

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage Community Land Trust****Federal Tax ID: 20-0461014****Project Title:****Project Type:** Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

# Anchorage Community Land Trust - Mountain View Blighted Property Improvement

**State Funding Requested: \$1,000,000****House District:** Anchorage Areawide (16-32)

Future Funding May Be Requested

**Brief Project Description:**

Building renovations, repairs, site work, acquisition of property, façade improvements, removal of blighted buildings and project development in the Mountain View area.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$5,000,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$2,000,000)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	(\$1,000,000)
Project Deficit:	\$2,000,000

*Funding Details:**See Project Description Below.***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Anchorage Community Land Trust (ACLT) requests funds to support the continued acquisition and rehabilitation of blighted and vacant property in the Mountain View neighborhood in Northeast Anchorage. Acquiring and developing existing blighted parcels will build the community block-by-block by expanding opportunities for private sector investment and thus improving the quality of life for Mountain View residents. The Land Trust acts as an engine for community and economic development in Mountain View.

This project includes building renovations, repairs, site work, acquisition of property, faade improvements, removal of blighted buildings and project development. Additional funding for ACLT and the revitalization efforts in Mountain View has come from the Rasmuson Foundation, Wells Fargo, Ford Foundation, Annie E. Casey Foundation, Municipality of Anchorage, BP, Chevron, US Department of Commerce -- Economic Development Administration, Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, ConocoPhillips, Cook Inlet Housing Authority and many others.

Mountain View is becoming a neighborhood where people and families choose to stay due to the hard work and persistence of residents, community leaders and non-profit entities like ACLT who are catalyzing transformation.

**Project Timeline:**

FY 2013 funding will be expended for the duration of the grant.

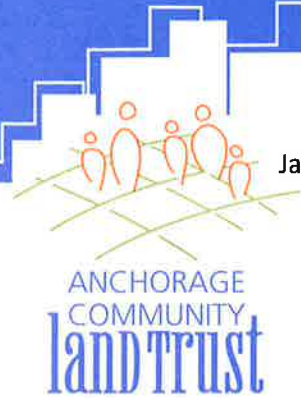
**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Anchorage Community Land Trust
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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



January 24, 2012

**Anchorage Community Land Trust -**  
**Mountain View Blighted Property Improvement**

The Anchorage Community Land Trust (ACLT) requests funds to support the continued acquisition and rehabilitation of blighted and vacant property along Mountain View Drive. Acquiring and developing existing blighted parcels will build the community block-by-block by expanding opportunities for private sector investment and thus improving the quality of life for Mountain View residents. The Land Trust acts as an engine for community and economic development.

Mountain View Drive is slowly becoming a business corridor that can sustain good businesses that benefit the people who live in the neighborhood. Some buildings continue to be dilapidated and the appearance discourages customers, while other properties sit vacant adding a mood of stagnation. Outside capital is taking a fresh look at the positive changes; new investments are taking place as the economic opportunities and business climate improve. Mountain View has welcomed new businesses this year – Subway, GCI, Sheng's Bistro all came in to the neighborhood as well as new tenants and renewed interest at Glenn Square mall.

The neighborhood is stabilizing due to strong housing partners and home values are up as residents are choosing to stay. Housing allies all work together to provide decent, attractive, affordable housing, and their efforts are shaping a new community. The community is coming together around new neighborhood initiatives – community gardens, the Mountain View Street Fair celebrating diversity, better opportunities for kids at Davis and Lions Park, the Boys and Girls Club, Clark Middle School, the Museum of Natural History (the only one of its kind in the State), and the Mountain View Neighborhood Library.

ACLT is partnering with Mountain View business owners to improve storefronts through the Mountain View Façade Improvement Program which is transforming the negative perception of the neighborhood by creating a new visual identity and neighborhood feel.

A current initiative is the organization and development of the Mountain View Business Roundtable, bringing together community business leaders to tackle barriers and improve the business climate.

ACLT properties are part of the solution in Mountain View. We recently finished signage and lighting improvements at the Mountain View Diner and Mountain View Service Center that enhanced public and pedestrian safety. The former John's RV Motel property has been cleared and is ready for new development. Lastly, ACLT recently acquired the site of a former pawn shop of which a portion is now the studio home to two Alaska Native artists committed to working with and mentoring youth in Mountain View. Students will share and learn about their diverse culture and be exposed to life-changing opportunities.



Jewel Jones

Executive Director, ACLT

January 24, 2012

# Mountain View Community Council

## 1989 USA Neighborhood of the Year

### A Resolution

#### **Supporting the Anchorage Community Land Trust and their work in Mountain View and Urging the Governor to Maintain Full Funding for the ACLT Mountain View Blighted Property Improvement Funding Request.**

**Whereas,** The Anchorage Community Land Trust (ACLT) requests funds to support the continued acquisition and rehabilitation of blighted and vacant property in the Mountain View neighborhood in Northeast Anchorage.

**Whereas,** Acquiring and developing existing blighted parcels will build our community block-by-block by expanding opportunities for private sector investment and thus improving the quality of life for Mountain View residents.

**Whereas,** Mountain View is becoming a neighborhood where people and families choose to stay due to the hard work and persistence of residents, community leaders and non-profit entities like ACLT who are catalyzing transformation.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mountain View Community Council supports the Anchorage Community Land Trust's Mountain View Blighted Property Improvement FY2013 funding request for \$2,000,000.00 and strongly encourages Governor Sean Parnell to maintain full funding of this project.

  
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Date: 4/30/2012

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Mountain View Community Council, President