

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**

**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)**

**Grant Recipient: Federation of Community Councils**

**Federal Tax ID: 92-0063045**

**Project Title:**

# Federation of Community Councils - Chugiak/Eagle River Land Use Consortium/Title 21 Project

**State Funding Requested: \$ 150,000**

**House District: 17 - I**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

The Chugiak/Eagle River area has been working on a land use consortim/Title 21 rewrite for the past couple years. This grant will allow the project be completed.

**Funding Plan:**

**Total Cost of Project: \$300,000**

	<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>
State Funds	\$150,000	06				
Total	\$150,000					

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Chugiak / Eagle River area is one of the fastest growing areas in our state. With expansion comes the need to review current land use issues of the past and to determine where the community wants to go in the future. The initial grant enabled the community to receive the official support from the Municipality of Anchorage, complete the update of both local comprehensive plan and the long range transportation plan. This appropriate request will allow the community to take all the research and review complied to date, and rewrite the Title 21 for our area. The project is time sensitive and is in position to be completed.

**Project Timeline:**

Grant to be expended over the next year.

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

Federation of Community Councils

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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Total Project Snapshot Report

FY 2009 Capital Budget

TPS Report 49302

Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority?  Yes  No

**From:** Bobbi Wells [mailto:barb@mtaonline.net]

**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 4:18 PM

**To:** Bobbi Wells; Rep. Nancy Dahlstrom; Sen. Fred Dyson; Rep. Anna Fairclough; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Rep. Bill Stoltze; Rep. Mike Hawker; Sen. Con Bunde

**Subject:** Re: Funding for the Chapter 10 land use regs

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**From:** Bobbi Wells

**To:** Representative\_Nancy\_Dahlstrom@legis.state.ak.us ; Fred Dyson ; Rep. Anna Fairclough ; Sen. Charlie Huggins ; Bill Stoltze ; Rep. Mike Hawker ; Senator\_Con\_Bunde@legis.state.ak.us

**Sent:** Sunday, February 24, 2008 1:35 PM

**Subject:** Funding for the Chapter 10 land use regs

To our State Legislative Representatives,

We hereby request of the State, a legislative grant in the amount of \$150,000.00, to complete the mission of creating a set of separate land use regulations for the Chugiak-Eagle River communities that will enable this area to prepare for future growth while preserving those environmental elements that make up our current character and lifestyle.

We see this request as an specific earmark of the State's willingness to share revenue with various municipalities, specifically the Municipality of Anchorage. You will not find this request on the MOA's list as we, and the MOA, do not desire that funding come to us via the MOA, but as a more direct route, through the Federation of Community Councils. This direct funding route will preserve the entire amount of the grant going towards our mission rather than administrative overhead.

The MOA did not have the manpower or the time to timely undertake this particular segment of the rewrite of the muni-wide land use regulations, and with the assistance of the State the Consortium of Chugiak-Eagle River Community Councils received a grant in 2006 to begin this arduous but necessary task.

The 2006 grant enabled us to organize and receive the official blessing of the MOA, complete the update of both our local comprehensive plan and the long range transportation plan as well as contract with the professional entities that will, and are guiding us through this process.

2/25/2008

We have completed all necessary research and gathered statistically defensible community input, partnered with a well know and acceptable land use planning firm, and have begun the most critical part of this project, the production of written regulations in an acceptable format. This project is time-sensitive and we need to keep moving but our granted funding will exhaust before we complete this mission. And we now turn to you, as we have in the past, to continue to assist us in preparation for the positive economic growth of this State, this municipality, and this particular community.

It is our hope that you will champion our cause before the Legislature and find support from your colleagues for this critical effort.

Respectfully,  
Bobbi Wells, President  
C-ER Consortium, representing:  
Birchwood, Chugiak, Eagle River, Eagle River Valley,  
South Fork, and Eklutna Valley Community Councils