

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage Curling Club****Federal Tax ID: 92-0062364****Project Title:****Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

Anchorage Curling Club - Expanded Facility Construction

State Funding Requested: \$200,000**House District: Anchorage Areawide (16-32)**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

To build a new and expanded facility to accommodate growth of community demand, youth, senior, and handicap athletes.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$2,900,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$60,000)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	(\$200,000)
Project Deficit:	\$2,640,000

Funding Details:

\$150,000 pledges, \$100,000 pull-tab proceeds, \$400,000 corporate and foundation grants, \$300,000 WCF loan, \$1,690,000 additional legislative grant request.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:**Justification:**

The demand by the community for the sport of curling has outstripped what the existing two sheet building built in 1964 can accommodate. This demand has been fueled by the exposure of the sport since being added to the Olympics in 2002, and has further been in demand by community citizens that seek a winter indoor activity that can be played at many levels at any age. Curling has an increasingly unique tradition of sportsmanship and respect. It is both competitive and very social. The Anchorage Curling Club is an all volunteer organization that for 56 years has been self sustaining without the need for public funds. We are well positioned to once again be self sufficient once we are over the capital cost of the new facility. The new facility will enable us to accommodate additional members, serve handicap and para-athlete citizens, seniors, and youth. Lastly, a six sheet facility will allow us to host national and international events that will provide meaningful economic stimulus to the community. Fairbanks hosted the Jr. Curling National Championships in 2011 and brought an estimated \$750,000 into the community through the event. Rick Patzke, COO of the United States Curling Association, is supportive of our efforts and says that we should have every expectation of hosting national events here once completed as they are always looking for venues and Alaska has a long tradition of competitive curling in the US. We have been in contact with the Government Hill Community Council apprising them of our desire to expand and will continue our dialogue with them as we progress.

Project Description:

The new facility will be a six sheet (six playing surfaces) arena that will be used from September through April to create and maintain dedicated curling ice. It will have a kitchen, lounge area, lockers, and dining/social area. The clubhouse facility will be available for community, public, and corporate use. The playing surfaces may potentially be used in the summer for

additional sport or civic events. Pickle ball, concerts, seminars, and the like may be appropriate. The club house can also be used year round for parties, events, meetings and receptions of any sort. Our members and our members employers will be donating services including surveying, duct work, and various other aspects of design and construction.

Parks and Recreation have identified four sites for consideration. Russian Jack Golf Course, O'Malley Golf Course (subject to current leaseholders approval with which initial dialogue is open and favorable.), C st. and 36th, and C st. and O'Malley.

Project Timeline:

Project design and construction will begin as soon as a site has been agreed upon with Municipality of Anchorage Parks and Recreation. Construction could begin as early as May and be completed for the following curling season. A 8-10 month construction schedule is anticipated.

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

The Anchorage Curling Club

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



September 6, 2011

To Whom It May Concern,

The Anchorage Curling Club is a not for profit, all volunteer club that promotes the sport of Curling. The club started over 50 years ago and our building reflects the age and use of a facility that old. We are a 2 sheet club with a membership capacity of about 150 to 175 members with our current membership of about 160 members. There has been a growing interest in the sport of Curling over the past few years attributed to the success of Curling as an Olympic Sport.

The need for room to grow and the need for a modern facility that is more energy efficient are compelling reasons for us to seek assistance in expanding the appeal of Curling by construction of a new and larger facility.

The Anchorage Curling Club has a growing youth program that needs more time and space to further expand. Curling promotes the values of exercise, fair play, and sportsmanship which are important attributes in today's society.

In response to this need the Board of Directors of the Anchorage Curling Club has established a committee to explore the possibilities of a larger and newer curling club and Ty Schommer has been appointed Chairman of this committee.

Your help and assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

**Ken Bauer
President
Anchorage Curling Club**

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18 September 2011

The Honorable Sean Parnell, Governor
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Dear Governor Parnell,

Curling is a gentlemen's sport. This means you shake your opponents hand before and after each game, you call your own fouls, and compliment your opponent if they make a good shot. There is no name calling, wrestling, or contact with your opponents. It is a sport that can be enjoyed by persons of all ages, and is often passed down through generations.

My family and I started curling once a week as our night out together during the winter months. This allowed us to work together and learn good sportsmanship through competition. I have found that many aspects of curling can be translated into my everyday relationships. Curling is ideal for families to grow together. The family orientation in the Anchorage Curling Club is limited in scope due to capacity constraints and limited league availability.

The more I learned about this wonderful sport, the more addicted I became. I soon joined the other junior members of the Anchorage Curling Club, eight in all, who would compete against Fairbanks and Barrow juniors to represent AK at the Junior National Championships. As one of four junior women curlers in Anchorage, we did our best to represent the city with the skills we had. I had the opportunity to represent the state of AK in five Junior National Curling Championships throughout my high school career. Unfortunately, our ice conditions and numbered competition in Anchorage limited our ability to grow, and we often fell behind the other states in the rankings. The teams we played against had access to 4-8 sheet clubs, with supreme ice, played multiple teams to make it to Nationals, and had access to advanced coaching; all of which the Anchorage Junior teams are limited in.

After graduating high school, I realized the opportunities I would have if I could move to a state where I could go to school secondary to my growing curling career. I landed in Duluth, MN. With a population of 86,000, Duluth contains an astounding eight sheet curling arena. Since living in Minnesota, and having full access to a nice facility, I have participated in seven Women's National Championships. I am a two time National Champion, a World Silver medalist, and best of all, an Olympian.

As the Anchorage Curling Club stands I would not be able to move home and feasibly compete at a world level with the condition of the building and ice. I am sometimes faced with the idea of moving home to be with my family and foregoing my competitive curling career, or staying in Minnesota to continue to train in their facilities for the upcoming Olympic Trials in 2013.

For Anchorage, there is a desire to see an expanded, or a new facility in a convenient location, to further encourage and meet the growing demands in curling. This sport is ideal for youth and teaching life lessons. A new facility would prove to better support youth programs, such as the Arctic Winter Games and future Junior National Championships. With the new Olympic movement in curling, Alaskan curlers are falling behind the rest of the nation due to limited resources and poor ice conditions. A new facility will allow Anchorage to field teams that would be a competitive force at state and national events.

As a competitive athlete I urge you to take this initiative into strong consideration to not only promote the growth of a world wide recognized sport, but to also create a friendly family oriented environment in your community.

Sincerely,

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Dear Governor Parnell,

On behalf of the Anchorage Curling Club, the Alaska State Curling Association, and the greater curling community of Alaska, we would like to respectfully request that you include \$200,000 in your Fiscal Year 2013 capital budget for the expansion and/or construction of a larger curling facility in Anchorage.

This request will enable the Anchorage Curling Club to initiate the construction project in order to better service the statewide curling community. The Anchorage Curling Club is a nonprofit organization that was founded in 1956 and initially used natural ice. The club was granted and still maintains a lease to use park land on Government Hill and subsequently built a two sheet facility in 1962. In 1964 that facility was destroyed during the earthquake and was rebuilt. In the past, all the funding and labor for facility construction was done through private donations and club members.

Historically, curling clubs are heavily reliant on volunteerism and until now, the Anchorage Curling Club has never requested public funds. As you are aware, Anchorage has grown immensely since 1956 and the current two sheet facility is inadequate to support current community demand. Our membership has grown and we are now at a point that we are unable to accommodate additional membership without expansion. In addition to these factors, the Olympic Games have further popularized the sport of curling with an Olympian coming from our very own club. You can clearly see the dynamic we are operating under. The Fairbanks Curling Club has a six sheet facility that is fully utilized and our hope would be to have a similar six sheet club in Anchorage. Given the demographic difference between Anchorage and Fairbanks there is little doubt that a club of this size in Anchorage will thrive.

We believe that building a facility of this size will enhance recreation opportunities for, children, youth, seniors, and wheelchair bound citizens of the greater Anchorage area. Last year, the Fairbanks Curling Club hosted the U.S. Curling Junior Nationals. The top 20 teams from throughout the Country came to compete and the economic impact to the city and state exceeded \$250,000. Senator Lisa Murkowski and a representative from the Governors office were in attendance and commented on what a great event it was. We are confident that hosting similar, larger events in Anchorage will be part of the future of expanded curling opportunities in our community.

The estimated cost of a new facility is approximately \$750,000. The Club is looking to either expand at its current location or request space on other available park land within the city. Your approval of this request would only cover a portion of the cost associated with this effort. In keeping with the spirit of volunteerism, our members are ready and willing to help, as did our original founders. We also expect additional funding from sources such as; the Curling Lions, The Fairbanks Curling Foundation, Anchorage

Youth Sports, private donations, corporate donations and member donations. The \$200,000 you provide will enable us to plan, design and break ground so we can see our vision become reality.

Prior to recent heavy maintenance of the original equipment and facility the club was generating almost \$10,000 per year that can be earmarked for these efforts. The club board is actively organizing pledge drives, increasing dues, and pursuing a pull tab gaming license all with the intent of raising funds for this effort. We have a current and open dialogue with MOA Parks and Rec and have had recent conversations with the O'Malley golf course with regards to winter use of current municipal land there.

Attached you will find our current financial statement as well as letters of support from the Anchorage Curling Club board, Anchorage Curling Club Olympian Jessica Schultz, and the United States Curling Association.

Please feel free to contact Co-Chairman David Flippo (978-6862 / bmdx2@yahoo.com) or Ty Schommer (907-223-5120 ty.schommer@wfadvisors.com), or any of the committee and board members listed on the signature page.

Sincerely

David A. Flippo, LtCol USAF (Ret)
President, Alaska Curling Association
Co-Chair, Anchorage Curling Club Expansion Project

Appreciatively,

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September 19, 2011

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Dear Governor Parnell,

On behalf of the United States Curling Association (USCA), I am pleased to write this letter of support for the Anchorage Curling Club's expansion and/or construction of a larger curling facility in Anchorage. This project would not only benefit the citizens of Anchorage, but also the greater curling community of Alaska and the entire United States.

The USCA is always looking for world-class host sites for regional and national championships, and we are confident that the plans the non-profit Anchorage Curling Club has in place will provide for such a site. In 2011, the Fairbanks Curling Club hosted the USCA Junior National Championships with great success. A new curling facility in Anchorage would surely open up the possibilities for more USCA national championships and other major events to be staged there.

As you may be aware, Anchorage is the hometown of 2006 Olympian and perennial national championship contender Jessica Schultz. Jessica and several other Alaskan curlers have represented the United States well in world curling championships over the years. Expanded curling programs in Alaska would greatly enhance the opportunities for more Alaskans to compete for the honor of their country on world stages.

Curling's inclusion in the Olympic Winter Games has fueled a dramatic rise in participation all across the country in recent years. Membership in the USCA has risen over 50% since the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City, and more than 40 new clubs have been established across the nation in the past decade.

Curling is a lifetime sport that provides recreational and competitive opportunities for men, women and children of all ages and abilities, including those with disabilities. Curling was added to the Paralympic Games in 2006, and wheelchair curling programs have been growing significantly since then. The USCA partners closely with disabled veteran programs and other adaptive sport organizations.

We urge you to give strong consideration to this very worthwhile project to add to the quality of life for the citizens of your great state.

Sincerely,

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Anchorage Curling Club
Summary of future potential funding sources

Please note that the funding sources listed below are in addition to normal operating income already received by the Anchorage Curling Club

Funding Source	Potential Cash Inflow
Anchorage Community Foundation Grant	200,000
Corporate match	200,000
Grants - Rasmuson Foundation	
Tier I Grant*	75,000
Tier II Grant	200,000
Membership Pledge Drive	150,000
Gaming Income (pull tabs)**	\$ 30,000
Total Estimated Funding	\$ 855,000

* Estimating three Tier 1 grants awarded at \$25,000 each.

** Anchorage Curling Club is currently in the process of completing a gaming license application through the State of Alaska. Estimated gaming income is based on gaming income brought in by Fairbank Curling Club.

Net Worth - As of 6/30/2011:2

(Includes unrealized gains)

As of 6/30/2011

8/2/2011

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Account	6/30/2011 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Checking	55,047.60
Savings	514.18
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	55,561.78
Other Assets	
Curling Club	185,000.00
TOTAL Other Assets	185,000.00
Investments	
Jump-Up CD	2,827.27
TOTAL Investments	2,827.27
TOTAL ASSETS	243,389.05
LIABILITIES	
Other Liabilities	
First National Bank Loan	25,000.00
TOTAL Other Liabilities	25,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	25,000.00
OVERALL TOTAL	218,389.05

Income Statement 07/01/2010 - 06/30/2011 - 2011

7/1/2009 through 6/30/2011 (Cash Basis)

8/2/2011

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Category Description	7/1/2009- 6/30/2010	7/1/2010- 6/30/2011	Amount Difference
INCOME			
Bar Income	10,654.97	7,030.00	-3,624.97
Club Rental	3,492.00	4,015.00	523.00
Curling Equipment	0.00	61.00	61.00
Dues	37,396.39	40,821.00	3,424.61
Fundraiser	281.56	0.00	-281.56
Interest Inc	1.28	1.28	0.00
Junior Income	200.00	0.00	-200.00
Learn to Curl	1,404.00	400.00	-1,004.00
Loan Income	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Spiel Income	5,095.00	7,171.00	2,076.00
TOTAL INCOME	58,525.20	84,499.28	25,974.08
EXPENSES			
Bank Charge	1.50	269.75	-268.25
Bar Expense	7,474.66	6,038.81	1,435.85
Box Rental	148.80	140.00	8.80
Cable TV	659.96	480.93	179.03
Clubhouse Supplies	50.17	743.09	-692.92
Computer	80.00	0.00	80.00
Curling Supplies	1,368.41	1,089.37	279.04
DI Tank Rental	390.92	360.41	30.51
Dining	134.53	0.00	134.53
Dues and Subscriptions	3,299.00	4,197.00	-898.00
Electric	11,937.78	11,505.67	432.11
Gas	5,873.57	5,011.28	862.29
Improvements	1,797.26	24,182.98	-22,385.72
Insurance	4,231.50	4,534.00	-302.50
Licenses and Permits	30.00	0.00	30.00
Loan Payback	0.00	2,051.88	-2,051.88
Meals & Entertn	0.00	36.98	-36.98
Miscellaneous, Bus	0.00	288.00	-288.00
Office	28.79	145.92	-117.13
paint	379.44	0.00	379.44
Pickelball Supplies	0.00	192.00	-192.00
Postage and Delivery	12.65	0.00	12.65
Repairs	5,551.62	2,317.20	3,234.42
Snow Removal	928.00	840.00	88.00
Spiel Expense	3,521.54	2,175.35	1,346.19
Sponsorship	0.00	0.00	0.00
Supplies, Bus	0.00	111.95	-111.95
TAMS Class	580.00	0.00	580.00
Telephone	433.19	460.09	-26.90
Trash	1,047.86	1,258.66	-210.80
Water	517.24	453.64	63.60
Web Site	107.40	114.95	-7.55
TOTAL EXPENSES	50,585.79	68,999.91	-18,414.12
OVERALL TOTAL	7,939.41	15,499.37	7,559.96

ACC New Club Cost Estimate

This estimate is based on a new 6 sheet facility, Total square footage of 20,000 square feet, with 15,000 square feet of ice surface and 5,000 square feet of club

Division 1, General Requirements		
Design, permits, Construction Utility,		\$ 150,000.00
Port-a-cans, Testing, special inspector		
Division 2, Site work		\$ 250,000.00
Excavation, main line utilities, asphalt,		
curb and sidewalks, landscaping		
Division 3, Concrete		\$ 160,000.00
Foundation, slabs, rebarr		
Division 4, Masonry		
(Not Used)		
Division 5, Metals		\$ 950,000.00
Installed Pre-manufactured building		
with insulated wall and roof panels		
Division 6, Wood		\$ 50,000.00
Carpentry and Cabinets		
Division 7, Insulation		
(Not Used)		
Division 8, Doors and Windows		\$ 75,000.00
Division 9 Finishes		\$ 175,000.00
Metal studs, drywall and finish, paint,		
flooring, ceramic tile, wall covering		
Division 10 Specialties		\$ 10,000.00
Toilet partitions, Bath accessories		
Division 11, Equipment		\$ 50,000.00
Kitchen and Bar Equipment		
Division 12, Furnishings		\$ 150,000.00
Curling rocks, scraper, club house		
tables, chairs, scoreboards, etc.		
Division 13 and 14		
Not Used		
Division 15, Ice Equipment		\$ 350,000.00
Refrigeration, ice mats, piping , pumps,		
glycol, and labor to install		
Division 15, Mechanical		\$ 250,000.00
Plumbing, HVAC, Sprinkler and Controls		
Division 16, Electrical		\$ 250,000.00
Electrical and Fire Alarm		
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 2,870,000.00</u>

Anchorage Curling Club Expansion

5 Year Projection

		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total revenue	\$	109,400	109,400	109,400	109,400	109,400
Total cost of goods sold		9,880	9,880	9,880	9,880	9,880
Gross Margin		99,520	99,520	99,520	99,520	99,520
Gross Margin %		91.0%	91.0%	91.0%	91.0%	91.0%
Operating Expenses						
Utilities		30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Other Operating Expenses		20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Net operating income		49,520	49,520	49,520	49,520	49,520
NOI %		45%	45%	45%	45%	45%
Depreciation		-	-	-	-	-
Net income (loss)	\$	49,520	49,520	49,520	49,520	49,520
Net Income Margin %		45.27%	45.27%	45.27%	45.27%	45.27%
Cumulative capital expenditure	\$	2,870,000	2,870,000	2,870,000	2,870,000	2,870,000
Return on Investment based on NOI		1.73%	1.73%	1.73%	1.73%	1.73%



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DATE: February 2, 2012

TO: Ty Schommer, Anchorage Curling Club

FROM: Jim Balamaci, President/CEO

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for Anchorage Curling Club Facility Expansion

On behalf of more than 2,000 athletes and 1,000 volunteers statewide, I am writing this letter of support for consideration and approval of the expansion of the Anchorage Curling Club curling facility. This facility currently provides an opportunity for 165 members to train and compete in curling. The expansion of this facility would allow as much as three times as many members to use the facility and would make the facility eligible for hosting a national curling championship.

The current curling center was built 48 years ago and has 2 playing surfaces. The goal is to expand the facility to secure six playing surfaces, which would allow the curling center to open up their facility for varied membership and outside events; including potential opportunities for special sporting events for Special Olympics Alaska.

I wholeheartedly request your support and approval of this project. Your support will ensure that the sporting community of Alaska continues to grow. It will also give our Special Olympics Alaska Athletes a chance to participate in other community based sports activities and events. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 907-222-7625 ext. 631.