

**Kenaitze Indian Tribe - Dena'ina Health and Wellness
Center Construction - Phase 2**

**FY2013 Request: \$10,000,000
Reference No: 52182**

AP/AL: Appropriation

Category: Health/Human Services

Location: Kenai Areawide

Impact House District: Kenai Areawide (HD 33-35)

Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2012 - 06/30/2017

Project Type: Construction

Recipient: Kenaitze Indian Tribe

House District: Kenai Areawide (HD 33-35)

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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project is a joint venture between the Kenaitze Indian Tribe (KIT) and the Indian Health Service (IHS) to build and operate a healthcare facility in Kenai, Alaska.

Funding:	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	Total
Gen Fund	\$10,000,000						\$10,000,000
Total:	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required	<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill		

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

KIT was awarded \$5,000,000 in FY2012.

Project Description/Justification:

KIT was awarded \$5,000,000 in FY2012 and will be expected to raise additional funds for the construction of the facility. The IHS will provide funds for the facility operation, ongoing maintenance and over 100 permanent and sustainable healthcare jobs for 20 years. KIT's project was the second of three chosen nationally by the IHS for the highly competitive Joint Venture Construction Program in FY2011. Under the joint venture, Kenaitze Indian Tribe will design, construct and equip the new facility. In exchange, the IHS will fund the operation and maintenance costs of the facility for a minimum of 20 years.

The Dena'ina Health Clinic was established in 1972 as a primary care clinic. The health and dental clinics are currently located in a commercial strip mall, which the Tribe has been leasing for the past 20 years. Although the number of patients using tribal services increased 57 percent from 2001 to 2009, the available facility space is 65 percent below the level recommended by IHS. The overarching challenge with the existing facility is that they offer no room to grow, and adequate space is not available in the community to lease or purchase. In 2009, KIT started the planning and design process to build the 52,000 square foot Dena'ina Health and Wellness Center to be located on 3 acres of tribally-owned land in the historic district in the City of Kenai. The facility will be centrally located near many low and moderate income residents and situated next door to Tyotkas Elder Center. The close proximity between patients and providers will enhance care for Elders, who are some of the most vulnerable patients.

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The new facility, as designed, will be 52,000 square feet and will cost approximately \$28,000,000 at the time the doors open for business. The new center will provide medical, dental, wellness and behavioral health services to more than 3,500 Alaska Native and American Indian residents of the central Kenai area. The current overall user population is 5,252 individuals and a current growth rate of 17-20 new patients per month. The Executive Director states that all State of Alaska sponsored programs, including behavioral health services, will be open to the general public. The service array will be a fully integrated health home model that is wellness based and focused on individual needs. In addition, KIT will be expanding the service array to include pharmacy, physical therapy, optometry, traditional healing and individual and community wellness.