

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Ketchikan Gateway Borough****Federal Tax ID: 92-0084626****Project Title:****Project Type: Maintenance and Repairs**

# Ketchikan Gateway Borough - Recreation Center Roof Replacement and Facility Improvements

**State Funding Requested: \$1,030,000****House District: 1 / A**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Funding will replace the corroded roof of the Gateway Recreation Center in Ketchikan.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$1,030,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$1,030,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:*

*The Borough is building a \$23.5 million aquatic center adjacent to the GRC; by doing so, the GRC roof project benefits significantly [estimated at \$400,000 or more] by economies of scale and other savings such as mobilization)*

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Funding will replace the corroded roof of the Gateway Recreation Center in Ketchikan.

The Gateway Recreation Center (GRC), which opened in 1997, is the only public recreation and fitness center in Ketchikan. The GRC is operated by the Parks and Recreation Department of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough. Construction of the GRC was funded through a ½-cent sales tax approved by the voters and designated for capital improvement projects. The \$1.4 million in annual proceeds from that tax are now allocated largely to fund the construction of a new \$23.5 million aquatic center adjoining the GRC. Although the Borough levies more than \$16 million in taxes and imposes more than \$6 million in charges annually (in addition to taxes and fees levied by the City of Ketchikan), funds are not available for the emergency replacement of the GRC roof. Funding for the replacement of the GRC roof was appropriated by the 2010 Alaska Legislature, however, the appropriation was vetoed.

A recent engineering assessment of the roof concluded as follows:

The metal roof system has failed. It is not practical to repair the damaged panels within the current roof assembly. The only effective approach is the replacement of the roof. A study in September 2009 found that the GRC roof needs to be replaced. If the roof is not replaced, the heavy rainfall and snowfall will cause further damage, and could lead to eventual closures.

In a community that receives more than 12 feet of rain per year, replacement of the roof is critical. The importance of the GRC is evident from the number of people who use it. On average, there are over 80,000 visitors annually participating in

activities at the GRC.

To save costs and ensure a proper roof over the GRC/Aquatic Center Complex, replacement of the GRC portion of the roof must be completed in conjunction with the construction of the adjoining new Ketchikan Aquatic Facility. Construction of the Aquatic Center is scheduled to begin in March 2011 and is expected to be completed in December 2011/March 2012. It is conceivable that some small portion of the GRC roof replacement may occur in FY 2011, however, that work will be minimal. Full funding, including funding for any small portion of the project that may be performed in FY 2011 is requested.

The GRC is vital to public safety in two different aspects. The local, State, and federal law enforcement (Ketchikan Police Department, Alaska State Troopers, and United States Coast Guard) use the GRC for purposes of duty certification. The community relies on these officers daily for public safety. The GRC is utilized by all ages and should be structurally sound for the public to recreate in a safe environment. Failure to address this critical need could result in injuries.

The Ketchikan Gateway Borough has a ½ cent sales tax that is designated for Recreation Capital Improvement Projects. The last payment for the GRC was made in March 2010 using this fund. A vote for a \$23.5 million bond over 29 years for a new Aquatic Facility was approved in October 2009, and will be paid using Recreation sales tax. The commitment to the pool has left little funding available for other projects. The new Aquatic Facility will be attached to the existing GRC, creating access issues if replacing the roof is delayed.

Health and welfare is essential to a community. The GRC plays a vital role in both physical and mental health. In a community where the rainfall exceeds 12 feet per year, a warm dry place is essential for the well being of the community. We encourage activities for all ages including family activities. Obesity and diabetes are in the headlines both locally and nationally, and the GRC provides an avenue for those in need to tackle these issues and improve overall health. To achieve success, the GRC needs to be repaired to ensure continued availability.

The GRC provides recreation to all ages throughout the year. Activities located within the facility include track, basketball, soccer, volleyball, tennis, ping pong, air hockey, racquetball, squash and a fitness room with exercise equipment. These activities are available throughout the day. Other programmed activities offered within the facility include aerobic/fitness classes, dance classes, martial arts, art classes, youth camps and several seasonal special events.

### **Project Timeline:**

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

Ketchikan Gateway Borough

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Total Project Snapshot Report

2011 Legislature

TPS Report 53212v1

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

# THE COMMUNITY OF KETCHIKAN

## FISCAL YEAR 2012 STATE FUNDING REQUEST



### PROJECT NAME

**Gateway Recreation Center Emergency Roof Replacement**

### APPLICANT

Ketchikan Gateway Borough (*Community of Ketchikan Priority No. 4; Borough Priority No. 4*)

### FUNDING REQUEST

Requested	\$1,030,000
Local Contribution	\$0
Total	\$1,030,000

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(See Ketchikan Gateway Borough – Gateway Recreation Center Roof Observations and Intrusive Inspections, p. 14, Trinity-ERD (September 2009).)

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**Deferred Maintenance:**

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**Public Safety:**

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**Investment in Future:**

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