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**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development** 

Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)

Grant Recipient: Ketchikan Rod and Gun Club Federal Tax ID: 92-0086401

**Project Title:** 

Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

# Ketchikan Rod and Gun Club - Gun Range Improvements

State Funding Requested: \$80,000 House District: 1 / A

One-Time Need

## **Brief Project Description:**

Gun range improvements.

## **Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$80,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	(\$80,000)
Project Deficit:	\$0

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

The Ketchikan Rod and Gun Club (Club) was formed in the 1950s to provide recreational and sport shooting activities to the community of Ketchikan. The Club is the only facility in the community able to support these endeavors and it has been instrumental in promoting both rifle and shotgun sports for adults, as well as in providing a venue for the training of youth in these sports and in gun safety. The Club's rifle shooting range is the only sanctioned local venue where rifles can be sighted-in for hunting activities.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game recently provided five new clay target throwing machines to the Club through a program that encourages youth participation in shotgun shooting sports. The program trains youth in the safe handling of firearms. A number of rifle and pistol competitions take place at the Club's range, and local Police and Homeland Security personnel use the facility to maintain proficiency.

In the interest of continuing the Ketchikan Rod and Gun Club's activities in firearm use and safety, the Club seeks state funds to address several deferred maintenance issues. Projects include the replacement of the roof in the main Club house building, window replacement, restroom improvements, gravel corridor installation to access target machines, and concrete pad replacement.

State financial support of this project would ensure that training in firearm safety and proper usage is available to the community for years to come.

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#### **Project Timeline:**

FY2012

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

Ketchikan Rod and Gun Club

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\$80,000 Approved

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

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# KETCHIKAN ROD & GUN CLUB

Box 6391 Ketchikan, AK 99901-1391

Date: March 22, 2012

Senator Bert Stedman State Capital Room 516 Juneau, Alaska 99801

#### Senator Stedman:

The Ketchikan Rod & Gun Club is a longstanding local organization that was formed in the 1950's in order to accommodate the community's need to have shooting ranges to support recreational and sport shooting activities. The Club is the only facility in the community able to support these endeavors and it has been instrumental in promoting both the rifle and shotgun sports for adults, as well as in providing a venue for the training of many youths in these sports. As well, the Club's rifle shooting range is the only sanctioned local venue where rifles can be sighted in for hunting activities.

While experiencing a reduced level of activity during the last 20 years due to the closure of the pulp mill and associated support networks in the community, the club has recently acquired 5 new clay target throwing machines through a program sponsored by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game that is directed at getting youth involved in the shotgun shooting sports. This is a very worthwhile program that trains youth in the safe handling of fire arms and involves them in the shotgun shooting sports of Five Stand, Skeet and Trap. As well a number of rifle and pistol competitions take place at the facility's range and local Police and Homeland Security personnel use the facility as well to maintain proficiency.

In the interest of perpetuating the above shooting endeavors and providing a venue for their continuance, the Club is in need of repairing several deferred maintenance issues in order to maintain the facility's viability and is interested in acquiring State funding towards the accomplishment of these requirements.

These projects include the replacement of the roof on the main Clubhouse building, the replacement of the old single pane windows in the Clubhouse with energy saving thermopane units, the refinishing of the Club's restroom facilities, the creation of gravel corridors to access the aforementioned clay target machines to accomplish the reloading of targets and the replacement of broken concrete pads that access the trap shooting stations.

repairs and improvements that are necessary to maintain the Club's viability:

Roof replacement:

Window replacement:

Completion of restroom facilities:

Gravel access corridors:

Concrete pad replacement:

Total

The Club would appreciate your efforts towards the securing of funds to accomplish the above stated maintenance and improvement requirements. If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact Wayne Paulsen at 907-225-6733.

Best regards,

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Mr. Wayne Paulsen

President