

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Kaagwaantaan Inc.****Federal Tax ID: 20-3843520****Project Title:****Project Type:** Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

# Sealaska Heritage Institute - Alaska Native Brotherhood Hall Renovations

**State Funding Requested: \$250,000****House District: 2 / A**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Funding for renovations to the Alaska Native Brotherhood Hall in Sitka.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$2,500,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	(\$250,000)
Project Deficit:	\$2,250,000

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Alaska Native Brotherhood (ANB) requests funding for renovations to the ANB Hall in Sitka to prepare for ANB's 100th anniversary.

ANB was founded in Sitka in 1912. Throughout the past century ANB, along with the Alaska Native Sisterhood, fought for Alaska Native rights, establishing itself as important civic and cultural institution for the state. The Sitka ANB Hall was constructed in 1914, and will be the site of the ANB's centennial celebration in 2012. To prepare for this celebration and recognize the role ANB has had in Alaska history, state funding is requested to assist with the Hall's renovations.

This project will consist of roof replacement, electrical system upgrades, floor repairs, and structural work to the piling system that serves as the Hall's foundation. These improvements will preserve the historic structure, help prepare for ANB's centennial, and ensure that the building remains a vital part of the Sitka community.

This project is an important part of cultural and historical preservation, and enjoys broad community and regional support.

**Project Timeline:**

FY2012

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

Sealaska Heritage Institute

**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



## Alaska Native Brotherhood

### Sitka - Camp #1

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February 12, 2010

Honorable Senator Bert K. Stedman  
120 4<sup>th</sup> Street, State Capitol, Room 3  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stedman,

Because of the age of the Sitka ANB Hall, there are numerous projects that could be accomplished with the capital funding considered by the Alaska Legislature. Some projects include a replacement of roof, replace furnace, replace electrical system, replace floor, replace kitchen, replacement of the piling system for a solid foundation underneath the building, replace exterior siding, replace interior walls, replace windows for more energy efficient windows, replace old bathrooms for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant ones and raise the building approximately six (6) inches to protect from extreme high tides.

**With the capital funding of approximately \$150,000.00, the Sitka ANB would paint and replace the roof, paint and replace the outside shingles where necessary, paint and replace the inside walls and ceiling where necessary, stain/varnish and replace the flooring where necessary and replace/renew the lighting fixtures where necessary.**

I will outline project timelines, but first wanted to share with you some information about the Sitka ANB Hall. Senator, being from Sitka, you are familiar with the following paragraph; however, there may be others outside of your office that may not be as familiar. Please feel free to share this information for both those who are familiar and those not familiar with the Sitka ANB.

The ANB was founded in 1912, from Sitka. The first community to have a local ANB Camp was in Sitka, with the first Hall built in Sitka in 1914. This building is still standing, where the capital funding is requested for. The ANB, initially from Sitka, later joined by many communities with their own local Camps as well as its "partner organization" the Alaska Native Sisterhood, were successful in addressing many ills that plagued our society over its initiation as an organization through to today. You are

familiar with a person known as Elizabeth Peratrovich, however there were numerous other efforts that may not be as well known but still vitally important accomplishments such as; initiating the Land Claims suit - from the 1929 Grand Camp Convention in Haines - that culminated as the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA), lobbied Congress in the early 1930's to establish Tribal governments in Alaska and, in the 1920's - ended segregated schools in Alaska.

The Sitka ANB Hall also provides a gathering place for Sitkans that continue to make the Sitka ANB Hall a vital building today. To note; the Sitka Native Education Program (SNEP) teaches their programs out of the Sitka ANB Hall throughout the school year, the ANB hosts the SSD Board meeting once a year, hosts and provides the Education Reception for all educators once each year, the ANB/ANS host the Elizabeth Peratrovich Day celebration each year, the ANB Hall is made available to funeral ceremonies throughout the year. It is also often requested to be used for traditional Tlingit memorial services (potlaches), as well as by numerous organizations around the community to have fundraisers, such as the Sitkans Against Family Violence (SAFV) and is utilized to host conferences on safety and community wellness.

As you see, there are people from all walks, race, color and creed that utilize the Sitka ANB Hall throughout the year. It includes the youth, primarily for education and culture. It also includes the elderly, primarily through the Tlingit culture in memorial programs, but also events throughout the year as well.

From previous discussions you already are aware, but to reemphasize, the Sitka ANB Hall is on the federal register as a Historical Site. It continues to be a vital place in the Sitka community, as well as too many other people around southeast Alaska because so many things happened throughout Alaska history that affected the rest of Alaska - over the last century - that it means a lot to those both in Sitka and around southeast Alaska.

I hope this may help for a positive result in consideration of capital funding for the Sitka ANB Hall from the legislature and the Governor.

Thank you very much for all you effort and thoughtfulness to include the Sitka ANB Hall as a consideration for capital improvements from the legislature.

Sincerely,

Gerry Hope, President  
ANB Sitka Camp #1



# Sitka ANB Camp No1 Condition Analysis Findings

February 2, 2011

## Executive Summary

Northwind Architects was requested to review the condition of the Sitka ANB Hall for both historical standards, life-safety standards, structural integrity and condition of finishes. This report was issued on November 23, 2010.

The Sitka ANB Camp No. 1 is approaching it's 100th year celebration. The Sitka ANB Hall stands in representation of the Camp's proud Heritage with the report serving to identify a scope and costs associated with bringing this important building to historical, architectural and structural standards in recognition of this event.

The report following represents the work of numerous consultants managed by NorthWind Architects, LLC.

The consultant team consisted of NorthWind Architects, LLC – Architectural Assessment, Assessment team coordinator, R&M Engineering, Structural Assessment, Murray and Associates, Mechanical System Assessment, Haight and Associates, Electrical Systems Assessment, and Estimation, Inc. Construction Cost Estimation

## Overview of the Review Process

The review of the ANB Hall began with an on-site gathering of the design consultants and ANB representatives on September 9, 2010.

NorthWind Architects was asked to perform a condition assessment report of the Sitka Alaska Native Brotherhood Hall, Camp #1, (ANB), to identify historic significance and background, assess deficiencies, and provide recommendations to bring the building into sound operational condition addressing architectural, structural, mechanical and electrical systems. We looked at historical accuracy, building structural integrity, integrity of the building envelope, life-safety concerns, code compliance, and mechanical and electrical systems .

The report team was asked to:

- Perform site visit to photograph and inspect the existing building and neighborhood
  - Provide a building as-built
  - Perform historical background and context report as it relates to the Alaska Native Brotherhood.
  - Identify the style, use of materials and construction techniques
  - Prepare Feature Checklist for condition assessment
- Prepare a maintenance and monitoring plan as an on-going stewardship of the building and site.

We listened to a short verbal history the building, identifying a number of events that were noted as impacting the buildings by either changes or potential required changes. The team subsequently performed a physical review of the building as a basis for as as-built condition survey.

The report team then researched verbal records as well as historical documents to better understand the original design and condition of the building. We established a historical description of the building through research.

## Summary of Recommended Costs as written into the report:

The report identified preliminary costs associated with our report findings and recommendations:

### Architectural Costs

Historical Deficiencies	\$ 72,294
Building Exterior	\$ 305,335
Building Interior	\$ 360,474

### Structural Costs

Foundation Option 1A Concrete Foundation	\$ 325,495
Foundation Option 1B Replace Piling Caps only	\$ 32,297
Foundation Replace Untreated Pilings	\$ 241,907
Exterior Wall Framing Repair	\$ 15,061

### Mechanical Costs

Mechanical Systems	\$174,464
Plumbing Systems	\$123,320
Sprinkler System	\$ 25,491
Ventilation and Exhaust Air Systems	\$253,814

### Electrical Costs

Electrical Systems	\$322,852
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## Conclusion

Our report findings identified a building in a generally good condition and still representative of the original design. Modifications to the original building seemed to have been minimal.

Due to the historical importance that this building plays within the community of Sitka, and that the basic structural systems of the building is intact, we see great value in recommending that the building be preserved to its original state, and upgraded to the current life/safety standards as suggested in this report.

End of Executive Summary