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**Sincerely,**

**Judy Haymaker  
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## Native Village of Tanacross Tanacross Village Council

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March 8, 2007

Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development  
 Judy Haymaker, Grants Administrator  
 211 Cushman Avenue  
 Fairbanks, AK 99701

**RE: Tanacross Multi Purpose Community Health Center Project Completion Plan**

Dear Ms. Haymaker,

This letter summarizes the Tanacross Village Council plans for our partially constructed Tanacross Multi Purpose Community Health Center (the Project). As you are aware, the project has undergone an evolution in its purpose and mission due to the history presented below:

2001 -2003 – Two primary health care projects planned:

**Tok –** A subregional mid-level clinic with wellness components planned at the Old Tok School.

\* Attempts at coordination and cooperation with the existing health services provider (Tok Clinic Board) were not successful. Denali Commission conducted and on-site public meeting revealing community frustration and stagnation. TCC attempts to work out new service delivery plan with Tok Clinic board but was not successful.

\* Tanacross – TVC envisions a village based 4500 s.f. community health center and seeks ICDBG, DC Clinic and DC Multi Purpose funding.

\* Health care provision model shift takes place: realization that subregional health care service model at Tok is non-attainable. Need exists and Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) continues discussion with TVC on meeting needs.

\* Based on discussions with TCC, TVC decides to change village facility design based on previous DGS management recommendations to expand facility using steel building approach and promise of low cost while allowing for expanded floor space. Goal: To create subregional health care and wellness services at Tanacross.

\* Problems experienced: The DGS management team did not cost control and produced under valued cost estimates. The steel building tripled in price and size.

2004 – present: Design completed, professional foundation was installed by TVC and steel building purchase was completed and shipped to village. No funding was left to continue the

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project. TCC's Health department conducted a mid-level feasibility study for Upper Tanana Subregion with "go-no-go decision scheduled for December 1, 2006. TCC has agreed to provide itinerant services as funding stabilizes – mid level staff may be placed at the facility.

#### Revised Project Completion Plan

Based on the history above and the recent (12/01/06) TCC decision to develop a new mid-level health care service delivery model for the Upper Tanana Subregion located in Tanacross, TVC is seeking construction funding from multiple sources to complete the Tanacross Multi Purpose Community Health Center Project.

TVC is currently working to develop a Denali Commission health facility business plan and a mid-level health care service delivery plan with TCC. When the original funding for the project was acquired no business plan was required, however, the Denali Commission has requested that one be provided. Once these items are finalized TVC will be submitting funding requests to Denali Commission and other sources. Tanacross is committed to completing the construction and operation of this facility. Once the business plan is complete, we will apply to the Denali Commission for construction funding. We submitted a request for legislative funding in February requesting 200,000 to be used as match to seek Denali Commission and Rasmusen funding to complete the facility. I have included a copy of the request with this summary.

We thank DCCED for the assistance and support provided on this project.

Please let me know if you need any further information.

Sincerely,



Serina Stillman  
Chief Financial Officer

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### **CIP Request to Alaska Legislature from Tanacross Village Council**

**Request:** Tanacross Village Council (TVC) has been working with the seven (7) Villages of the Upper Tanana Subregion and the Tanana Chiefs Conference to plan for an improved primary health care service delivery model and facility. The Upper Tanana Subregion Villages have agreed that there needs to be a subregional health care facility providing mid-level services to area residents and the Tanacross Village Council has initiated construction of this facility at Tanacross Village. TVC would like to request a \$200,000 Legislative CIP which will used to leverage Denali Commission and Rasmuson Foundation needed to complete the project.

**Need:** The purpose of Upper Tanana Multi-Purpose Community Health Center project's is to provide a multi-use health facility to house mid-level primary health care and social services programs which will be made available to all residents of the Upper Tanana area. Tanana Chiefs Conference has agreed to staff and operate the clinic portion of the facility while TVC will operate the remaining social service programs.

There is a general dissatisfaction with the current health services available and the general lack of preventative health care services in the Upper Tanana subregion area. To remedy this situation, Tanacross Village Council has been investigating ways of enhancing primary health services to the Upper Tanana Subregion through establishment of enhanced health and social services at the planned Upper Tanana Multi Purpose Community Health Center. Currently, the facility design is completed, professional concrete foundation installed and the steel building is on-site. Approximately \$2,000,000 is required to complete the facility as designed.

**Match:** To date, Tanacross Village Council has expended approximately \$950,000 on the project and requires another \$2,000,000 to complete it. The requested \$200,000 Legislative CIP will be used as match to seek both Denali Commission and Rasmuson funding to complete the facility.

**Operation and Maintenance:** Both Tanana Chiefs Conference and Tanacross Village Council will be responsible for operation and maintenance of the Tanana Multi-Purpose Community Health Center. Tanana Chiefs will staff and operate the mid-level health clinic portion of the facility and Tanacross Village Council will be developing and operate social service and wellness programs in the multi purpose portion.

**Project Completion Timeline:**

The concrete foundation is already installed, piped water/sewer services are in-place and the metal building shell is on-site. At issue is the current lack of Denali Commission health care facility funding which is awaiting future congressional appropriation. It is hoped that by Fall, 2007, Denali Commission funding will be available for this project which will require a 20% cash match from Tanacross. Upon Denali Commission construction funding approval, the facility is expected to be completed by Summer, 2008.

## Tanacross Village Profile

Tanacross is a Village of 170 people located on the south bank of the Tanana River, 12 miles northwest of Tok, at MP 1324 of the Alaska Highway. Tanacross lies within the continental climatic zone, with very cold winters and warm summers. In the winter, cold air settles in the valley and ice fog and smoke are common. The average low during January is -22; the average high during July is 65. Extreme temperatures have been measured from -75 to 90.

Over 90% of residents are Tanah, or Tinneh, Athabascan Indians who practice a traditional subsistence lifestyle supplemented with seasonal employment. Most villagers relocated from Mansfield Village, Kechumstuk and Last Tetlin in 1912 when Bishop Rowe established St. Timothy's Episcopal Mission. The village was originally located on the north side of the Tanana River, and was called "Tanana Crossing." It is located where the Eagle Trail crossed the Tanana River. A trading post opened near the mission in 1912, and the St. Timothy's post office opened in 1920. More Natives moved from Mansfield when a formal school opened in 1932, although classes had been held at the mission. The name was eventually shortened to Tanacross. In the mid-1930s, an airfield was built across the river from the village. In 1941, the village gave the military permission to use its airfield as an emergency deployment post during World War II. The airfield was paved in 1942, and temporary camps were established. Thousands of troops were deployed through Tanacross airfield during the War. People of the village served as volunteer scouts and backup support for the army. After the war, the airfield was closed. In 1972, the village relocated from the north bank of the Tanana River to the south bank, due to water contamination. In 1979, the old village site burned when a grass fire spread out of control.

The sole local governmental unit is the federally-recognized tribe Native Village of Tanacross who has banned the possession of alcohol. The 2000 U.S. Census indicates 53 housing units and an unemployment rate at that time was 57.14 percent, although 79.13 percent of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$22,083, per capita income was \$9,429, and 33.33 percent of residents were living below the poverty level.

### Recent Community Development Activities

2001-present: After more than 10 years of continuous effort by TVC, 20 energy efficient homes were constructed in 2005 with coordinated installation of supporting piped water/sewer and electrical infrastructure. Eighty percent local work force implementation as a result of the construction trades training program conducted by TVC and UAF at the converted Old Tok School (Upper Tanana Training/Home Manufacturing Center located at Tok, Alaska). Total financial expenditure: \$8.5 million generated through leveraging TVC NASDHA (\$140,000 per year). New housing and water/sewer initiatives in the works. Renewed health services planning for the Upper Tanana Subregion underway.

In addition, other community development initiatives are underway including:

- \* Piped distributed water/sewer improvements and expansion.
- \* Upper Tanana Multi Purpose Community Health Center Project started.
- \* Development of the condemned Old Tok School into a multi faceted facility including the Upper Tanana Regional Training Center (UTVTC).

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# Grant Agreement - Amendment

## State of Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development Division of Community Advocacy Multi-Use Facilities Program

Project Title <b>Multi-Use Community Health Center</b>	Grant Agreement Number <b>840845</b>	Collocation Code
Grantee Name <b>Tanacross Village Council</b>	Effective Date of Amendment <b>December 31, 2006</b>	

### Amendment # 07/Close-out to the Grant Agreement

Effective the date shown above, this grant is hereby amended as follows:

1. The total allocation of this grant was \$349,817.00 and is decreased by \$550.35. The total allocation of this grant is \$349,266.65 and is revised as reflected on the attached Detailed Budget Summary.
2. Per the Grantee's financial/progress report the matching funds expended as of December 31, 2006 is \$649,488.81 and is reflected on the attached budget summary.
3. The objectives of this grant have not been fully met by the Grantee. The Tanacross Multi-Use Community Health Center has not been constructed. The Multi-Use Facility funds were used to purchase the steel building materials.
4. The grant agreement is terminated as of December 31, 2006.

Grantee	DCCED
Signature <i>Jerry Isaac</i>	Signature <i>Jo E. Grove</i>
Printed Name and Title <b>Jerry Isaac, President</b>	Printed Name and Title <b>Jo E. Grove, Grant Program Manager</b>
Date <b>3/2/07</b>	Date <b>3/14/07</b>

## Multi-Use Facility Program Detailed Budget Summary

**Grant # 840845**

**Amendment # 07/Close-out**

Cost Category/Line Item	Current Budget	Modification	Revised Budget
Salaries/Fringe Benefits	\$ 70,298.29		\$ 70,298.29
Supplies and Materials	\$ 253,102.01		\$ 253,102.01
Contractual	\$ 24,088.94	\$ (550.35)	\$ 23,538.59
Other: Insurance	\$ 2,327.76		\$ 2,327.76
<b>Total</b>	\$ 349,817.00	\$ (550.35)	\$ 349,266.65

### Matching Funds

Cost Category/Line Item	Current Budget	Modification	Revised Budget
Salaries/Wages	\$405,368.00	(\$358,315.44)	\$47,052.56
Fringe Benefits	\$ 101,342.00	(\$52,578.99)	\$ 48,763.01
Supplies and Materials	\$ 285,941.00	(\$172,736.97)	\$ 113,204.03
Contractual	\$ 489,180.00	(\$112,896.34)	\$ 376,283.66
Other (sub-contracts)	\$ 58,700.00	\$5,485.55	\$ 64,185.55
	\$ -		\$ -
<b>Total</b>	\$ 1,340,531.00	(\$691,042.19)	\$ 649,488.81