

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

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

**Grant Recipient: Weed and Seed East Anchorage**

**Federal Tax ID: 92-0027948**

**Project Title:**

**Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

# United Way of Anchorage - Weed and Seed East Anchorage - Tax Assistance Computers

**State Funding Requested: \$10,000**

**House District: 19 / J**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Weed and Seed provides tax assistances to many Anchorage residence. This request will provide several computers that will allow us to provide more tax preparation services to more Alaskans with a few more computers.

**Funding Plan:**

**Total Cost of Project: \$10,000**

	<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	\$10,000	2006				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>					

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

These funds will be used to purchase laptop computers for our Volunteers In Tax Assistance ( VITA )..Every year for the past 4 years we have provided free tax preparation for the residents of Muldoon and Russian Jack and anyone else that needs help with their taxes. We do not do complicated returns for businesses. Our emphasis is on the Earned Income Tax Credit ( EITC ) and Child Care Credits. Tax preparation is on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays during the tax season ( January 31, 2010 through April 15, 2010 ) and sporadically during the rest of the year. We also have tax preparation at First Free Methodist Church every Wednesday for Spanish Speakers. We have over 15 volunteers and we provide only 6 computers. Others are either personal computers or very old donated ones. Our collaboration is with AARP Taxaide, NorthEast Community Center, IRS, United Way, Boys and Girls Club, and Weed and Seed.

**Project Timeline:**

When the funds are made available, they will be expended immediately. This project will not last longer than FY11.

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

Weed and Seed and AARP

*For use by Co-chair Staff Only:*

\$10,000  
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