Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)

Grant Recipient: Boys & Girls Clubs of the Kenai Peninsula **Federal Tax ID:** 94-3067142

Project Title: **Project Type:** Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Kenai Peninsula - Soldotna Portable Planning, Permitting and Acquisition

State Funding Requested: $163,000 **House District:** Kenai Areawide (33-35)
One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Kenai Peninsula will pursue approval, planning, permitting and acquisition of a afterschool program portable on the Redoubt Elementary Campus.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	$196,000
Funding Already Secured:	($33,000)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	($163,000)
Project Deficit:	$0

Funding Details:

2012-2013 50% of Salary/Benefits for Unit Director @ Soldotna Clubhouse: $26,000

2012 Fundraiser "Are You Smarter Than": $7,000

$33,000

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Soldotna Unit: Housed in Redoubt Elementary School at 486 West Redoubt, Soldotna AK 99669
Current Membership total is 528. Average Daily Attendance is 45.
Programming Highlights: Boys & Girls Club programming including education and career programs, character and leadership, health and life skills, arts and crafts, sports, fitness and recreation, and other specialized programs. We provide a safe, fun, and positive place for kids every day after school as well as all day during the summer months.

With a growing membership and limited recreation space available to afterschool programs, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Kenai Peninsula, in partnership with Redoubt Elementary School and school district, will plan, permit and acquire a portable for afterschool programming. The additional space will accommodate more youth, a much needed community benefit as the Clubhouse has a waitlist of 50 children. The designated space will also provide member access to computers during homework hours, and equipment and programs designed for high-yield learning. The principal at Redoubt Elementary fully endorses this project and has pledged support and partnership throughout the process.

Project/Capital Items Requested:
Portable Classroom/Computer Lab to be built and moved to Redoubt Elementary School/ Cost Estimate: $150,000
Twelve computer workstations complete with computers, monitors, keyboards, tables and chairs: $10,000
Four tables and 24 chairs for homework, science, & arts/crafts activities: $1,520

Contact Name: Konrad Jackson
Contact Number: 465-2693

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Coat hooks to accommodate 36 coats & boot/shoe rack: $600
Two storage bins for supplies: $600
Two book shelves: $500

Project Timeline:

2012-2014 Planning and permitting
2014-2015 Portable acquisition, equipment procurement, building and utility installation

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

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Kenai Peninsula

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Title:	Interim Chief Executive
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	Kenai, Alaska 99611
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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

Contact Name: Konrad Jackson
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REDOUBT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
486 West Redoubt
Soldotna, Alaska 99669
Phone: (907) 260-4300
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https://www.edline.net/pages/Redoubt_Elementary

John Pothast
Principal

February 22, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

Redoubt Elementary School has hosted the local Boys and Girls Club After-School Program at our school for the seven years I have been principal at the school. In that time I have seen the program grow and expand. The unfortunate reality is that we are able to offer the club limited classroom space, which limits the number of students the B&G Club can accept into their program.

I have seen first-hand, as a parent and a principal, all the benefits and advantages an after-school program like this can offer a local school and its students and parents, as well as the benefits to the greater community.

I understand that the B&G Club has requested grant funding to supply a furnished portable building for their after-school program at our school. As the principal, I support their request, knowing that the additional space provided by a portable would enhance their program to our greater community, local students and their families.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John Pothast
Principal, Redoubt Elementary School

Spenard Builders Supply
ProBuild

Kim Lee,

Thank you for considering Spenard Builders Supply/ProBuild as a supplier to help with your portable project for the Boys & Girls program. As we are all aware economic times are challenging and donation allowances have been tightened within many companies. Spenard Builders would like to help with this very important project for our community and will be honored to supply what we can when the time is needed. Some materials that come to mind are misc framing, sheetrock, and paint. Many times we have damaged/irregular/mistinted products that we sell in our "Farm Load Discounted Lots" that I believe we could work out to donate for the cause. If you can supply a material list of what you will need we can try to accommodate as we can.

Again thank you for your consideration,

Sean Hust, CSI, CDT

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02/23/2012

To Whom It May Concern:

For the past 2 years my son has had the remarkable opportunity to attend the Soldotna Boys & Girls Club. Currently the program operates at Redoubt Elementary School on an afterschool basis and heavily relies upon the allowance of gymnasium space and room availability generously provided by the administration and staff. At this time the Boys & Girls Club does not have a designated room in the building for any of the varied activities they provide, and on many occasions have had to relocate activities and functions due to insufficient space. As a grateful parent I would encourage the funding of a separate, designated building for the future operating of the Soldotna Boys & Girls Club.

The dedicated staff at the Soldotna club has effectively provided opportunities for the participants to have positive interactions with students and adults in a fun and engaging manner. Respect for self, peers and adults, is a constant at the club, as well as responsibility for actions and conduct, cooperation and self control. As a parent, I am extremely impressed with the substantial art, drama, music, physical education, social skills and life skills the staff manages to fulfill in spite of the circumstances they are faced with in terms of room and space available. Additionally, homework is encouraged and many students and parents rely on this as a tutorial session, as a result, the club provides a valuable resource in this area. As a grateful parent, and strong supporter of the Soldotna Boys & Girls Club, I would strongly encourage the funding of a separate, designated building to ensure the future success of this worthy endeavor.

Thank you, for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Denna

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Kenai Peninsula, in regards to the grant proposal to the Alaska State Legislature which would provide additional space for more after school children. My Name is Greg Olcott I am the farther of Jessica Phegley, a first grader in her first year attending the Boys &Girls club after school program. Jessica had been on a waiting list of approximately 50 students for several months. Our excitement grew as she slowly worked her way up the list. Before the Boys &Girls Club her only option for after school care was her former Daycare which consisted of limited staff and kids that were not of school age. Even in the short amount of time that my daughter has been enrolled in the B&G after school program Jessica's teacher along with myself, have noticed an exciting change in Jessie. She has become more involved and more interactive socially. I can credit that to the excellent staff of volunteers and the great variety of programs from sports to study programs to exciting games for these after school children to participate in. Just last month Jessica was named Youth of the Month in her program, this was a huge confidence builder for her. It also proved to us what a fantastic staff and program that the Boys & Girls Club provides for our children. Unfortunately the only limitations that this program has is providing more staff and space to accommodate the numerous kids who need after school care that are still on a waiting list. More facility space would be a great asset to the club and to the community, but most of all to the children.

Best Regards,

Greg Olcott

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE KENAI PENINSULA

TO: The Alaska Legislators

FROM: Kim Lee, Soldotna Boys & Girls Club Director

DATE: February 23, 2012

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for a grant which would allow the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Kenai Peninsula to place a portable clubhouse room at Redoubt Elementary. The Soldotna Club has been housed in Redoubt Elementary School for about 14 years, first as part of the After The Bell program, and then as a Boys & Girls Club. We are very grateful for the use of Redoubt for our Afterschool and Summer Programs. However, due to little available classroom space, the Club is unable to accommodate all the requests from area families who need our services.

When I became the Soldotna Club Director seven years ago, the Club already had a wait list. Since then the list has continued to grow despite every effort to accommodate as many children as possible. At one point we had 90 youngsters waiting, but since then the list has hovered between 50 and 60 names most of the time.

To give you an example of the difference one portable classroom could make - between 2009 and 2011 we averaged 195 club members per year. In 2008, the one year the Principal was able to give us our very own classroom for ten months (September – July), we served 260 youngsters.

Therefore, we respectfully request that you support our grant request.

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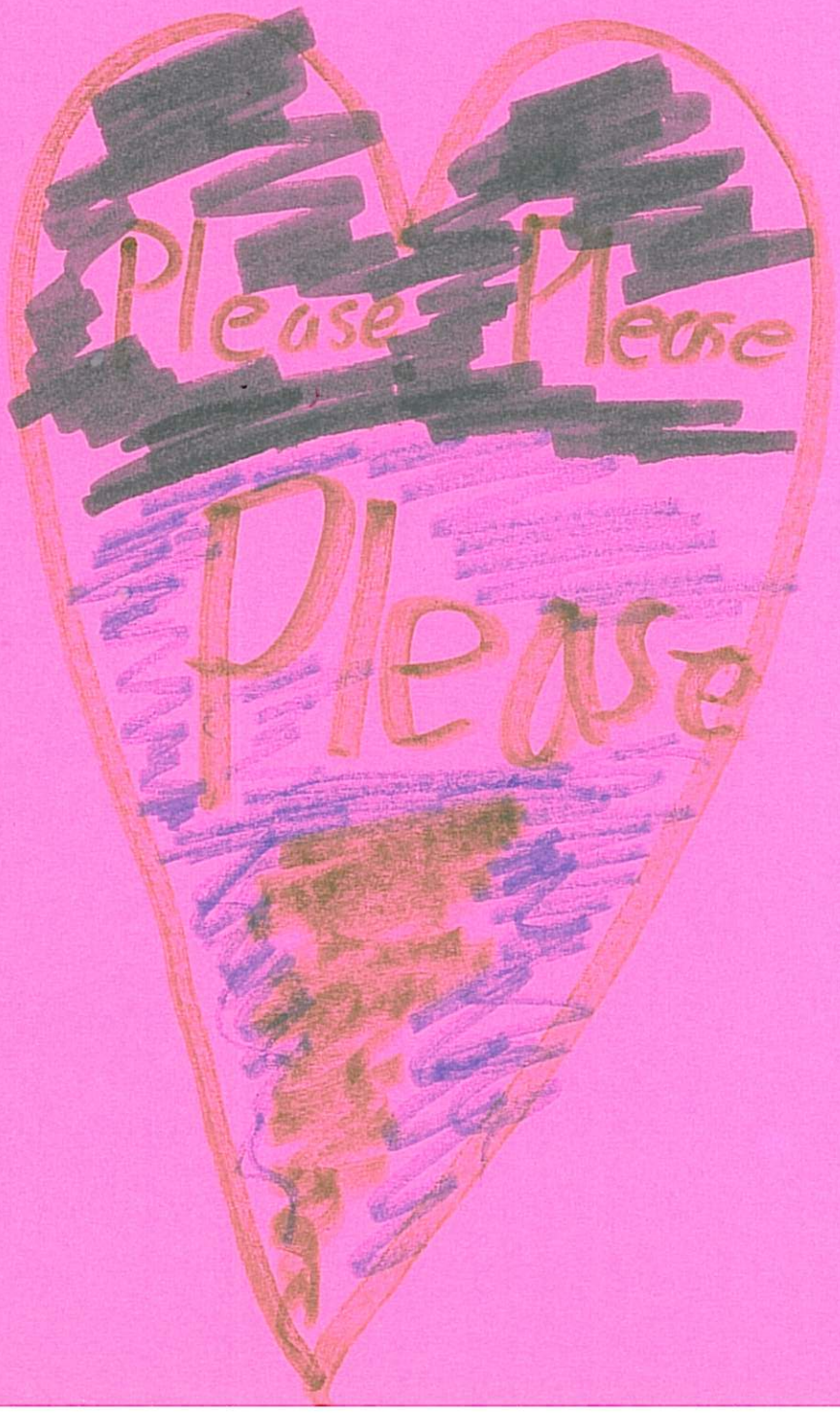

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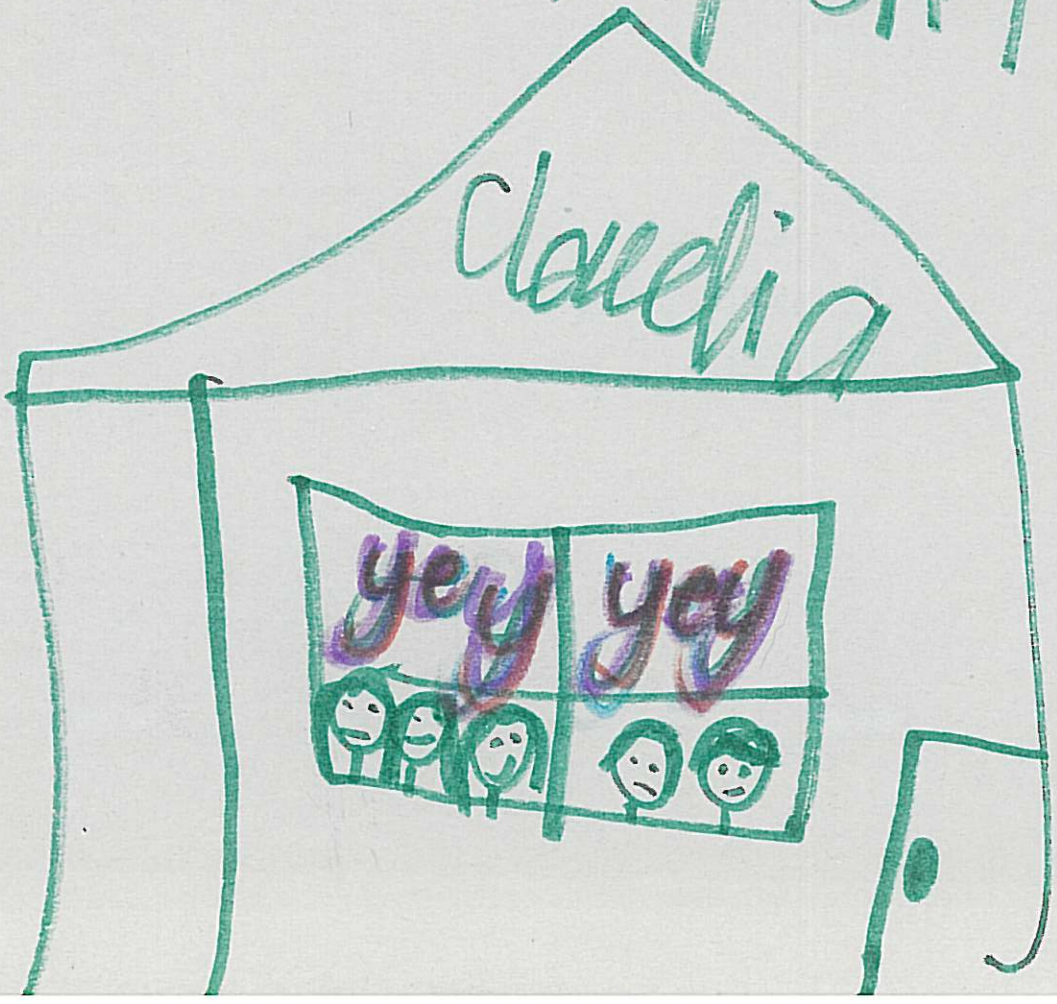

February 24, 2012

Soldotna Boys and Girls Club
Soldotna, AK 99669

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that the Soldotna Boys and Girls Club is in need of a portable unit to expand their capacity limits. This program has been a valuable resource to me and my children for the past 7 years. I have been raising my niece and nephew by myself , and I also work full time. Therefore I have needed a safe, fun place for my children to be at until I get off work. It has also been incredibly helpful for the children to complete their homework at the Boys and Girls club, because as a working mother I have to now go home to my second "job" to cook, clean, do the shopping, and just be together as a family.

As for the children, the Boys and Girls Club has provided a safe environment for them to be after school. It also provides many activities and a structure that children need.

Please consider necessary funding for the portable unit. I am positive that without this many other families would suffer.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Michelle Morrell
(907) 398-2470

To whom it may concern,

My name is Dee Morrell. My daughter Kaylin Morrell has been a member of Boys and Girls Club since she was able to going in 2006. When I tried to get Kaylin signed up there was a waiting list to join. We filled out all the paper work, and turned it in in hopes to get her in. Several months later there Ms. Lee had some room for her. We have made sure to keep on top of renewing paper work to assure her spot as there is never any room. Next year our other daughter is going to be old enough to join the club. I don't know if she will be able to join due to space and funding. Programs like these are most important to 9-5 middle class working families. My wife and I work fulltime and cannot afford to send our kids to daycare for two and half hours 5 days a week. I understand Soldotna Boys and Girls Club is looking into a portable unit to expand their capacity. I think in our community that this is a must have resource, and deserves any help it can get.

Thank you,

Dee Morrell