

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Unincorporated Communities (AS 37.05.317)****Grant Recipient: Sleetmute****Project Title:****Sleetmute - Construction Of Community Center****State Funding Requested: \$ 200,000****House District: 6 - C**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

The Community of Sleetmute would like to build a community hall to replace the one lost to a fire back in 2001.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$950,000**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:

In December 2001 a fire destroyed nearly all the core infrastructure of the community of Sleetmute. The fire consumed the building housing the health clinic, community center, tribal offices, VPSO office and holding cell, satellite dish repeater, water treatment place and washeteria. From the ashes, rose a community effort to rebuild that which was lost.

Due to funding, the reconstruction was planned in phases. The community has successfully obtained funding and constructed a building as Phase 1 to address immediate core services needs, including public safety, ICWA, alcohol program and JOM. A new health clinic and washeteria were also built.

In Phase II, the community center will be constructed which will be 2,500 square foot building. The new community center will house a large gathering area with a small kitchen area for community events and activities, overnight facilities for itinerant health and other service providers and program office space.

Project Timeline:

Project will occur in 2009.

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

Native Village of Sleetmute

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

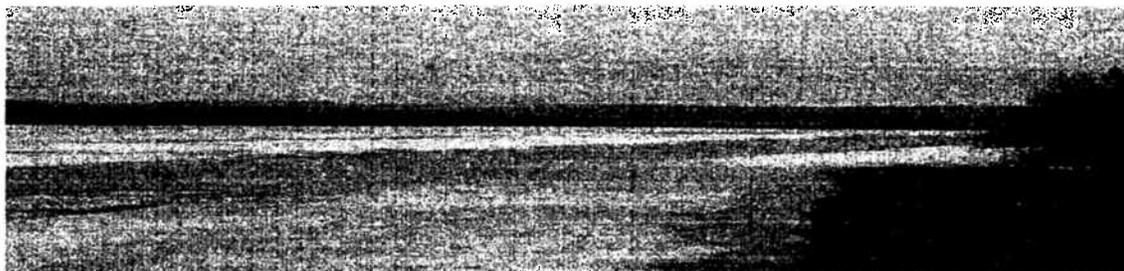
Contact Name: Pete Mellick
Phone Number: (907) 449-4205
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Email:

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

Sleetmute Traditional Council

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Fax Transmittal Form

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- ASAP
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Message:

Legislative request

**Native Village of Sleetmute
Sleetmute Traditional Council
P.O. Box 109
Sleetmute Alaska, 99668**

January 15, 2008

Senator Albert Kookesh Representative Woodie Salmon
Senate District C House District 6
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Kookesh and Representative Salmon:

Thank for the opportunity to provide you with our request for Legislative support. The following provides information about our Capital Improvement Project:

Project Title: Construction of Community Center, Phase II

Contact: Mr. Pete Mellick, President 907-449-4205

Total Cost Estimate: \$950,000.00

Legislative Request: \$200,000.00, seed money

Project Summary and Need:

In December, 2001, a fire destroyed nearly all the core infrastructure of the community of Sleetmute. The fire consumed the building housing the health clinic, community center, tribal offices, VPSO office and holding cell, satellite dish repeater, water treatment plant and washeteria- From the ashes, rose a community effort to rebuild that which was lost.

Due to funding, the reconstruction was planned in phases. The community has successfully obtained funding and constructed a building as Phase I to address immediate core services needs, including public safety, ICWA, alcohol program and Johnson-O'Malley. A new health clinic and washeteria were also built.

In Phase II, the community center will be constructed. Plans call for a 2,500 square foot building. The new community center will house a large gathering area with a small kitchen area for community events and activities, overnight

facilities for itinerant health and other services providers and program office space.

The rebuilding of Sleetmute's community meeting hall is critical to the revitalization of the community and its spirit. Currently, the townspeople must find other locations for gatherings, usually the school. This presents challenges due to school activities and school closure for part of the year.

A community center for a rural Alaska village is its heart and soul. The community center will not only meet the needs of Sleetmute, but other neighboring villages. The communities of Red Devil and Stony River relied on the old community hall for its activities and will do so again. The community center will be the only facility of its kind in the immediate area. Future plans call for it to support local functions, those of neighboring communities and local and small sub-regional meeting functions.

Proposed Funding Approach:

The Council has already acquired the necessary land and completed site improvements, including a partial pad. The value of this contribution is estimated at \$25,000.00 that will be used towards meeting cash match requirements with funding sources.

Sleetmute has identified several potential funding sources for the construction costs of Phase II. We intend to apply to the HUD ICDG program and several private foundations. However, these sources require a cost match in order to obtain the maximum points available in the scoring process.

Competition for grant funds is ever tightening, and we must find ways to maximize our potential for point award. We are requesting assistance from the Legislature to provide the seed money for our project to move forward and ensure successful applications.

Timeline: Construction will commence once all funding is secured.

Community Information:

The community of Sleetmute is located on the east bank of the Kuskokwim River, approximately 79 miles east of Aniak. The village was founded by Ingalik Indians and served as a focal point for river travel and trading activities starting the early 1930's. Today, with a population of 95, the community continues to serve as a mini-hub for other nearby communities, including Red Devil (pop. 30) and Stony River (pop. 55). Most people live a subsistence lifestyle, with local government

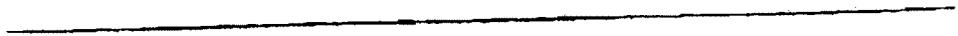
providing most employment opportunities. Access to the community is limited to river and air traffic.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pete Mellick".

Pete Mellick, President
Sleetmute Traditional Council



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1-16-08

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Sleetmute Multipurpose Building
Second phase;

The Native Village of Sleetmute has recognized the need of upriver communities to have a large meeting place to serve the village of Sleetmute as well as the surrounding communities.

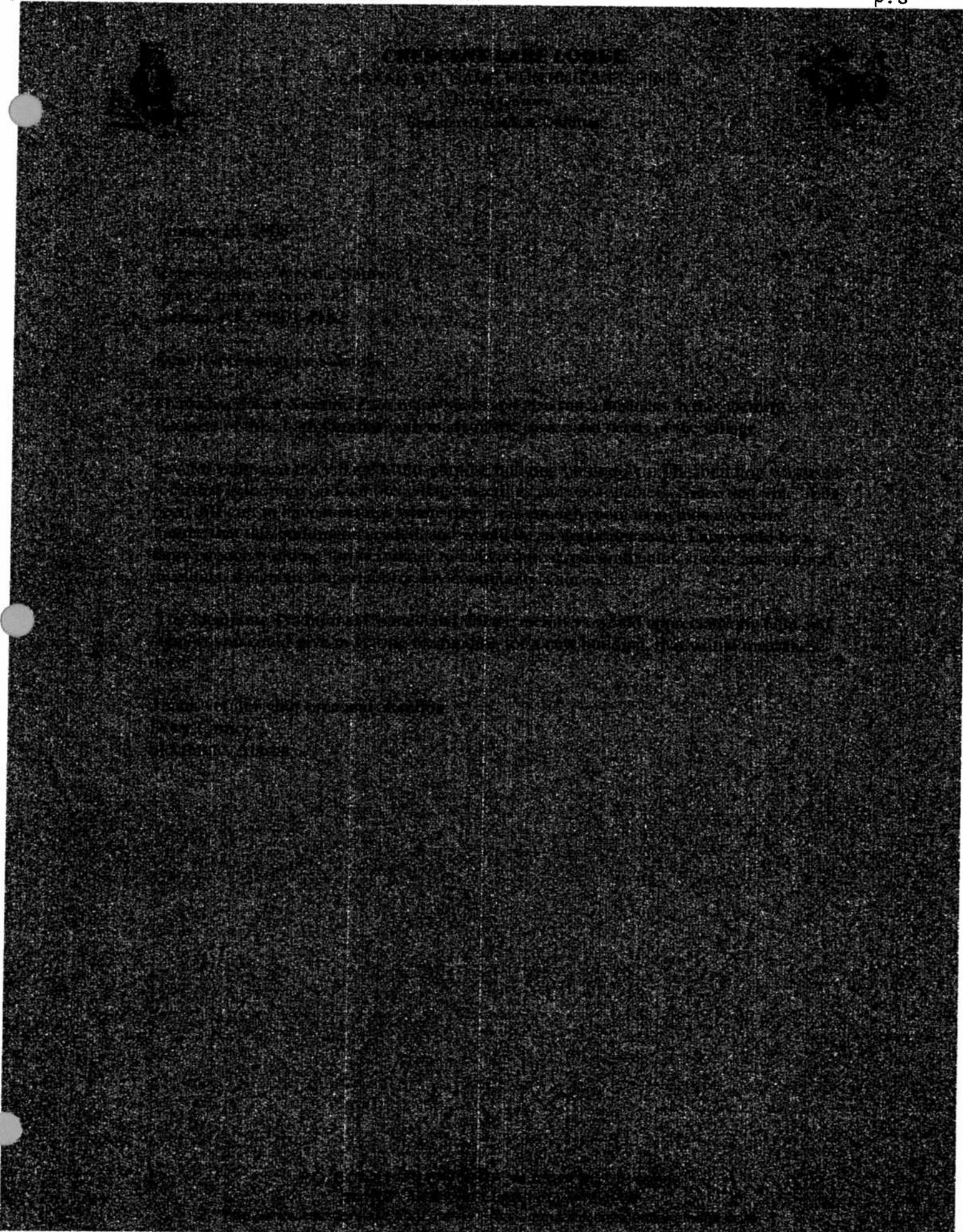
This building, when completed, will house a meeting area, a potlatch area that can be used by the communities of Sleetmute, Stony River, Red Devil and Crooked Creek.

This building will also house a preschool, which is a need for all villages to see our children succeed.

This multipurpose building will fill a need for a close meeting place for the villages of , Sleetmute, Red Devil, Crooked Creek and Stony River, as now we have to travel long distances to attend area meetings and this building will fill our need for a nearby meeting area large enough to accommodate every one.

The Crooked Creek Traditional Council supports the Village of Sleetmute in their efforts to provide us all with this building.

Sincerely,
Evelyn Thomas
Evelyn Thomas
Crooked Creek Traditional Council





CRESCENT LAKE LODGE
ALASKAN BIG GAME HUNTING & FISHING
Doug Carney
Registered Guide & Outfitter



January 16, 2008

Representative Woodie Salmon
State Capitol, Room 114
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Salmon,

I have lived near Sleetmute for many years and also run a business in this vicinity. Because of this, I am familiar with many of the issues and needs of the village.

Several years ago the village Multi-purpose building burnt down. This building was used for tribal gatherings and various village meetings and get-togethers. Since that time, it has been difficult to have meetings where there was enough room to include everyone. I agree that this building is needed, and would be an important asset. This would be a large enough building for the village to hold political, governmental, social, and cultural meetings, which are important for any community's survival.

The Sleetmute Traditional Council and village members would appreciate any help and support you could give in getting the funding for a new building, that would meet these needs

Thank you for your time and attention,
Doug Carney
Sleetmute, Alaska

1/24/08

Dear Rep. Salmon
Our village
needs a place for
people to get
together. We need
some money,
please.

Sincerely,
Samuel

Grade 3

P.O. Box 69
Sleetmute, Alaska 99668
January 25, 2008

Representative Woodie Salmon
State Capitol Rm 114
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative Salmon,

The village of Sleetmute needs a new multi-purpose building. We can use it for a safe place for the kids to go play games, get on the Internet and other things. If there were a multi-purpose building there wouldn't be as many kids doing drugs and drinking alcohol. This building would be a really big help to everyone in the village. I would really appreciate it if you'd help make this a better and safer place. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Dana Effemka

Dana Effemka
11th Grade

P.O Box 69
Sleetmute, Alaska 99668
January 25, 2008

Representative Woodie Salmon
State Capitol Room 114
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative Salmon,

We want to know if you will help us find money, so we can rebuild the multi-purpose room that burned down several years back. We want to make this so we can have a place to go and hang out, and a place that we can just sit down and do homework. I would like to know if you will help us? So we can have a place for all of the people here in Sleetmute to come and have fun in the new multi-purpose room. If you can give us some money then, thank you for what you can give.

Sincerely,



Stacy Egnaty
8th grade

P.O Box 69
Sleetmute, Alaska 99668
January 25, 2008

Representative Woodie Salmon
State Capitol Room 114
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative Woodie Salmon:

The village of Sleetmute, Alaska needs money to build a multi-purpose building. We don't have enough money to build one. So we're asking you if you can help us find money, so can you please help us find some money? So teens, children, and adults will have a place to play games, with their families and stay away from drugs, alcohol, and those things, so they won't get into trouble. On the weekends out in the village there is nothing to do. There isn't anywhere to go after school. During the summer when there isn't school, they have nothing to do. I would really appreciate it, if you please help our village, so it could become a safe and better place for kids and adults to live. I really hope you can help us. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Amber A. Effemka
9th Grade

Amber A. Effemka
9th Grade
SLQ, AK

Jan. 25, 2008

Kris Gregory
P.O. Box 36
Sleetmute, AK 99668

Rep. Woodie Salmon
State Capitol Rm. 114
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Rep. Salmon

My name is Kris Gregory, and I want to write to you because our village needs a Multi-Purpose building. All the kids will have a place to go after school, a place to hang out and have fun. I think it will be a lot of fun to have one, because its so boring after school, plus people will have something to do. If you can, please build a basketball court, because we have nothing to do during the summer besides fish, and that gets boring after a while. Thank you for your help.

From,



Kris Gregory
12th grade

P.O Box 69
Sleetmute, AK 99668
January 25, 2008

Representative Woodie Salmon
State Capitol Room 114
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Salmon,

Our community of Sleetmute has been wanting to build a multi-purpose building, but we don't have enough money to get all the plywood and supplies. We want this multi-purpose building because the teens and children want a place to hang out with other teens and children. In Sleetmute there isn't much places to go, so we want a place just to hang out and chill. Can you help out get the money so we can build it ourselves? Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Sakar

Cheryl Sakar

P.O. Box 69
Sleetmute, AK 99668
January 25, 2008

Representative Woodie Salmon
State Capitol Rm. 114
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Woodie Salmon,

Our village was wondering if you could help us find some money so we can rebuild a new multipurpose building. We don't have enough money to make it. We want it so we can have a place for all the people to hang out, play games, and have some fun together. After school and during the summer there is nothing to do. So we were wondering if you could help us in any way that you can? We really hope you can help us. Thank you!

Sincerely,



Kaitlynn Effemka