

**Senior Citizens of Interior Alaska Inc. - ADA Compliant  
Elevator for Salcha Seniors' Community Center**

**FY2024 Request: \$474,054**  
**Reference No: AMD 65082**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation

**Category:** Transportation

**Location:** Fairbanks Areawide

**Project Type:** Life / Health / Safety

**Recipient:** Senior Citizens of Interior Alaska  
Inc

**House District:** Fairbanks Areawide (HD 31 -  
35)

**Impact House District:** Fairbanks Areawide (HD 31  
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**Contact:** Catherine Reardon

**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2023 - 06/30/2028

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**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Senate Special Session Add for the House.

Install ADA compliant elevator/lift at the Salcha Seniors Community Center in Salcha, AK.

<b>Funding:</b>	<b>FY2024</b>	<b>FY2025</b>	<b>FY2026</b>	<b>FY2027</b>	<b>FY2028</b>	<b>FY2029</b>	<b>Total</b>
1004 Gen Fund	\$474,054						\$474,054
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$474,054</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$474,054</b>

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ongoing
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

**Project Description/Justification:**

The Senior Citizens of Interior Alaska, Inc. was established October 17, 1973 in Salcha, Alaska. It is best know as the Salcha Senior Center (SSC). The two story building housing the Senior Center (located at is located at 6062 Johnson Road Salcha, AK 99714) was built in the 1970s as directed by Joe Steinard and Bob Eggleston.

The Salcha Senior Center serves as a both an activity center for local seniors as well as a community gathering space. We provide senior activities, such as Salcha Quilters, Game Day, Bingo, educational activities, and a monthly luncheon. Our center coordinates food distribution weekly as well as the monthly low-income senior food boxes. We are also a gathering place for weddings, memorials, and scout meetings.

The winter of 2021 taught us that we must be better prepared to serve our community. This past year, we have been able to install a backup generator for this purpose so that we no longer must rely on transport of a generator from Fairbanks. This reliance resulted in the SSC without power for three days during the December 2021 weather events. The road conditions were such that transport of the

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generator was not an option. State and local disaster response teams have informed us that in the event of a disaster it could be up to two weeks for an evacuation to occur.

**Project Justification:**

The SSC is a two-story building with a poor stairwell. Many of our seniors are not able to navigate stairs. The second floor of our building houses a community library and local historic museum. We have dedicated space available upstairs to house those in emergency situations, however it is limited in accessibility. We maintain supplies for in home care and a small first aid room on the second floor. The cost associated with a lift/elevator is insurmountable for our organization.

The Community Development Grant appeared to be an option for the needed lift/elevator at one point. However, one must be a municipality to apply, which Salcha is not. Salcha simply falls through the cracks of most grants for this necessary upgrade. The cost is either over the threshold or requires matching funds which our organization simply does not have the ability to fundraise.

**Project Description:**

The Symmetry Hybrid VPL (Vertical Platform Lift) is an American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant elevator will be procured and installed by Alaska Elevator Service, Inc. of Fairbanks, Alaska. Engineered drawings, materials, and renovations will be procured from ACSC Builders, Inc. of Fairbanks, Alaska. The location of the lift will be in the back, southeast corner of the existing two-story building. Entrance to the elevator will be within the building. The VPL will be manufactured, installed, and maintained per State of Alaska Elevator code ASME A18.1-2017.

**Detailed Project Timeline:**

7/17/2023: Project Funding Received

7/18/2023: Project Kickoff

7/19/2023: Place PO with Alaska Elevator Services, Inc. (deposit of \$\$29,056.20) Lead time is 27 weeks ARO.

7/19/2023: Place PO with ACSC Builders for building renovations (50% deposit of \$176720.50)

7/19/2023: Payment due for foundation, utilities, prevention plan, bonds and insurance (\$62,500).

8/19/2023: Obtain Permitting with FNSB

3/17/2024: Start Internal Renovations

4/1/2024: Delivery of elevator to SSC (milestone payment/deposit of \$14,528.10 due)

4/17/2024: Start External Renovations

7/1/2024: Complete External Renovations

7/21/2024: Symmetry Hybrid VPL elevator installation

8/7/2024: State of Alaska for the Acceptance Inspection (AHJ) Complete

8/7/2024: Final payment of \$14,528.10 is due to Alaska Elevator Services

9/7/2024: Final payment of \$176720.50 due to ACSC Builders (30 days after completion)