

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: North Slope Borough****Federal Tax ID: 079248290****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

North Slope Borough - Village Clinic Morgue Additions

State Funding Requested: \$2,000,000
One-Time Need**House District: 40 / T****Brief Project Description:**

This project would add a room to each village clinic for a morgue. These additions will replace free-standing modules installed around 1990.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$3,200,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$1,200,000)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$2,000,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

\$1.2 from the NSB 2010 bond sale Existing funds will address the clinics in Anaktuvuk Pass, Wainwright and Atkasuk. Requested funds will be for clinics in Kaktovik, Nuisut, Pt. Hope and Pt. Lay

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

This project is to add a room to each village clinic for a morgue. The additions will replace the free-standing modules installed around 1990. The additions will be tied to the building electrical and heating systems for greater energy efficiency. The additions will have a separate entrance to accommodate the sensitive nature of the matter.

The old free-standing modules are no longer reliable. This project will reduce operating costs because the additions will be energy efficient and tied into existing building systems. Travel for the Public Works staff in Barrow will be reduced because the number of morgue malfunctions will decrease substantially. There will still be a need for snow removal from the entrance, but entrances will be covered for better access.

Following are some of the documented problems with the old free-standing morgues:

- Temperatures within the morgue are checked periodically and logged in at the clinic. When the morgue is malfunctioning, the clinic is forced to move the body into some school or local organization's freezer, until a person from Public Works in Barrow can fly to the village and do the necessary repairs. Generally the freezers are being used by local people and are filled with food thereby creating a public health issue.

Some of the free-standing structures are not stable, and when the snow melts the morgue can be dangerous, especially for those involved in moving bodies.

The new design of the morgue includes a wash basin in which a body can be cleansed which will free up an exam room in

the clinic. It will also reduce the exposure to healthy family members to potential contagious and or communicable diseases within the clinic.

Project Timeline:

The total cost of village clinic morgue additions for the 7 villages on the Slope is approximately \$3.2 million. The 2010 bond sale included \$1.2 million for the the villages of Anaktuvuk Pass, Atqasuk and Wainwright. These funds would complete the project and provide clinic additions in Kaktovik, Nuiqsut, Pt. Hope and Pt. Lay.

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

North Slope Borough

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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