

Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP) - Aviation FY2013 Request: \$2,470,100
School Dormitory Construction Reference No: 54847

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Construction
Category: Education **Recipient:** Association of Village Council Presidents
Location: Southwest Alaska **House District:** Southwest Areawide (HD 36-38)
Impact House District: Southwest Areawide (HD 36-38) **Contact:** Jo Ellen Hanrahan
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2012 - 06/30/2017 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-2506

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project will provide funding for the construction of dormitory for aviation students, namely participants or trainees of the Association of Village Council Presidents' (AVCP) Yuut Yaqungviat and Regional Aircraft Maintenance Schools, both located in Bethel. AVCP is donating the AVCP Housing Staff Office Building for the project, and development will consist of renovation of the existing building into a dormitory for the students.

Funding:	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	Total
Gen Fund	\$2,470,100						\$2,470,100
Total:	\$2,470,100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,470,100

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input 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:

No prior funding history

Project Description/Justification:

This project will construct a dormitory for the AVCP's Yuut Yaqungviat and Regional Aircraft Maintenance Schools, giving them the ability to be region-wide institutions. Appropriate housing is needed for the AVCP Aviation Schools to provide residence for village based students from the entire region that come to train at the institution.

AVCP Regional Housing Authority (RHA) staff will vacate the AVCP Housing Staff Office Building soon and move into a new office building, adjacent to their previous building in early to mid-winter 2012. The AVCP Housing Staff Office Building is within the Bethel Low Rent housing compound and is still in great condition. The facility will be converted into apartments or dorm rooms, and renovating the old offices into a dormitory is ideal as the neighborhood is mainly a residential area. With around 23 office units and large "bullpen area" or space currently accommodating six employees, the old staff office building could easily be renovated into a dormitory at a cost of approximately just under \$2.5 million, whereas the construction cost of a new dormitory facility would be approximately \$11 to \$15 million.

AVCP Housing and AVCP Inc. are partnering in this project to provide the needed housing for AVCP's Yuut Yaqungviat and Regional Aircraft Maintenance School (RAMS) students. The goal is to create a 30 bed dormitory facility that will be acquired and maintained economically through AVCP's strategic alliance with the AVCP Regional Housing Authority. There is a critical need for a dormitory that can house 15 students at each aviation school. Both schools - Yuut Yaqungviat and RAMS - can have up to 30 students participating at 18 month intervals. Currently, enrollment in the schools is limited due to lack of housing and the expensive cost of staying in hotels while undergoing training. The current housing market for students in Bethel is nearly non-existent.

The availability of dormitory space in the future will enable more students and trainees to participate in the Yuut Yaqungviat pilot training school and the soon to be open RAMS school.