

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Sons of Norway Hall****Federal Tax ID:****Project Title:****Project Type:** Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

# Sons of Norway Hall - Lodge No. 23 Hall Renovation and Repair

**State Funding Requested: \$50,000****House District: 2 / A**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Comprehensive renovation to historic community hall including floor replacement, electrical work, painting, and structural support.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$50,000***There is no other funding needed***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Item is \$50,000 for comprehensive renovations to historic community hall in Petersburg. The Sons of Norway Hall is the primary community center for residents and a main attraction for tourists. The hall is a Southeast Alaska icon and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

As available, funding will cover numerous restorative projects including structural and electrical repairs needed to maintain the facility. The electrical service upgrades will show immediate cost savings by allowing installation of additional electric heat sources using less fuel, the insulation upgrades will make the building warmer and more efficient, the roof replacement goes to the integrity of the entire structure, protecting it from our Southeast climate and keeping our building intact, and finally the mechanical screen for the stage and an LCD projector to be used for showing movies, DVD's and PowerPoint presentations to visitors, the lodge and for community functions such as funerals, conventions and town hall meetings.

The hall is a central part of Petersburg, and these repairs will allow it to be a historic and safe place in the community for years to come.

**Project Timeline:**

FY11

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

Sally Dwyer - President, Son's of Norway

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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

**CITY OF PETERSBURG  
CAPITAL PROJECT REQUEST**

**Project Name:** PETERSBURG Sons of Norway Upgrades and Renovations  
**Project Location:** Petersburg, Alaska  
**Legislative Districts :** House District 2; Senate District A

**Project Description:** The list is prioritized in order of cost savings and efficiencies to the building. The electrical service upgrades will show immediate cost savings by allowing us to install additional electric heat sources using less fuel, the insulation upgrades will make the building warmer and more efficient, the roof replacement goes to the integrity of the entire structure, protecting it from our Southeast climate and keeping our building intact, and finally the mechanical screen for the stage and an LCD projector to be used for showing movies, DVD's and PowerPoint presentations to visitors, the lodge and for community functions such as funerals, conventions and town hall meetings.

**1) Electrical Service Replacement and Upgrade Estimated \$9,000**

With the high cost of heating oil, we have chosen to be more efficient with our heating system. We have funding in place to purchase new electrical heat pump units to add to the existing duct system to heat the building, but need more power. This project upgrades the buildings electrical service to accommodate the improvements from the current single phase service to a three phase service. This will give us the necessary power needed to complete the project.

**2) Insulation Project Estimated \$7,500**

When the building was built in 1912, insulation was minimal at best. We did a project in 1982 to insulate the building but ran out of funds before the two ends of the building were completed. We would like to finish insulating the ends, insulate around the stage, repair the insulation under the building (bird damaged) and upgrade the underwater pipe insulation that leads into the building.

**3) Roof Replacement Estimated \$29,500**

Our current roof was installed in 1982. It was rated for 20 years and is now overdue for replacement. We have maintained it in fair condition but have determined that it is time to replace the roof before failure occurs and our building structure is damaged. We have a responsibility to protect and preserve this building that is on the National Historical Register for future generations.

**4) Screen & LCD Projector Estimated \$4,000**

Our building is used by the members of the lodge, the public and the visitor industry. It is increasingly being used for business meetings, funerals and other public events that require the use of a large screen and projector for PowerPoint presentations, movies, and DVD's. We have found a 10' x 10' screen that will raise and lower mechanically which we feel will be perfect for our needs. We also would like to purchase an LCD projector for presentations and movies for viewing that will interface with wireless laptop computers. Costs include shipping, electrical hookup and mounting. We feel this will be a great addition to our building for all who use it year round.

**Funding Request:** FY 2011 Capital Grant - \$50,000

**Total Estimated Project Cost:** \$60,500

**Number of Years to Complete Project:** 2 years, beginning in July 2009 with substantial completion by July 2011.

**Matching Funds Available:** In-kind from membership - Minimum of \$10,500

**Prior State Appropriations:** None

**Are Federal Funds Being Sought for this Project?** No, historical grants for buildings from the federal government are not available at this time. Traditionally they have used off-shore leasing funds for historical grants, but none have been available for several years.

**Public Review Process & Community Priority:** The Sons of Norway has garnered support from the previous and current Mayor and City Councils. They also have received continued community support for the renovation and upgrades of the historic and well used building. The Sons of Norway is one of the oldest, continuously used building in our community. It is on the National Historical Registry of Historic Buildings and is considered an interesting and unusual example of architecture by committee.

**Responsible Party for On-going Maintenance and Operations Costs:** The Sons of Norway, its members and Trustees.

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Senator Bert Stedman  
Alaska State Capitol, Room #516  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Stedman,

I am pleased to endorse the request for grant funds for the Sons of Norway in Petersburg that are in the current Capital Budget. The \$50,000 grant will continue the efficiencies started in 2008 with added and improved electrical service, improved heating, added insulation to the ends and underneath the building, a new roof and amenities to enhance the useage for the lodge, visitors and general public.

The planned improvements to the building over the past several years have made the building more efficient and easier to maintain, requiring less man-hours, less fuel and better return for their dollars. This final grant amount will complete the list of necessary work and provide the community with many years of hassle-free use to come.

The Sons of Norway is quite a building and we value it as a reminder of our past as it sits on Sing Lee Alley bridge over Hammer's Slough. It is easily the most photographed and well used building in town. We in Petersburg value our heritage, our fish, and the Sons of Norway Hall.

Sincerely,

Al Dwyer  
Mayor, Petersburg