

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**

**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)**

**Grant Recipient: Camp Fire USA**

**Federal Tax ID:**

**Project Title:**

**Project Type:** Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

# Camp Fire USA Alaska Council - Camp Kushtaka Rebuild

**State Funding Requested: \$700,000**  
One-Time Need

**House District: 35 / R**

**Brief Project Description:**

Funds are being requested to make the camp complaint with State and Borough Land requirements and improve functionality of the Camp.

**Funding Plan:**

**Total Cost of Project: \$2,752,000**

	<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>
Rasmuson Foundation	\$1,000,000	2008				
Local Funds	\$531,834	2009				
Other Funds	\$1,015,000	2009				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,546,834</b>					

*Explanation of Other Funds:*

1,015,000 secured in 2009 from foundations

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Road and parking area with underground utilities - funds are being requested to contribute to the installation of essential water and waste water services that are complaint with State and Borough land use requirements while being sensitive to conditions set forth in DNR's lease. The work will include site access and the development of a cleared playfield allowing Camp Fire to expand the existing program to include a broader range of outdoor activities. Cam Fire is mandated to complete these infrastructure improvements as a requirement of the Kenai River Special Use Management Area Plan.

Funds are also being requested to install pilings needed for the foundations for a resident cabin/duplex. The continued construction work to erect the structures will be performed by volunteers.

**Project Timeline:**

Work would begin this summer.

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

Camp Fire USA

For use by Co-chair Staff Only:

**\$700,000  
Approved**

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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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October 15, 2008

Representative Paul Seaton  
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RE: Camp Fire USA Camp Kushtaka improvements

Dear Representative Seaton:

Thank you for meeting with us in Juneau and supporting the efforts of improvements to Camp Kushtaka. We were disappointed, to say the least, at the line item veto action of the Governor which cut funding supported by the House and Senate.

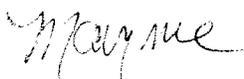
Camp Fire has been working hard to obtain funds and commitment for labor and materials for doing the much needed up grade and re-development. The Rasmusen Fund has committed to \$100,000.00 which also includes monies for matching funds.

Camp Fire USA is a reputable organization serving the needs of young people nationwide. Camp Kushtaka has been here since 1966 and serves over 600 children every summer. They are looking forward to serving more children possibly with year round programs. Children come from around Alaska but with better facilities and offering programs through some of the local businesses and through the chamber of commerce families could plan for an Alaskan camp experience for the kids on the family extended vacations.

Our future depends on our children. Camp encourages cooperation, confidence and goal setting in a community environment with outdoor activities. Programs that get children off the couch and exploring the outdoors, having fun while learning and growing into young adults, is a win-win situation for all of us.

Thank you for encouraging and supporting funding for the improvements at Camp Kushtaka last year. I look forward to your support for this worth while program again this year.

Sincerely,



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