initial site preparation has been completed. Archaeological and Environmental Assessments were completed in 2007. A \$300,000 HUD RHED grant

was secured in 2007. These funds paid for the archaeological and environmental assessments, and cover approximately \$270,000 of the estimated \$370,000 cost to complete all architectural and engineering including artist renderings, conceptual drawings, design and development documents, and construction documents. This CIP funding request for \$100,000 will be used as matching funds to complete all required A&E work so that the project will be fully construction-ready.

Over the past several years, the community has engaged in a yearly long range strategic planning process that has focused on prioritizing community infrastructure projects. The highest priority for the community has been the construction of this multi-use facility. In addition, the local Tribal government, the Organized Village of Kasaan has demonstrated a strong commitment to the project by donating the land for the facility, and by providing grant writing support.

Project Timeline:

Phase I A&E work is already underway and will be completed by November, 2008.

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

City of Kasaan

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

2008 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP)

Submitted by City of Kasaan

COMPLETION OF ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING WORK: Kasaan Community Facility/Cultural Center

Project Description, Justification, and Level of Need

This CIP request is for \$100,000 in matching funds to complete architectural and engineering documents so that the project is ready for the construction phase of a community multi-use facility in Kasaan, Alaska.

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Support/Comments from Local Government

This project will be administered by the City of Kasaan. The Mayor of Kasaan, Richard Peterson has been providing leadership on this project since its inception. Over the past several years, the community has engaged in a yearly long range strategic

planning process that has focused on prioritizing community infrastructure projects. The highest priority for the community has been the construction of this multi-use facility. In addition, the local Tribal government, the Organized Village of Kasaan has demonstrated a strong commitment to the project by donating the land for the facility, and by providing grant writing support.

Documentation of Local Matching Funds Available - \$383,500 in Matching Funds To-Date

A \$300,000 grant was received in 2007 through the HUD RHED (Rural Housing and Economic Development) program to complete and archaeological and environment assessments, as well as initial architectural and engineering work. In addition, the City of Kasaan has already contributed \$23,500 in initial site preparation work and to bring utilities to the site. The Organized Village of Kasaan donated \$60,000 in land value.

Additional State Support Needed in Future Years

Phase 2 of this project will be the construction phase. The City of Kasaan anticipates making a 2009 CIP funding request for a portion of the construction funds. The amount of this request has not yet been determined. CIP funding will be used as a match for other potential funders including the Rasmuson Foundation, USDA, HUD, and guaranteed loans. The facility will be maintained in-part through facility rental income for trainings, retreats, and use of the commercial kitchen.

Has Project Support from the State been Requested in the Past? No.

Documentation of other Sources of Funding Sought and Secured

- HUD/RHED - \$300,000 (Funding Secured)
- Alaska DCED Mini-grants - \$70,000 (Secured in 2005 and 2006)
- HUD/ICDBG - \$600,000 (Submit in 2008)
- Rasmuson Foundation - \$500,000 (Submit in 2008)
- USDA Alternative Energy Funding - 25% of alternative energy planning and construction

Detailed Project Outline with Timelines

Phase I of the project is very straightforward. Phase I consists of completing all required archaeological and environmental assessments, and completing all architectural and engineering work so that the project is fully construction-ready. A&E work is already underway. Conceptual drawings and Artist Renderings are complete and available upon request. \$270,000 of the needed \$370,000 for all A&E work has been secured. Once the final \$100,000 is secured, a final contract with the architect will be signed. All A&E work will be completed by November, 2008.

Key Contact Information

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2008 Capital Improvement Project
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Brief Community Profile

Kasaan is situated on the east side of Prince of Wales Island on Kasaan Bay, 30 miles northwest of Ketchikan. Kasaan is located in the Ketchikan Recording District. The area encompasses 5.3 sq. miles of land and 0.9 sq. miles of water. The community currently has 65 residents. The City of Kasaan and the local Tribal government recently partnered with Tlingit and Haida Regional Housing Authority to construct six low-income and elder housing units.

Originally Tlingit territory, Kasaan gets its name from the Tlingit word meaning "pretty town." Haidas migrated north from the Queen Charlotte Islands in the early 1700s to the Island and established the village now known as "Old Kasaan," 7 miles south on Skowl Arm. Chief Sonihat built the Whale House during the 1930s, a traditional long house which became the focus of the new Kasaan Totem Park. Many of the totems left from the old village site were moved to the park in 1938. A federally-recognized tribe is located in the community -- the Organized Village of Kasaan. The population of the community consists of 48.7% Alaska Native or part Native. Kasaan was traditionally a Haida village, but the population has become mixed, with Haidas, Tlingits, Eskimos and non-Natives. Subsistence activities are a major contributor to villagers' diets.

The Mayor of Kasaan, Mr. Richard J. Peterson has served as Mayor for the past 12 years. Mr. Peterson has provided leadership to several key community infrastructure projects that have supported the revitalization of the local community. These projects include: securing Kasaan's connection to the Prince of Wales Island road system; replacing the diesel electricity power plant with transmission lines; developing a bulk fuel tank farm to sell bulk fuel in the village; developing a business plan for a water and sewer expansion project which is currently in the design phase; completion of a \$1.3 million collaborative telecommunications project with AP&T and USDA; and the recent creation of the Kasaan Cultural Learning Center and Library.