

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Salcha Fair Association****Federal Tax ID: 92-0118522****Project Title:****Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

Salcha Fair Association - Community Well Project

State Funding Requested: \$99,000**House District: 12 / F**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Install a community public well to meet DEC standards

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$99,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$99,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Salcha Fair Association installed a well in 2003 that became a community well used by approximately 270 people. DEC said because of the volume of use it was a community well and didn't meet DEC regulations, so it was closed to the public. The grant would allow Salcha Fair Association to install a Class A public well and well house to meet DEC standards for public use.

Project Timeline:

Obtain funding for project	July 2011
Install well and construction well house	Summer 2011

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

Salcha Fair Association

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

Sen. John Coghill

From: Salcha Fair [salchafair@alaska.net]
Sent: Tuesday, December 21, 2010 7:52 AM
To: Sen. John Coghill
Subject: Salcha Fair Association Community Well
Attachments: Legislative Grant Request Letter for Commuity Well.doc

Dear Senator John Coghill,

I am sending you a copy of the letter of request for a community well for the Salcha community. I have spoken to Representative Tammie Wilson and also sent the complete package of letter and quotes to our new incoming Representative Eric Fiege. I know you are somewhat aware of our situation in Salcha. It is a truly needed project for our community. If you would like for me to send all the quotes I can do that too. But mostly I was hoping for your support so we can see this through. If we get the grant we can get it done and all together before winter hits next year. That would be awesome. On a different note, I remember in 1984 when my husband and I first came to Fairbanks, we were in town 1 day and called Ivan Gibson and he and Beth took us home with them and then took us to Nenana were we had the opportunity to meet your father and then Ivan took us on his airboat out to duck camp. That is where Chris and I stayed for the next 5 months. What an adventure! Who would ever of known then that we would end up in Salcha. It is a very nice community.

Anyway, Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Peggy Burns (Treasurer)

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December 17, 2010

Representative Eric Feige
716 West 4th Avenue #600
Anchorage, AK. 99501

RE: Request for State Legislative Grant in the amount of \$98,637.00 for Community Well Project

Dear Representative Eric Feige,

The Salcha Fair Association (SFA) is a non profit run by a group of volunteers. There are no paid position. We have no gaming license or means to generate money. We run on fundraisers, donations and sponsors. The 3 day Salcha Fair event we have each year just barely pays for itself. Through the years with the State Legislative Grants that we have been able to secure we have put in a playground for our community's children right next to the ball field. It is used regularly. We have made ground Improvements built a community pavilion called the Pole Barn. The SFA leases this property from the FNSB and this property is designated for community use only. We are required by the lease agreement to carry one million dollars of general liability insurance. It is current and up to date.

In 2003 we had a donation of \$2500.00 to put in a well for the memory of a fallen soldier, Jacob Partridge. He had loved Salcha and wanted to settle here after his term of duty was over. He was killed in an accident on EAFB. His father George Partridge wanted a life giving memory in his name. We were able to put in a small well with a residential pump. It is called "Jacob's Well". It takes up to 2 hours to fill a 500 gallon tank. It is very hard on the pump and we have had to rebuild it many times over. When the well was open there was always a line waiting to get water. This well has served this community for the last 7 years. The Department of DEC drinking water program found out that this was functioning as a public well and made us lock it down with limited use restrictions. The SFA could not comply with the expense of all the regulations that would be required to open up again to the public. We are only allowed to sell membership to 24 people.

The 2000 United Census shows the population of Salcha at about 850 people. Anecdotally, about 1/3 of the population of Salcha does not have a well at their residence. We estimate that about 270 people in Salcha depend on hauled water to meet their basic life needs.

Salcha is located 30 miles outside of North Pole or 45 miles from Fairbanks. In the winter months with the severe weather that this great state is notorious for, it is a major hardship on a lot of people just to get into town much less trying to haul water that far. Which we feel make for a mental and physical hardship on people. Everyone deserves to have clean water to drink; it is essential for clean living and life in general.

SFA's goal is to build and maintain a self-supporting, sanitary, affordable Public Water Supply. A community well would serve many residents year round and might be forced into supplying the entire community's water needs in a crisis.

The SFA's intent is to install a Class A public well, Well house with electric service, plumbing and security system. Heat for the building will be required. Snow and ice removal will be required. Water delivery will be regulated through a vending machine device. SFA volunteers will manage Jacob's Well, collect monies from vending unit, pay utility and maintenance costs. SFA's service will provide a local safe clean water supply and manage this system for the good of Jacob's well, the SFA and the Salcha community. This is why we are requesting your help to give a much needed resource to our community so we can build a well with the capacity to meet the needs of our community.

The active SFA organization consists of 4 Officers and 3 Trustees. SFA has retained a Professional Engineer to provide the needed expertise in both construction and Water Supply operation. Our projected Budget indicates that after construction the facility will be self-supporting including funds for maintenance and upgrades.

The Community Well is located far outside the population center of the FNSB. As such it is unlikely to be a commercial success for a business to install. Still the Health and Welfare of 300 or more residents will be improved if the project succeeds.

SFA has received support for this project from the State of Alaska, Department of Commerce, Legislative Grant Office and the Department of Environmental Conservation. We have an ongoing positive relationship with the FNSB Department of Land Management, who administers our lease of the Fairgrounds property.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this request. We hope you will favor our request.

Sincerely,

Peggy Burns (Treasurer)

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