

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: The HUB Youth Center****Federal Tax ID: 20-8959508****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

## HUB Youth Center - After School Program Equipment

**State Funding Requested: \$35,000****House District: Juneau Areawide (3-4)**

Future Funding May Be Requested

**Brief Project Description:**

The HUB After School Program is designed for middle and high school students. The purpose of the HUB ASP is "to provide a safe and positive environment for young people that encourages them to succeed." This request is specifically for furnishing and equipping the center.

**Funding Plan:**

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| Total Project Cost:           | \$1,472,088       |
| Funding Already Secured:      | (\$1,437,088)     |
| FY2013 State Funding Request: | <u>(\$35,000)</u> |
| Project Deficit:              | \$0               |

*Funding Details:*

2007- 1,232,364 JCC Financing and cash

2008- 724 HUB ASP cash

2008- 24,000 HUB ASP State of Alaska Grant

2010- 150,000 HUB ASP Rasmuson Grant

2011- 30,000 HUB ASP State of Alaska Grant

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Mission: The HUB Youth Center's After School Program's mission statement is: "to provide a safe and positive atmosphere for young people that encourages them to succeed."

Need for the Program: Adolescence is a difficult period of life. Self-destructive behaviors are common and have lifelong impacts. With one in four teens contracting STD's, three in four having used alcohol or drugs, one in four students dropping out of high school and teen suicide on the rise, it's a fact, young people in our communities are at risk. Research shows that the after school hours are particularly critical for youth. Negative behaviors triple during this time. Nationwide statistics indicate that after school programs can play a key role in the betterment of youth by providing healthy and productive alternatives during the critical hours right after school: from 3 to 6pm.

Another vital need for this particular program is that many youth living in our community do not have the same financial means as others. The HUB is the only youth center located in the Lemon Creek area, a lower income part of Juneau, and will charge no admission fee. The HUB After School Program was developed to provide positive and productive activities for the youth of Juneau. The program will encourage social skills, physical fitness, and academic success in a caring environment.

Services Provided: After School Program for Middle School and High School students. Structured times consisting of socialization, mini-courses, and homework. The program will be staffed with one paid program director, one part-time employee and 3 to 4 volunteers daily. Mini Courses will be offered to students in multiple areas such as cooking, musical instruction, arts, and humanities. In order to provide for positive socialization, the main activity room offers a cafe, video games, iPod homework stations, table games (pool, foosball, ping pong) a plasma TV for sporting events and movies, a lounge area and performance stage with musical instruments. A full size gymnasium will be available for physical fitness.

Description of Project: The HUB facility has a central activities room, containing media resources, game tables, music and computer stations, a cafe, lounge, and performance stage it also includes multiple classrooms for the mini-courses. Each classroom seats 70 students and will contain sound equipment for teaching and amplifying instruments and vocals. Video projection equipment will also be available for presentations. The physical fitness facilities (gym) will be accessible and used for one of the mini-courses.

Community involvement and participation plays a key role in the HUB ASP. We are finalizing arrangements to provide after-parties for local school events like dances, graduation night, and high school plays. Local professionals have volunteered to help with mini-courses and local schoolteachers and other screened adults have volunteered to help with tutoring. We have coordinated with the local school bus system to transport students directly from school to the facility.

The Capital request of \$35,000 would complete the project to enhance and expand the HUB After School Program. The elements are as follows:

Technology Finish: This will provide for a Sound Board, Guitar, Electric Piano, Drum Set, TV upgrades, and Game Upgrades. This will complete our stage and allow students the opportunity to play together during after school events. It will also allow us to host local bands for late night school events. \$18,320

Mini-Course Finish: This portion of the project includes Graphing Calculators, Drawing Utensils, and other office supplies. Items in the mini-course finish will help us provide better support to students with homework, particularly in the areas of math and art. \$800

Cafe Finish: The items in the cafe finish include an Espresso Machine, Fridge, Freezer, Blenders, Price Board, and cooking class supplies. The cafe finish will allow us to start a new cooking mini-course and provide a wider range of healthy snacks for the kids. \$5200

Building Finish: This will provide funds for a sign by the entrance of the HUB ASP. \$5560

Office Equipment: This will provide our staff with much needed office computers, printers, a scanner, and a fax machine. The office equipment will be located in a large meeting room, which will be used by the staff to prepare for after school projects. \$5120

### Project Timeline:

Procurement of equipment will begin Oct. 15, 2012. The sign for the entrance of the HUB will be ordered August 2012.

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

HUB Youth Center

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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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