

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Ruby****Project Title:**

Ruby - Fire Truck Acquisition

State Funding Requested: \$ 140,000**House District: 6 - C**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

The City of Ruby Fire Department would like to purchase a new fire truck.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$140,000**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 City of Ruby Fire Department is having a difficult time trying to maintain an operational readiness for the citizens of Ruby. Their fire department is currently rated by ISO as a class ten department. In the summer of 2005 their 1979 GMC C-9 series water tender began to breakdown. The drive motor was unable to maintain idle or start when needed for an emergency response. The City of Ruby has tried maintaining the water tender and has ordered parts and hired many different mechanics to attempt to make the water tender operational but have failed. They are looking to purchase a type three 4x4 wildland quick attack mini-pumper.

Project Timeline:

Project will occur in 2009.

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

City of Ruby

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Contact Name: Pat Sweetsir

Phone Number: 907-468-4479

Address: P.O. Box 210, Ruby, Alaska, 99768

Email:

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

Memo

To: Honorable Woodie Salmon, State House of Representatives
From: Pat D. Sweetsir, Ruby Tribal Administrator
CC: Mayor Delima, City of Ruby
Date: December 19, 2007
Re: Early Legislative Request for FY08

Currently the City of Ruby Fire Department is having a difficult time trying to maintain an operational readiness for the citizens of Ruby. Our fire department is currently rated by ISO as a class ten department. Which translates into layman's terms as a non-existence working fire department. The citizens of Ruby have recently held meetings to strategize on reviving and establishing an operational fire department for its community.

In the summer of 2005 our 1979 GMC C-9 series water tender with a 750 GPM rear mounted pump began to break down. The drive motor was unable to maintain idle or start when needed for an emergency responses. The City of Ruby has tried maintaining the water tender and has order over \$3000.00 worth of parts and hired three different local mechanics to attempted to make the water tender operational but have failed in there attempts to get the drive motor to run. As you can imagine it is very difficult to find parts for a 1979 GMC commercial vehicle. All three mechanics have been unable to troubleshoot the problems to make our water tender operational.

Our community has just recently suffered from a fire fatally and a loss of single family dwelling. The fire loss to contents and structure is valued at approximately \$100,000.00 dollars. Since 2005, our community has a second structure fire that destroyed an additional single family dwelling with a fire loss to contents and structure of over \$100,000 dollars. Plus the community has had to endure the displacements of two families to our community. In addition Ruby is a community which sits in a wildland urban interface zone. Since 2005, the City of Ruby has responded to five wildland incidents. Two of the incidents the VPSO was able to contain the fires with the use of heavy equipment and no outside agency had to be requested. The three other fires BLM was requested to assist with fire suppression operations. In all three incidents BLM requested services of our water tender but was told each time that our unit was out of service. BLM had to contract with private contractors to assist them with suppression operations which cost the State more monies in suppression costs. Our last wildland incident in the summer of 2007 had a suppression cost of approximately ten million dollars.

The citizens of Ruby are seeking your help in this upcoming budget year of requesting \$140,000 to fund a new fire engine for the City of Ruby. We are looking for funding to purchase a type three 4X4 wildland quick attack mini-pumper. Currently we have the specifications on file at the tribal office along with other fire incidents information we had to deal with since we lost the use of our primary fire suppression vehicle. These monies that are being requested will be applied towards the purchase of type three engine meeting all

NFPA and ICS standards. Also additional costs have been factored into offset additional expenses such as barging and pump acceptance testing.

If you have any questions regarding our situation please call our VPSO at 468-4602. Thank you for your help in this matter I look forward to hearing from on this matter.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pat D. Sweetsir". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pat D. Sweetsir

Ruby Tribal Administrator

JOINT RESOLUTION 07-01

BY

CITY OF RUBY

And

RUBY TRIBAL COUNCIL

And

DINEEGA CORPORATION

Adoption of the Community Economic Development Strategy

For the Community of Ruby

WHEREAS, The City of Ruby (City) has prepared a Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to facilitate the growth of the community; and

WHEREAS, There was a public meeting held on April 24, 2007 to identify public transportation needs, and

WHEREAS, A second public meeting was held on July 25, 2007 to identify and get public input to other community needs, and

WHEREAS, The City and Ruby Tribal Council through a cooperatively effort have worked to develop a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the City of Ruby, and

WHEREAS, The City of Ruby, Ruby Tribal Council, Dineega Corporation and the Merrelina A. Kangas School have entered into a memorandum of Understanding to work together to provide a vehicle for identifying and seeking solutions to specific and common problems, and

WHEREAS, The leadership and managers identified an opportunity to improve overall coordination of programs by consolidating the existing efforts of the City, Tribe, Corporation, and School to:

- Provide for the exchange of information, ideas and technology transfer.
- Assist in the development of appropriate policy, procedure and guideline recommendations between members.
- Promote effective and efficient management utilizing coordinated planning and sharing of resources.
- Identify and evaluate the appropriate role of the MOU in our ecosystem, roads, education, health, and economic development, governance development, business development, and recommend actions to resolve these issues.
- Improve public awareness and participation.

WHEREAS, The City of Ruby, the Ruby Tribal Council, and Dineega Corporation desires to adopt a CEDS plan for the City of Ruby;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Ruby at a Regular Meeting of the City hereby adopts the 2007 RUBY COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY on this 27th Day of November 2007;

ATTEST

Jay deLima, Mayor

Jennie Hopson, City Clerk

AND FURTHER RESOLVED; That the Ruby Tribal Council hereby concurs with the City and adopts the 2007 RUBY COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY at a Regular Meeting of the Ruby Tribal Council this 4th Day of December 2007;

ATTEST

William Dozette, First Chief

William McCarty III,
Secretary/Treasure

AND FURTHER RESOLVED; That the Dineega Corporation hereby concurs with the City of Ruby and adopts the 2007 RUBY COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY at a regular meeting of Dineega Corporation this ____ day of November 2007.

ATTEST

Pat D. Sweetsir, President

Karen Honea,
Secretary/Treasure

Footnote: The Joint Resolution was passed by the parties to this CEDS at the meetings indicated in the resolution and each institution maintains the original signature on file in their offices.