

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Kenai Peninsula Food Bank****Project Title:**

# Kenai Peninsula Food Bank - Building Improvements and Maintenance

**State Funding Requested: \$ 22,500****House District: Kenai Areawide (33-35)**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Building expansion, electrical upgrades and expansion of the walk-in freezer

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$60,000**

	<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>
State Funds	\$10,000	08				
Total	\$10,000					

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

New concrete slab to expand the building. This slab would then be used to house a larger cooler, a freezer currently on a heated slab and the Soup Kitchen freezer. Building wide electrical upgrades will also be part of the project.

Each year, for the past three years, the Food Bank has processed over one million pounds of food. They serve needy families from Moose Pass to Homer. Additional freezer and cooler space is always needed.

**Project Timeline:**

Initial work was started in FY08, project is expected to be completed in FY09.

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

Kenai Peninsula Food Bank

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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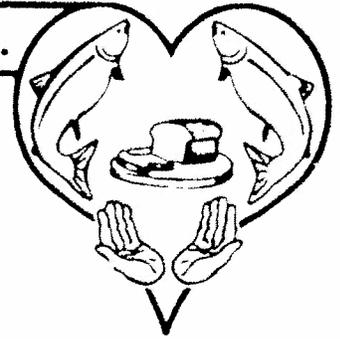
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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority?  Yes  No

# Kenai Peninsula Food Bank, Inc.

*Because no one deserves to be hungry*



January 24, 2008

Representative Kurt Olson  
Juneau, AK

Dear Representative Olson:

Thank you for your past and continued support of the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank. Please consider a \$50,000 grant to the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank for building improvements and maintenance of the existing facility. This grant would provide additional funding to the grants received such as a Congressional earmark, a Kraft's grant and funding from corporations such as Marathon Oil and Nordstrom.

During the upcoming construction season, a cement slab will be built adjacent to the building to house a larger cooler, a current freezer now sitting on a heated slab and the current Soup Kitchen freezer. Grocery stores now provide the Food Bank with more perishable food items rather than the dry goods of four years ago. Over the past three years the Food Bank has processed over a million pounds of food products each year. The food products have been distributed throughout the Kenai Peninsula from Moose Pass to Homer.

Regardless of any improvements the electricity at our facility requires upgrading and a state grant would help our organization meet this need. Increased utility costs affect the Food Bank's budget immensely.

I will be providing more information next week on agency letterhead. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this request.

Sincerely,

Linda L. Swarner



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