

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

**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)**

**Grant Recipient: Petersburg**

**Project Title:**

**Project Type:** New Construction and Land Acquisition

# Petersburg - Clausen Memorial Museum Storage Upgrade

**State Funding Requested: \$55,000**  
One-Time Need

**House District: 2 / A**

**Brief Project Description:**

Funding to construct a storage building for Petersburg museum to preserve collections and further community and visitor education.

**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>
Local Funds					\$2,500	2011
Other Funds					\$2,500	2011
<b>Total</b>					<u>\$5,000</u>	

*Explanation of Other Funds:*

*Will seek donations*

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Project is funding to construct a storage building for Petersburg museum to preserve collections and further community and visitor education.

The Clausen Memorial Museum is dedicated to preserving the history and telling the story of those who have lived and worked in Petersburg. Established in 1968, the museum's collections of artifacts, photographs and archives span the history and pre-history of Petersburg and central Southeast Alaska. The museum contains over 5,000 artifacts, 45,000 photographs, and 200 archival collections.

The Clausen Museum is in need of a building addition for collection storage with furnishings (such as cabinets and shelving). The new storage room will enable better care of the collection and provide more needed space for the numerous donations received annually. The new storage room would be an addition to our current 8 x 16 store room that would include a foundation, walls, roof, electrical and heating. The furnishings would include archival quality cases and shelving, boxes and various materials needed to store the collection safely.

The museum has become a focal point for the preservation of the unique history of this area through its large collection of photographs and artifacts and its success in developing interpretive exhibits and educational programs for the public. Each year the museum attracts thousands of visitors, ranging from cruise ship passengers to Elder Hostel groups. The museum's goals are to increase public service, to make contributions to local history scholarship, and improve the museum's resources for collections care and storage. The museum is a central part of the community, with local residents volunteering over 800

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**\$55,000  
Approved**

hours of their time to the museum annually.

**Project Timeline:**

July, 2010 - building plans developed  
September, 2010 - solicit construction bids  
October, 2010 - award construction contract  
April, 2 2011 - construction complete

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

Museum Board of Directors

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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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RE: Petersburg Capital Projects

Honorable Governor Parnell:

As you are set to review the budget, we emphasize the great importance the budgeted projects in our area are to our community. They are projects which repair or replace existing infrastructure and services. The facilities they replace have slipped to substandard condition since they have been in use years longer than their estimated service life.

Petersburg has been suffering a downturn in the economy over the last few years more than most communities. Recently, we learned a large share of our fish processing activity will not be in operation this summer and the future return of that share is questionable.

Not only will our projects replace and repair infrastructure, they will serve as a measurable and needed boost to our local economy.

Thank you for your consideration.

  
Al Dwyer, Mayor  
City of Petersburg

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