

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

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

**Grant Recipient: Wrangell Head Start -Tlingit/Haida Central Council**      **Federal Tax ID: 92-0036505**

**Project Title:**

# Wrangell Head Start -Tlingit/Haida Central Council - Covered Playground Construction

**State Funding Requested: \$ 25,000**  
One-Time Need

**House District: 2 - A**

**Brief Project Description:**

State matching funds to construct covered area for playground in Wrangell.

**Funding Plan:**

**Total Cost of Project: \$93,250**

	<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>
Rasmuson Foundation			\$25,000	09		
Local Funds	\$33,000	08				
Other	\$5,320	08				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$38,320</b>		<b>\$25,000</b>			

*Explanation of Other Funds:*  
\$5,320 / Grants from Stikine Sportsmen's Assoc., Petro Marine, First Bank, Alaska Airlines, Wrangell Volunteer Fire Dept., City of Wrangell, Wrangell Oil, Wrangell Elks Lodge, and Parents.

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Item is \$25,000 in state matching funds to construct covered area for a playground in Wrangell. The Wrangell Head Start program has received grants from the Rasmuson Foundation, Tlingit & Haida Central Council, and numerous in-kind donations towards this project, and is requesting state match to complete the project.

The project calls for construction of a steel, open-sided covered area to be placed over an existing playground facility. The structure has already received basic site engineering. state funding will be used for construction and to purchase materials. The steel structure will require low maintenance, and will be sustained with grant money already received and through fundraising by the Head Start Parent Committee.

A covered playground is very important to the community of Wrangell. Averaging over 90 inches of rain per year, it is the ideal place to construct such a facility so the children of Wrangell have a dry and safe place to play. A covered play area allows for recreation and improved physical health all year round. The facility would be a great resource for the school and general community. Fresh air and total body movement is essential to our children's physical and mental health. The more exercise they can get, the less wound up and stressed they will be. Exercising on equipment daily also improves their coordination and motor skills. It means stronger bone strength and fewer children with weight problems, high blood

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pressure, and diabetes (which can lead to stroke, heart disease, early death, kidney disease, and blindness). In a study from "Overweight and Obesity Reviews", they stated that "children may be spending less time engaged in physical activity during school. Daily participation in school physical education among adolescents dropped 14 percentage points over the last 13 years-from 42% in 1991 to 28% in 2003." Having a dry, covered area will significantly increase the amount of time a child is able to play out doors and get the physical activity he or she needs. And, when they do get to play outdoors on dry equipment, there is a substantially decreased risk for injuries. As the first of the five areas in Early Childhood Development states, "Physical Health and Wellbeing" is number one for our kids!

This project has received wide support from foundations, local/regional community groups, and major in-kind donations. State funding will allow the facility to be constructed, and provide for safe recreation and a healthy lifestyle for youth in Wrangell.

**Project Timeline:**

FY09

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

Wrangell Head Start

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

Contact Name: Penny Allen

Phone Number: 874-4222 or 907-305-0910

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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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March 10, 2008

The Rasmuson Foundation  
Grants Administration

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this brief description of my qualifications operating the Tlingit & Haida Head Start Program and Tlingit & Haida Central Council's years of grants management.

I have been the Head Start Director for nearly two school years and I have managed programs for Tlingit & Haida for a total of eight years. Our program operates 15 centers in 10 communities throughout Southeast Alaska and Tlingit & Haida Central Council has been involved in the construction of three of the centers we operate, including the Wrangell Center.

Our involvement has been in all levels of construction projects including the grants management, developing RFP's, obtaining blue prints and securing the bids to complete construction of classrooms that meet Federal Performance Standards for Head Start.

Please feel free to contact me at 907-463-7150, if you have any questions and I look forward to hearing back from you regarding the status of the application.

Sincerely,

Albert Rinehart  
Tlingit & Haida Central Council Head Start Director

CC: File  
Office of the President  
Head Start Policy Council  
Wrangell Parent Committee



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Executive Council of the Central Council  
 TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA

Resolution EC/ 08-19

Title: Authority to Apply for Rasmuson Foundation Grant for Covered Playground - Wrangell

WHEREAS, Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council) is a federally recognized tribe of more than 26,000 tribal citizens worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the Central Council a Head Start program in the community of Wrangell, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Central Council is required to provide a playground area for outdoor activities; and

WHEREAS, the Central Council wishes to provide a safe covered play area for the children enrolled in the Wrangell Head Start Center; and

WHEREAS, the Central Council Head Start has over 25 years experience in serving Native children and families; and

WHEREAS, the Central Council is an applicant for a grant from the Rasmuson Foundation for a covered playground area at the Wrangell Head Start Facility.

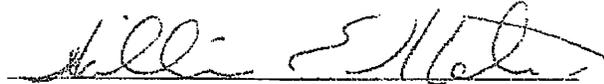
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska does hereby authorize the Central Council President, or designee, to submit, negotiate, execute, and administer, with the Rasmuson Foundation a grant proposal and agreement and any amendments thereto.

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ADOPTED this 10th day of March 2008, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 0 absence(s).

CERTIFY



President William E. Martin

ATTEST  
  
Tribal Secretary Dana Leask Ruaro

# LOOSE CHANGE

## FOR WRANGELL

### To Cover Playground

Wrangell gets over 80 inches of rain per year  
(and when it's not raining, it's wet)

With Community contributions and Grant Money,  
We can have a dry Play area for the children of Wrangell.

It will be open to all Toddlers in the Summer  
and on Weekends during the year. The location will be at the  
Head Start Building, which has existing Playground equipment.

### WRANGELL KIDS THANK YOU

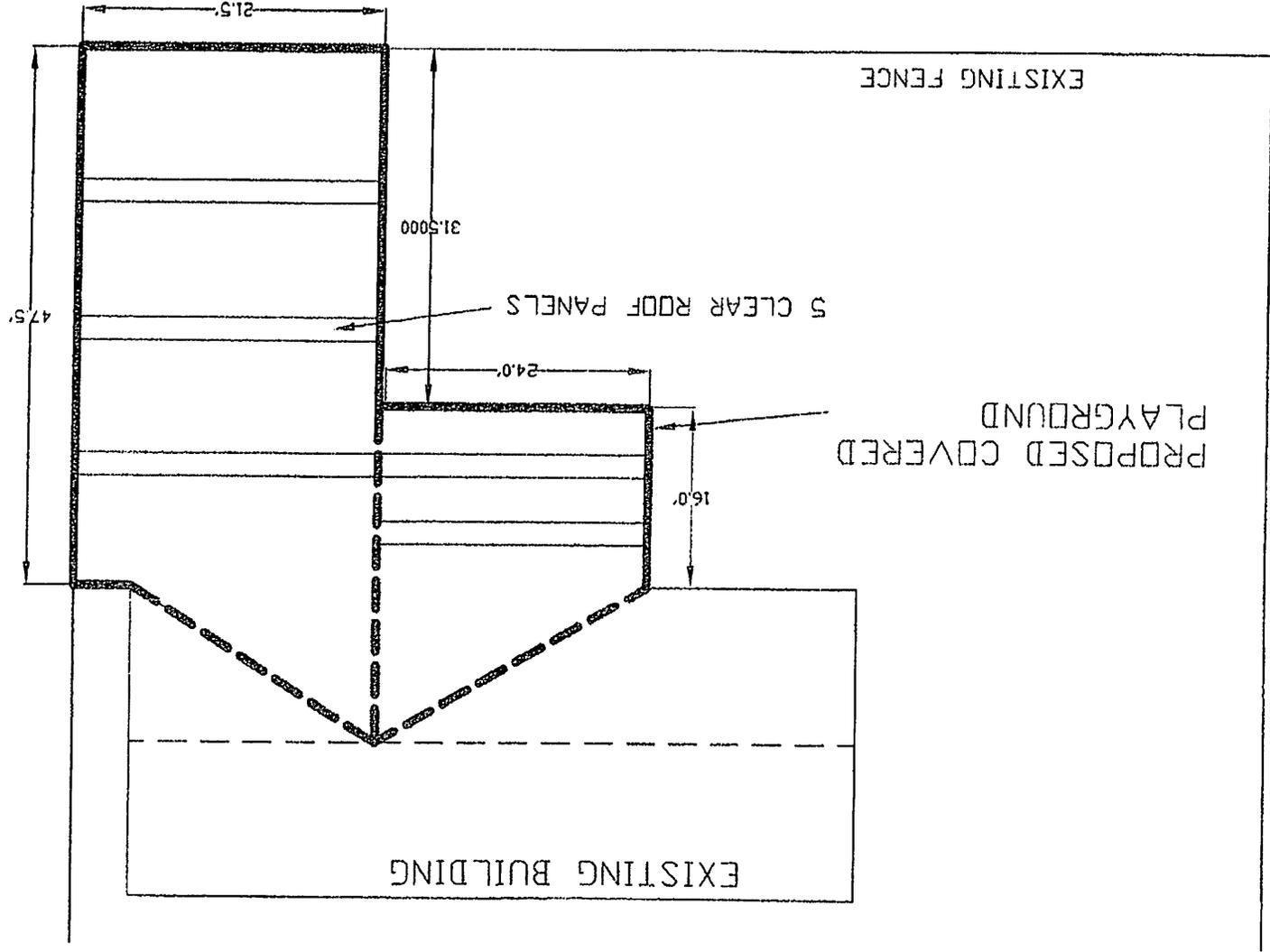


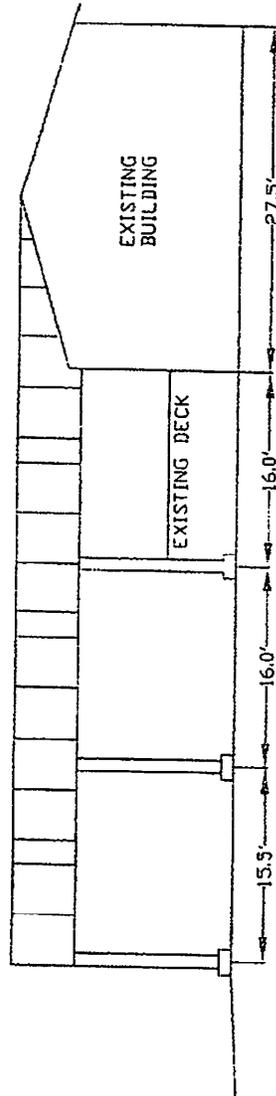
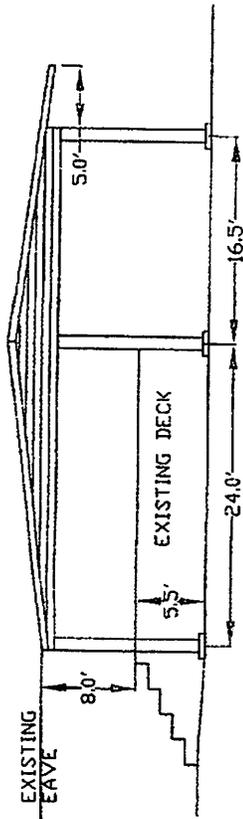
Call Penny at 4222, or Elaine at 4432, if you'd like to make a larger contribution

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