

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Yuut Elitnaurviat- The People's Learning Center****Federal Tax ID: 46-0476816****Project Title:****Project Type:** New Construction and Land Acquisition

Yuut Elitnaurviat- The People's Learning Center - Bunkhouse and Family Style Yukon Dormitory

State Funding Requested: \$4,700,000**House District: 38 / S**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Construction of a two story dormitory. The first floor would be bunkhouse style and the second story would be family apartments for long-term students.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$5,000,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$300,000)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$4,700,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:**TVEP- ongoing**Multiple DOL program grants**Kitchen 2010***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Yuut Elitnaurviat plans to expand dormitory capacity and to also address the lack of family-friendly housing options on our regional vocational campus.

Dormitory space is at a premium and we often find that a lack of capacity is causing a bottleneck for training programs. The YE Campus currently includes 2 dormitories, each with 20 beds. One facility is used to house long term students in private rooms. While meeting an immediate need, housing 7 students when we could be accommodating 20 is not an effective use of facility space.

Yuut Elitnaurviat provides a myriad of services, including: GED prep; Driver's Education; Construction Trades Training; Apprenticeship in Trades and Health Care; Health Care Training (partnerships with UAA, KuC, and ANTHC providing resources to RN, DHAT and PCA training); Law Enforcement Training (in partnership with The Department of Public Safety); Counseling services through our three Career Guide positions; and coordination of a recent Rasmuson Foundation/ANSEP/LKSD partnership to bring kids from LKSD village sites to Anchorage and Bethel so they can access the level of math and science education they will need to be successful in higher education.

The area we serve, The Yukon Kuskokwim Delta, is a very large area. We serve 50 villages and 56 tribes. The YK Delta

covers an area the size of the State of Illinois, home to the largest rural population in Alaska. Delivering services in this region can be very expensive, as well as very complicated. Because of the large remote area we serve, our ability to house village based students for the trainings we offer is critical. We are currently at an impasse, and are having to limit our training opportunities due to a lack of housing. These are trainings that put people directly to work and takes them off of unemployment and public assistance. These are jobs with the Health Corporation, Housing Authority and with private employers such as Donlin Gold's potential mine and in the oil services industry.

The ability to house students on campus, with a dorm parent, will increase student success. Putting students in hotels and B&B's in the community increases costs as well as subjects the student to distractions that they would not encounter on campus.

The facility will be operationally sustainable upon completion.

Project Timeline:

Piling are already in the ground and much of the site work is complete. Once funding is secured, materials would be ordered and construction would commence immediately.

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

Yuut Elitnaurviat- The People's Learning Center, Inc.

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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