

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Federation of Community Councils****Federal Tax ID: 92-0063045****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

# Federation of Community Councils - Birchwood Community Patrol

**State Funding Requested: \$8,000****House District: 16 / H**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

To enable expansion of patrol area to meet demand

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$8,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$8,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:*

All volunteer and community contributions to date. Capital grant request is for initial expansion of patrol area. This is a one time request.

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Birchwood Community Patrol is a volunteer group that has been in operation for the past four years. These volunteers have donated their time, vehicles, and operational expenses. All volunteers are fully trained in volunteer emergency response and work closely with the Anchorage Police Department officers assigned to the area. They also assist the local Parks & Recreation Service Area by providing surveillance during non-school hours. Because they have done such a fine job, the crime rate has declined in the patrol area significantly. However, this has pushed the crime into a neighboring community council area in Chugiak. The Birchwood Community Patrol has agreed to expand its patrol area into the Chugiak boundaries which will require two more volunteers and another patrol vehicle. Though several local organizations periodically make donations to help offset some of the cost incurred, in order to implement the proposed expansion of the patrol area, it will require additional monies that the Birchwood Community Patrol has been unable to raise elsewhere.

**Project Timeline:**

Funding will be for immediate use if received.

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

Birchwood Community Patrol

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**\$8,000  
Approved**

**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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**Chugiak Community Council**  
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November 11, 2010

Representative Bill Stoltze  
600 E. Railroad Avenue  
Wasilla AK, 99654

Dear Representative Stoltze:

We are writing to express our support for the Birchwood Community Council's request for a Legislative grant in the amount of \$8,000 to enable the Birchwood Community Patrol to meet expanded expenses.

The patrol is a volunteer group that has operated for the past four years for the benefit of the Birchwood community, donating their time, vehicles, and operational expenses. Members are fully trained in volunteer emergency response and have been instrumental in keeping the crime rate as low as possible, often networking with the specific APD Officers assigned to the area. They also participate in the APD "ride-along" program as the opportunity arises.

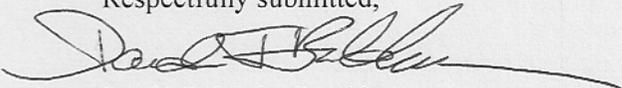
Upon analysis, the Birchwood Community Council discovered that this program has been so successful in deterring property crimes in its council area that it had unintentionally pushed the major focus of these crimes into the Chugiak Council area.

Consequently, the Birchwood Council agreed to expand its patrol into the Chugiak boundaries. This expansion will require two more volunteers and more patrol vehicles. The Community Patrol has also been asked to assist our local Parks & Recreation Service Area by providing additional surveillance during non-school hours within our local parks in the Chugiak area.

APD has also provided assistance along with several suggestions to enhance Patrol operations, namely to make the Patrol highly visible through the utilization of Patrol vehicle identification as well as instant communication between all Patrol vehicles on "duty." Several local organizations have periodically made donations for the Birchwood Patrol to help offset some of the cost incurred by our volunteer Patrol; however to expand its functions the Birchwood Community Patrol will require additional money which they have been unable to raise elsewhere.

We believe this is an important public service performed at very low cost. We would appreciate your support in bringing this forward to the State Legislature on behalf of our combined membership, your constituents.

Respectfully submitted,



David Baldwin, President  
Chugiak Community Council

cc: Assemblyperson Debbie Ossiander  
Assemblyperson Bill Starr

**Birchwood Community Council**  
**19213 Sprucecrest Drive**  
**Chugiak, Alaska 99567**

January 17, 2011

Via email contact, collectively and individually to our State Legislators:

Senator Fred Dyson  
Senator Charlie Huggins  
Representative Bill Stoltze  
Representative Anna Fairclough  
Representative Mike Hawker  
Representative Dan Saddler

At the regular scheduled meeting of the Birchwood Community Council on September 22, 2010, the membership, by MOTION duly made and approved, hereby makes a request for a Legislative grant in the amount of \$8,000.00 to enable the Birchwood Community Patrol to meet expanded demand, namely a patrol vehicle, additional equipment, and supplies.

Our sister council, Chugiak Community Council, fully supports this Legislative request. The Federation of Community Councils, our umbrella non-profit, has agreed to receive and administer any Grants we might receive.

Our Community Patrol is a volunteer group that has operated for the past four years for the benefit of the Birchwood membership, donating their time, vehicles, and operational expenses. Patrol members are fully trained in volunteer emergency response and have been instrumental in keeping our crime rate as low as possible, often networking with the specific APD Officers assigned to our area. They also participate in the ADP "ride-along" program as the opportunity arises.

We have also been asked to assist our local Parks & Recreation Service Area by providing additional surveillance during non-school hours within our local parks in the Chugiak area.

Just this year, we have been so successful in deterring the number of property crimes within the Birchwood boundaries, that, upon analysis, we discovered we had pushed the major focus of attention into the Chugiak Council area. We approached Chugiak seeking a solution to our common problem.

After addressing Chugiak members at their last scheduled meeting, we agreed to expand our patrols into the Chugiak boundaries, which will require two more volunteers and another patrol vehicle. APD has also provided assistance along with several suggestions to enhance our operations, namely to make our Patrol highly visible through the

utilization of Patrol vehicle identification as well as instant communication between all Patrol vehicles on 'duty'.

We have several local organizations that periodically make donations for the Birchwood Patrol to help offset some of the cost incurred by our volunteer Patrol. To implement these concepts will require additional money which we have been unable to raise elsewhere. We would appreciate your support in bringing this forward to the Legislative body on behalf of the Birchwood and Chugiak combined membership, your neighbors and constituents.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Wells, Chair  
Birchwood Community Council

Cc: Assemblyperson Debbie Ossiander  
Assemblyperson Bill Starr

