

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Sterling Community Club, Inc.****Federal Tax ID: 92-0154977****Project Title:****Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

Sterling Community Club, Inc. - Health/Safety & Community Multi-Use Facility Project

State Funding Requested: \$400,000**House District: 34 / Q**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

The Sterling communities' number one priority is to build a Multi-Use Facility on the Sterling community property.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$744,250
Funding Already Secured:	(\$344,250)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$400,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:**Grants, and Sterling Community Club, Inc. funds***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The plan is to build a facility that is 104 ft. x 90 ft. It will have office space, bathrooms, and a large gym/meeting space. (60 ft x 84 ft.) There will be space for a kitchen (30x30) but our projected cost at this time does not include equipment for the kitchen. The estimated cost is \$573,000.00 with volunteer help, or \$880,300.00 with no volunteer help.

Our plan is to build a 9,360 square foot building that includes an entry way, bathrooms, mechanical room, storage room, space for a small library, space for a kitchen, and a large multi-purpose room. The multi-purpose room will be used for large or small functions such as community meetings, artistic and musical functions, public health fairs, athletic activities, dinners, weddings, bazaars, garage sales etc. It could also be used as an emergency shelter for catastrophes such as floods or forest fires.

The old log cabin will be relocated onto a new foundation and will be use as a museum. We are also in the process of relocating the old Sterling Post Office onto the community property. An engineer is designing the plans for the foundation, well, sewer and getting a fire marshal permit. The foundation site is being prepared for the new building and construction will begin in the spring of 2011.

Sterling's population is about 12,000 people and this area has never had a facility capable of providing a large open meeting place, for the community. At times, the community has used the Sterling Senior Center but it is becoming more and more difficult to schedule use around the senior activities. The Sterling Community has an "Action Plan" in which one goals is to build a community building. A place is needed for the public health nurse to come to give immunizations, blood

pressure tests, flu shots and administer other programs. We have no place to keep or display Sterling's historical mementos from the early homestead days and no local public library.

Project Timeline:

For this next phase commitments were received from businesses, community volunteers for the installation of the plumbing, part of the engineering plans, electrical, and the dirt work for the new building.

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

Sterling Community Club, Inc.

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

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Year 2011 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: STERLING

Funding Recipient: Sterling Community Club, Inc.

Project Name: Health/Safety & Community Multi-Use Facility Project

Project Priority
Ranking: 1

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Funding Request:	\$	400,000	Election District:	Senate:	Q
Total Project Cost:	\$	744,250		House:	34
Local Match (if any) and source:	\$	344,250	Previous Grants, and Sterling Community Club, Inc.		

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How did the Community select this project as a funding priority?

In recent years, a number of community meetings and a survey was taken that showed support for a community building. Each year, a community meeting is held to determine the community legislative request priorities. For the last 5 years, one of the two priorities has been a facility for our community of Sterling. This year it is the only priority our community selected.

How has the community shown support for this project? (Volunteer, money, resolution, etc.)

A survey was taken to develop a "Community Action Plan" which showed a large majority of the area residents supported improvements to the community property and building a multi-use facility for education, health, safety and recreation purposes. The Borough Assembly has passed Resolutions in 2007, 2008, 2009, & 2010 in support of this project.

What steps have been taken to date to get this project going?

To date, over 3,000 man-hours and \$175,000 of in-kind equipment use, supplies & materials have been donated to projects on the community club property by local businesses and volunteers.

If a Community Meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?

A public meeting was held in September, 2010, at the Sterling Senior Center and the attendees voted unanimously for a community facility as the number one priority for the Sterling community. The Kenai Peninsula Borough was the sponsor of this meeting. The meeting was advertised at Assembly meetings as well as in the Peninsula Clarion.

Who owns the property and what is the status of the land for the project?

Sterling Community Club, Inc., owns the property and has title to it. It was sold to the Community Club by the Bureau of Land Management.

How will the project be constructed or accomplished?

For this next phase commitments were received from businesses, community volunteers for the installation of the plumbing, part of the engineering plans, electrical, and the dirt work for the new building.

Who will own the project or facility?

The Sterling Community Club, Inc., all citizens of the Sterling area are eligible to be members of the Sterling Community Club, Inc.

Entity responsible for ongoing operation and maintenance of this project:

The Sterling Community Club, Inc.

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?

Funds for operations will be collected from the hockey rink and baseball field business advertisement signs, Community Club memberships, rental income from organizations, private community functions, use fees, and businesses using the building. The Sterling Community Club Inc., also has annual fund-raisers. We are also in the process of getting a gaming permit.

