

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Food Bank of Alaska****Federal Tax ID: 92-0073175****Project Title:****Project Type: Maintenance and Repairs**

# Food Bank of Alaska - Statewide Facility Repairs and Equipment

**State Funding Requested: \$78,000****House District: Anchorage Areawide (16-32)**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

This project funds fundamental facility repairs and equipment replacement, including freezer repairs and new truck door.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$128,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$50,000)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$78,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:*

2010 USDA TEFAP Infrastructure grant, completed in September 2001. Total grant of \$95,600 of which \$50,000 was spent on facility and equipment repairs and upgrades at Food Bank of Alaska; the remainder was spent equipping rural food pantries with freezers.

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Food Bank of Alaska is dedicated to eliminating hunger in Alaska by obtaining and distributing food to partner agencies feeding hungry people and through anti-hunger leadership. Food Bank of Alaska distributed 6.7 million pounds of food to more than 300 partner agencies statewide in FY11, distributing food to food pantries, soup kitchens and other organization in communities as diverse as Anchorage, Gambell and Wrangell.

Food Bank of Alaska (FBA) purchased its current facility in 1994. We have continued to invest in maintenance and equipment upgrades, including installing a 2,000 sq. ft freezer and new pallet racking, replacing the roof, paving the parking lot, upgrading our sprinkler system, etc. Our Board has set aside nearly \$50,000 in a maintenance reserve to ensure that we can afford to respond quickly to urgent capital needs.

However, a collection of facility and equipment needs have come to light in the last two years. These include freezer repairs, new exterior man doors, safety equipment such as bollards, a new dock leveler, replacement of a loading dock door, replacement of some damaged pallet racks, repairing the concrete foundation and window at our main entrance, and replacement of aging pallet jacks.

FBA sought and received a USDA TEFAP infrastructure grant in the fall of 2010. (TEFAP is The Emergency Food Assistance Program, a federal commodity distribution program). In addition to funding the purchase of freezers for rural Alaskan TEFAP food pantries, \$50,400 from this grant funded a new compressor, door and other repairs to our small

freezer; new man doors for our building; safety equipment including bollards; and several pallet jacks.

We are seeking the State of Alaska's support in making further progress in meeting our facility and equipment needs. Specifically, we hope that the State will consider funding:

**Item and Estimated Cost**

Removal and replacement of dock leveler in bay three 15,000

Replacement of a dock door 8,000

Replacement of main freezer compressor 25,000

Replacement of damaged upright pallet racking 10,000

Repair of concrete foundation and window replacement at front entrance 20,000

TOTAL 78,000

All of these items are essential to our daily work of feeding our hungry neighbors. The dock leveler is the mechanism that creates a bridge so that a forklift can travel from warehouse to truck during unloading, greatly increasing efficiency in handling food quickly and safely. The dock door seals the warehouse when a truck is not parked at our warehouse, protecting food from the weather and decreasing heating costs. The freezer compressor cools air to ensure a steady temperature below 0 degrees for storing frozen food safely. Pallets of food are stored on pallet racking until they can be distributed, increasing storage efficiency and minimizing pest problems. The concrete foundation is, literally, the foundation of the building upon which our operation depends. None of these items are 'sexy' or likely to appeal to private donors, but they are basic to FBA's operations.

FBA provides a critical service to Alaska. 90,300 Alaskans are food insecure, meaning they don't know where their next meal is coming from. By collecting food donations and USDA commodities and distributing this food across the state, FBA is a crucial link in the food chain that provides food assistance. We are asking for the State's help to let us continue helping our hungry neighbors.

**Project Timeline:**

Food Bank of Alaska can complete the funded repairs and upgrades within twelve months of receiving funding.

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

Food Bank of Alaska

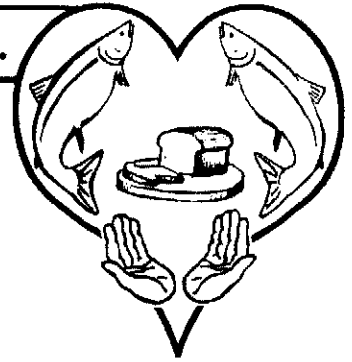
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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☐ Yes ☒ No

# Kenai Peninsula Food Bank, Inc.

*Because no one deserves to be hungry*



February 13, 2012

Senator Johnny Ellis  
State Capital Room 119  
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Food Bank of Alaska Facility and Equipment Upgrades

Dear Senator Ellis,

I am writing to support Food Bank of Alaska's request for state capital funds to repair its facility and replace equipment. As a partner, the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank receives food from Food Bank of Alaska (FBA) to support our distribution programs. We know first hand how important FBA's role is in feeding our hungry neighbors. For instance, FBA recently distributed pallets of toddler food and canned salmon that have been a blessing to families.

FBA is requesting State capital funds for essential infrastructure and equipment upgrades.

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Over 90,000 Alaskans are food insecure, meaning they don't know where their next meal is coming from. FBA is a crucial to our ability to continue to provide food assistance. Please seriously consider FBA's capital request.

Sincerely,

Linda Swarner  
Executive Director



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Senator Johnny Ellis  
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Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Food Bank of Alaska Facility and Equipment Upgrades

Dear Senator Ellis,

I am writing to support Food Bank of Alaska's request for state capital funds to repair its facility and replace equipment. As a partner, Food Pantry of Wasilla (FPW) receives food from Food Bank of Alaska (FBA) to support our mission in feeding our neighbors in need. I know first hand how important FBA's role is in feeding our hungry neighbors. For instance, FBA recently distributed pallets of baby food that have been a blessing to many of our area's young families.

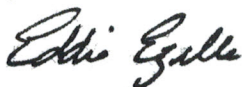
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90,300 Alaskans are food insecure, meaning they don't know where their next meal is coming from. FBA is a crucial to our ability to continue to provide food assistance. We ask you to please consider FBA's capital request.

Thank you,



**Eddie Ezelle** - Executive Director of **Food Pantry of Wasilla**  
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February 07, 2012

Senator Johnny Ellis  
State Capital Room 119  
Juneau, AK 99801

**RE: Food Bank of Alaska Facility and Equipment Upgrades**

Dear Senator Ellis,

I am writing to support Food Bank of Alaska's request for State capital funds to repair its facility and replace equipment. At food banks across North America, PCL Construction Services, Inc. has donated more than \$150,000 and countless man hours to aide in the fight against hunger. In addition to cash donations, PCL has been the signature sponsor for the FBA's CANstruction event taking place during Fur Rendezvous for the past two years. Last year the event raised over \$11,000 and 30,000 lbs. of food – but without a viable facility to distribute these resources FBA is unable to complete their mission.

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Regards,

Louis Gire  
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PCL Construction Services, Inc. – Alaska Operations

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## TOTEM OCEAN TRAILER EXPRESS, INC.

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February 7, 2012

Senator Johnny Ellis  
State Capital Room 119  
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Food Bank of Alaska Facility and Equipment Upgrades

Dear Senator Ellis,

I am writing to support Food Bank of Alaska's request for State capital funds to repair its facility and replace equipment. Totem Ocean Trailer Express believes strongly in Food Bank of Alaska's mission to eliminate hunger in Alaska. TOTE provides hundreds of thousands of dollars in donated transportation as well as significant financial and volunteer support.

FBA is requesting State capital funds for essential infrastructure and equipment upgrades. Specifically, I hope that the State will consider funding:

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Sincerely,

  
Cindy Curtis  
Administrative Supervisor



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February 13, 2012

Senator Johnny Ellis  
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RE: Food Bank of Alaska Facility and Equipment Upgrades

Dear Senator Ellis:

I am writing to support Food Bank of Alaska's request for state capital funds to repair its facility and replace equipment. AARP nationally is devoted to reducing hunger through the AARP Drive to End Hunger, which is a national campaign to raise awareness of food insecurity in America. AARP Alaska has been working closely with Food Bank of Alaska (FBA) to spread the word about the prevalence of hunger in our great state.

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All of these items are essential to FBA's daily work of feeding our hungry neighbors and without these necessary upgrades, the ability of FBA to safely and efficiently distribute food is greatly diminished.

As a member of the Alaska Food Coalition, AARP Alaska is acutely aware of the more than 90,000 Alaskans who are food insecure, many of whom are seniors, and we know the Food Bank of Alaska is meeting this immediate need.

We urge you to support FBA's capital request.

Sincerely,

Ken Osterkamp, State Director  
AARP Alaska



# Catholic Social Services

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February 14, 2012

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McAuley Manor

Pregnancy Support &  
Adoption Services

Refugee Assistance &  
Immigration Services

Special Needs Services

St. Francis House

Senator Johnny Ellis  
State Capital Room 119  
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Food Bank of Alaska Facility and Equipment Upgrades

Dear Senator Ellis,

I am writing to express Catholic Social Services (CSS) support for the Food Bank of Alaska's request for state capital funds to repair its facility and replace equipment. As a partner agency, CSS receives food from Food Bank of Alaska (FBA) to support our St. Francis House Food Pantry. We know first hand how important FBA's role is in feeding our hungry neighbors. For instance, CSS recently received pallets of vegetables from the FBA that we distributed to hungry individuals and families.

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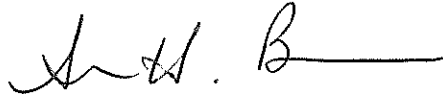
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S.H. Bomalaski", followed by a horizontal line.

Susan H. Bomalaski, Ph.D., LPC  
Executive Director

February 13, 2012

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State Capital Room 119  
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Food Bank of Alaska Facility and Equipment Upgrades

Dear Senator Ellis,

I am writing to support Food Bank of Alaska's request for State capital funds to repair its facility and replace equipment. Credit Union 1 believes strongly in Food Bank of Alaska's mission to eliminate hunger in Alaska and has provided past support through a Thanksgiving fundraiser called Poultry in Motion and by providing a team of volunteers at the annual GIFT distribution program.

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Leslie Ellis  
President/CEO, Credit Union 1