

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)

Grant Recipient: Alaska Village Initiatives

Project Title:

Alaska Village Initiatives - Project Code Red

State Funding Requested: \$ 2,040,000
One-Time Need

House District: Statewide (1-40)

Brief Project Description:

Project Code Red has been an essential tool in meeting Alaska's public safety and fire protection needs by providing PCR units for 24 villages statewide.

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$2,040,000

<u>Funding Secured</u>	
<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>

<u>Other Pending Requests</u>	
<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>

<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Project Code Red has been an essential tool in meeting Alaska's public safety and fire protection needs. There is no other solution available that is designed specifically for use in rural Alaska, nor is there any other solution as cost effective. Protecting lives of rural Alaskans greatly improves their quality of life, while also protecting millions of dollars in state investments.

Several legislators asked if Project Code Red could accomplish 24 villages instead of 12 in 2008. This is within our capacity, and it would halve the time involved in meeting the basic fire protection needs of rural Alaska from 11 years to 5.5 years.

Training is conducted by the Alaska Department of Public Safety, State Fire Marshal's Office, and includes a 3-day training session in the village. At the conclusion of the training, the community has a certified and fully qualified volunteer fire department.

Administrative, Assembly and Indirect Costs are based on AVI's federally negotiated indirect rate of 41.42%. This line item covers the entire cost of manufacturing and assembling the PCR units, working with the village to prepare for the unit installation, administrative costs, and general overhead.

Equipment includes self-contained fire station (connex box) that provides firefighting capabilities appropriate for fighting fires in remote locations and in extreme cold. Significantly, the trailers that carry the firefighting equipment and supplies can be towed by pickups, all-terrain vehicles, or snow machines. The Project Code Red program incorporates comprehensive capabilities by providing firefighting equipment (foam delivery units, water pump, axes, Halligan tools, chemical ABC extinguishers), personal protective equipment (gloves, helmets, goggles), and training. The complimentary components together provide the ingredients for creating and sustaining rural fire departments.

Project Timeline:

2008

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

Alaska Village Initiatives

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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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