

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Lee Shore Center****Project Title:****Project Type:** Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

Lee Shore Center - Emergency Shelter Children's Outdoor Play Area Rehabilitation

State Funding Requested: \$96,444
One-Time Need**House District: Kenai Areawide (33-35)****Brief Project Description:**

Rehabilitate existing children's outdoor play area to ensure a safe and ADA compliant play environment for children residing in LeeShore's emergency shelter facility.
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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$96,444
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$96,444)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

No other additional funding sources for this project have been secured. We are continuing to pursue other funding sources.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The LeeShore Center, located in Kenai, has been providing emergency shelter, crisis intervention (including 24-hour crisis hotline), walk-in services, support and advocacy, court-based legal advocacy and transitional housing to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault for 27 years. Due to age and weather, the outdoor play area used by children residing in the emergency shelter facility has become an unsafe environment. Currently the 60 ft. x 34 ft. outdoor play area is filled with numerous dead and leaning trees, jagged tree stumps, and unlevel ground containing rocks and exposed tree roots. In addition, the security fence surrounding the play area, which is original to the building, needs to be replaced due to sections that have rotted and pose a security risk.

Historically, close to half of our emergency shelter residents each year are children. In FY11, LeeShore provided 6983 emergency shelter bednights to 217 women and children (116 women and 101 children). Children traumatized by violence need an outlet to play, explore surroundings, and socialize with other children. In an emergency shelter environment, it's vital we be able to provide a safe and secure outdoor play area for resident children in which they can safely play and begin to heal from traumatizing events.

The LeeShore Center is requesting \$96,444.00 in Capital funding to assist us in rehabilitating our existing children's outdoor play area to ensure a safe and ADA compliant play environment for children residing in our emergency shelter facility. The project would entail:

- Clearing a path for equipment to access, cutting down 20 - 23 trees and removing all tree stumps Total cost: \$6000.00
- Removing the existing play area security fence and replacing it with pressure treated wood fencing. Total cost:

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\$10,800.00

- Prepping and preparing the play area, bringing in gravel and compact for a 1 foot base. Total cost: \$3,210.00
 - Purchasing play ground equipment through certified Playworld Systems to include: Playworld Challenger 350-1008 play equipment; Toddler play item; 2 benches; Softile surface for play area estimated for 60 x 34 ft. area and freight costs. Total cost: \$60,244.00
 - Installing play ground equipment (necessary to be installed by a certified contractor). Total cost: \$8,990.00
 - Grading and compacting gravel after play equipment installation, install owner furnished filter fabric, fit and glue down furnished rubber tiles. Total cost: \$7200.00
- Total project cost: \$96,444.00

Project Timeline:

We are estimating the project will be complete by September 2013. If funded, expenditures for excavating will begin as soon as possible.

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

Ongoing maintenance and operation costs will be provided by other funding sources.

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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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