

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)

Grant Recipient: Association of Village Council Presidents

Federal Tax ID:

Project Title:

Project Type: Equipment and Materials

Association of Village Council Presidents - AVCP Yupiit Piciryarait Museum Equipment

State Funding Requested: \$200,000

House District: 38 / S

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Yupiit Piciryarait Museum equipment purchases to assist in caring for the permanent collections including upgrading the computer and security systems, appropriate freezer equipment, a vehicle and installing appropriate permanent exhibit cases for artifacts on display.

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$200,000

	<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>
Federal Funds	\$0		\$0		\$0	
State Funds	\$0				\$0	
Denali Commission	\$0		\$0		\$0	
Rasmuson Foundation	\$0		\$0		\$0	
Local Funds	\$0		\$0		\$0	
Other Funds	\$0		\$0		\$0	
Total						

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Association of Village Council Presidents is requesting equipment to enhance and strengthen the Yupiit Piciryarait Museum in Bethel, Alaska. The Museum has grown to become a vibrant part of our region with the overall goal to sustain the Yup'ik culture, history, language, and arts via the transmission of knowledge from this generation of elders into the future.

The museum houses an extensive Ethnographic Collection, Archaeological Collection of prehistoric and historic artifacts, Photographic Collection, Archival Collection, Collection of Film and Audio Recordings, Natural History Collection, Education Collection, Historic Collection, Fine Arts Collection and a library. The Museum occupies 3,800 square feet including galleries, storage, and offices. The facility houses over 2,500 pieces of art, photos and artifacts. Galleries display exhibits of Yup'ik, Cup'ik, and Athabascan people of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta in ancient and contemporary times.

Yupiit Piciryarait Museum needs to purchase equipment to assist in caring for the permanent collections. The Museum needs to upgrade the computer system to enable accurate cataloging. We are currently engaged in a two year Collections Management project to computerize the museum's collection onto the Past Perfect, which is a computerized collections

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**\$100,000
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management software system. We have purchased the software, but need to upgrade to appropriate computer and security systems.

The Computer System needs to meet accommodate the Past Perfect software and museum requirements. The system was determined with assistance from the Institute for Museum and Library Services. An appropriate system for the Yupiit Piciryarait Museum is estimated at \$15,000. The security system is museum standard system that would protect collections. At this time, we have a limited security system. The security system is estimated at \$10,000.

We need museum-appropriate freezer equipment for processing and storing furs and other items. A museum freezer costs \$5,000 including freight and shipping.

The museum has inadequate and substandard cases. The current exhibit cases are inadequate to protect the objects. We need appropriate permanent exhibit cases for artifacts on display. The museum would plan, design and construct the permanent exhibit cases to meet appropriate museum standards. Permanent exhibit cases are estimated to cost \$120,000 including shipping.

We are also requesting a vehicle to facilitate museum business. The cost of cabs in Bethel is prohibitive and does not enable the transfer of collection material. We are requesting a basic truck. The truck, including shipping and freight to Bethel, is estimated to cost \$50,000.

Budget	
Capital Equipment	
Vehicle	50,000
Computer System	15,000
Freezer	5,000
Security System	10,000
Permanent Exhibit	120,000
 Total	 200,000

Project Timeline:

The project time line will start in FY11 as funds become available.

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

Association of Village Council Presidents

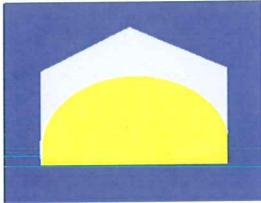
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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No

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April 28, 2010

Governor Sean Parnell
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RE: Support for Yupiit Piciryarait Museum

Dear Hon. Governor Parnell,

Our organization is in full support of the budget request to strengthen and enhance the Yupiit Piciryarait Museum here in Bethel, Alaska. This museum is a vital part of our region; a place where the Yup'ik culture, history, language and arts are preserved for education and displayed to pass on knowledge from our ancestors to our future generation.

The museum houses an extensive sets of collection. The galleries display exhibits of Yup'ik, Cup'ik, and Athabascan people in the YK Delta in ancient and contemporary times.

The museum needs to purchase equipment to assist in caring for the permanent collections. The museum needs to upgrade the computer system and there is a need for a vehicle to facilitate museum business.

The AVCP Regional Housing Authority encourages the Governor to support the Yupiit Piciryarait Museum.

Sincerely,


Ron Hoffman, President/CEO
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