

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)

Grant Recipient: Ninilchik Senior Citizens

Project Title:

Ninilchik Senior Citizens - Senior Center Upgrades

State Funding Requested: \$ 22,500
One-Time Need

House District: 34 - Q

Brief Project Description:

Update and replace wiring/lights and replace kitchen oven.

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$22,500

Funding Secured
Amount FY

Other Pending Requests
Amount FY

Anticipated Future Need
Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Center was constructed in 1983-85 with volunteer labor. The wiring is no longer "to code" and needs to be replaced; it is a structural safety as well as an individual safety issue. Similarly, the light fixtures in the dining area are older and need replacement.

The convection oven needs replacement with a newer, technologically up-to-date oven. This replacement will alleviate considerable operational costs in repairs of the old oven.

Estimates are:

Wiring: 6,500

Lighting: 1,000

New Oven: 15,000

Total: \$22,500

Project Timeline:

Upon notification of inclusion in the capital budget, the project will be bid and purchased - constructed with two years.

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

Ninilchik Senior Citizens, Inc.

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

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RE: Capital Budget

Senator Tom Wagoner
 145 Main Street Loop, Suite 226
 Kenai, AK 99611

Dear Senator Wagoner;

Thank you so much for meeting with the senior center directors. I sincerely thank you for taking up some of your time to meet with us.

The Ninilchik Senior Center (Ninilchik Senior Citizens, Inc.) has the following maintenance projects to be completed as soon as possible. We would like to have the total cost of these projects incorporated into the Legislative Budget, if possible.

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| ▪ Update and replace the electrical wiring (We have requested a bid but have not yet received a copy) | \$6,500 |
| ▪ Replace the fluorescent light fixtures in the dining room | \$1,000 |
| ▪ Replace the kitchen convection oven | <u>\$15,000</u> |
| ▪ Total estimated cost | \$22,500 |

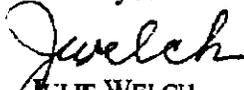
Project Description

The Ninilchik Senior Center building was initially constructed approximately 1983-85 by volunteer labor, without professional guidance. Consequently the electrical wiring in the building was not installed to meet building codes. We have discovered some bare wires in the attic. Since then a commercial kitchen, generator and other items have been added. We currently have a bid from Liberty Electric located in Homer, AK. We intend to get a cost estimate from Big G Electric as well.

The light fixtures in the dining room are the older style and some have had to be replaced. We would like to replace all the fixtures with either the T4 or T8-style lights which are brighter and consume less electricity. Many crafting activities occur in the dining room. Better lighting for aging, cataract-affected eyes will make it much more comfortable for our seniors.

Our current convection oven (Vulcan) has cost considerable in repairs and especially needs a new stand. If we don't do something soon, it will crash onto the floor. We would like to replace it with a quality, technologically up-to-date oven.

Thank you


JULIE WELCH
Director

CF: Representative Mike Chenault