

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Ninilchik Native Descendants****Federal Tax ID: 92-0162231****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

Ninilchik Native Descendants - Historical Cabin Restoration

State Funding Requested: \$50,000**House District: 34 / Q**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Restore two of the original homes in the town site in the village of Ninilchik.

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

Funding is to be used to put foundations under two of the original cabins within the village town site, replace rotting logs, rebuild the walls, put in doors, windows and flooring, and replace the roofs. One of the buildings will have to be disassembled in order to move it off private property. It is NND's intent to stabilize and weatherproof these houses to preserve them for future generations to appreciate and enjoy.

Project Timeline:

Complete by the Summer of 2011

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

Ninilchik Native Descendants

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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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

For use by Co-chair Staff Only:

**\$50,000
Approved**

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Ninilchik Native Descendants

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March 10, 2010

To: Senator Tom Wagoner's Office
Attention: Mary Jackson
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From: Joann Jackinsky
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Re: Capital Projects Request

Dear Mary,

Following is a short historical background of Ninilchik and NND, a project narrative, and an estimated budget for the project.

If any funding is appropriated for this project it would go to Ninilchik Native Descendants, a 501(c)3 organization. Ninilchik Native Descendant's Federal ID # is **92-0162231**

Many thanks to Senator Wagoner for helping us pursue this project of historical significance.

If you need any other information please do not hesitate to call me.

Regards,

Joann Jackinsky

Ninilchik Native Descendants
Request for Historical Restoration Funds

Historical Background of Proposed Project

The village of Ninilchik was founded in 1847 as a home for retired employees of the Russian American Company who could not return to their Russian homeland and/or for those employees who were married to Native American women and wished to stay in Alaska. Several of the hand hewn log homes that were built by these first families when they settled in Ninilchik are still standing today.

Unfortunately, these structures were built directly on the ground. Over the years ground moisture and melting snow have soaked into the grain and rot has taken its destructive course. Few of these homes have been preserved. Many sit vacant, skeletal remains of a no-so-distant past. Left to the elements, they continue to deteriorate, visual testament to changes wearing at Ninilchik's heritage and culture. As the foundation logs sink in to the ground, transformed by moisture and rot, so does a part of who we were and what we are today.

Ninilchik Native Descendants (NND) is a non-profit group established in 1998 whose membership is comprised of lineal descendants of Ninilchik's first Native families. Some of the goals of this group are:

- The educational, civic, social, and *cultural* advancement of its members;
- To accurately and *historically* define the culture of the members;

During the last few years NND has acquired two of the original homes in the town site of the village of Ninilchik. With each passing year, the descendants of Ninilchik's founding families and the people of Alaska are losing valuable examples of

the village's rich heritage. It has been our hope and dream at NND to restore these two homes and thus retain a small connection to this heritage. These two cabins are constructed from hand hewn logs fitted together in a compound dovetail style that is unique to the Ninilchik area.

One of the homes belonged to a man know as "Wanik" or Peg-leg John. Wanik was a carpenter in the village of Ninilchik during the early 1900's and helped to build many of the old log homes that still exist in the village. He was known as Peg-leg John because he did not have use of one of his legs due to an accident. He had fashioned a wooden peg that he attached to his knee that enabled him to walk and work more comfortably.

The other building belonged to Matrona and Grigori Oskolkoff and is known as "Bubushka's House". Babushka means "grandmother" in Russian. Matrona and Grigori are the ancestors of many Ninilchik descendants living today.

Project Narrative

NND's intention is to use the requested funding to put foundations under these buildings, replace rotten logs, rebuild the walls, put in doors, windows and flooring, and replace the roofs. One of the buildings will need to be disassembled in order to move it off of private property. It is NND's intent to stabilize and weatherproof these houses to preserve them for future generations to appreciate and enjoy. These historically restored houses will stand as a tribute to the history and culture of Ninilchik.

Statement of Estimated Expenses

All figures are estimates and include estimated labor cost.

Wanik's House

\$ 2,000	New Foundation
\$ 3,000	Move
\$10,000	2-3 rounds of new logs; doors; windows; floor
\$ 5,000	Roofing

Subtotal **\$20,000**

Babushka's House

\$10,000	Disassemble and move
\$ 3,000	Foundation
\$10,000	Rebuild, replacement logs, doors, windows, floors
\$ 7,000	Roof and other repairs

Subtotal **\$30,000**

Total Amount Requested = \$50,000