

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Unincorporated Communities (AS 37.05.317)****Grant Recipient: Chalkyitsik****Project Title:**

# Chalkyitsik - Overhead Electrical Distribution System Wiring Renovation

**State Funding Requested: \$ 100,000****House District: 6 - C**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Community Facility and Equipment Repair. The Chalkyitsik Village Council is seeking funding to improve their overhead electrical distribution system.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$100,000**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 Chalkyitsik Village Council is seeking funding to improve their overhead electrical distribution system and make needed repairs to the community center. This project will bring the overhead electrical distribution lines up to current codes in order to protect the safety of residents and their property.

**Project Timeline:**

Project will begin on September 30, 2009 and will take two years to complete.

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

Chalkyitsik Village Council

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

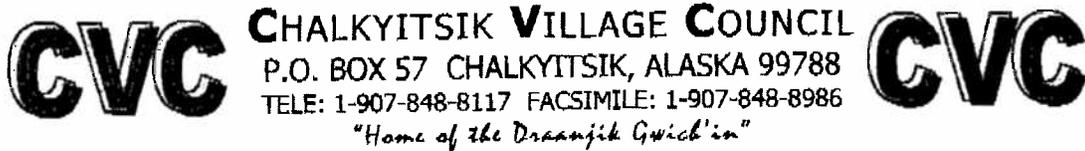
Contact Name: Willie Salmon

Phone Number: (907) 848-8117

Address: PO Box 57 Chalkyitsik, AK 99788

Email:

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



March 28, 2008

Representative Woodie Salmon  
Alaska State Capital  
Juneau, AK 99801

**RE: Request for Funding for Residential Wiring and Repairs for the Community Center**

Dear Honorable Representative Woodie Salmon:

The Chalkyitsik Village Council is seeking funding for residential wiring for approximately 45 homes. These structures do not meet wiring codes. Half of the homes were built in the 1970s and the other half were built in the 1980s. We are requesting \$75,000.00 for this project.

Safety for residents to live with these conditions is a concern to many living here; one resident reported that he turned a switch on for his lights and a foot long spark of electricity came out of the socket on his ceiling. There are many incidents and testimonies concerning unsafe conditions with current electrical wiring in residential homes.

The community center is in great despair with holes on the deck, due to settling the windows have cracked, new doors are needed and logs need sanding and resealing. The log structure has six sides and has not been sanded and the electrical wiring is bad. The structure is becoming a safety hazard to the community. We are requesting \$25,000.00 for this project.

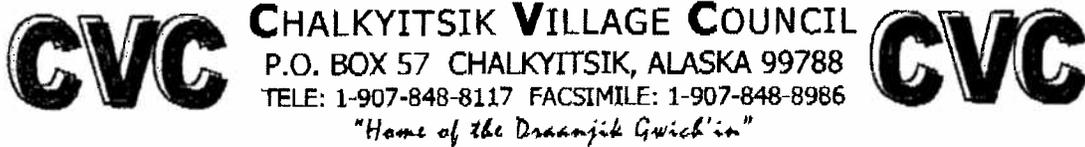
Please consider Chalkyitsik Village Council's request for funding for \$100,000.00 for these projects.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Willie Salmon Jr.'.

Willie Salmon Jr., First Chief

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**March 28, 2008**

**FY 2009 Capital Budget Project Request**

1. Project Name: Chalkyitsik Village Council Residential Renovation
2. Project Location: Chalkyitsik Village, Interior Alaska; House District Six (6)
3. Description of Project: Residential Wiring in 45 homes need to be upgraded and brought up to code.
4. Amount of Funding Request: \$100,000.00
5. Total funding to complete the project: \$75,000.00 for residential wiring; \$25,000 for community building renovation.
6. Number of years to complete the project; start and end dates: Two (2) years to complete the job; start date September 30, 2008; end date September 30, 2010.
7. Matching Funds available/sources: None
8. If the project received prior state appropriations, list the amount and the year of appropriation: None
9. Are funds for the project included in the governor's proposed FY2009 budget?  
No.
10. Are federal funds being sought, either through competitive grants or earmarks? Funds are currently not being sought for; however, the Council will keep an eye out for funding sources. We were looking around but we couldn't find any yet. We tried going to RURAL CAP but they want to go region wide.
11. Has the project gone through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action by the governing body? A public meeting was held in March, 2008 and it was brought up and the local Council and village members want this. One resident turned his lights on today and an electrical spark flew out of the light fixture about one foot; his name is Simon Francis.
12. If funding is made available for the project this year, who will be responsible for providing the ongoing maintenance and operations costs? Ongoing maintenance costs in residential homes will be the responsibility of homeowners. Wiring is currently old and not to code and village residents do not have the currency to upgrade their homes. Ongoing maintenance for the community hall will be the responsibility of the local tribe.
13. Legislature submitting request: Representative Woodie Salmon with the request from the Chalkyitsik Village Council.
14. Project contact information: Willie Salmon Jr., First Chief; PO Box 57, Chalkyitsik, Alaska 99788; Phone: 907-848-8117; Fax: 907-848-8986.

Respectfully submitted,

Willie Salmon Jr., First Chief