

Board Member Reports  
9-12-17

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Follow Up Info  
Submitted by  
Phyllis Evan

**Subject:** Play Ground budget and Websites  
**From:** Joan Fisher (jfisher04@icloud.com)  
**To:** lowertribal@yahoo.com;  
**Date:** Friday, August 11, 2017 8:30 AM

Hello Nick - Per our conversation, the budget submitted by Lower Kalskag for Play Ground equipment is low compared to other playgrounds that have been funded by Rasmuson Foundation. The average has been between \$50,000-\$60,000. The Tier I grants from Rasmuson only go to \$25,000. If you have another funder that can leverage more money, that may help you achieve the project.

I am sending a couple of links to websites that have commercial equipment and also an example of another budget.

<https://www.aaastateofplay.com/names-of-playground-equipment/>

<https://www.playlsi.com/en/playgrounds/play-equipment>

Commercial Playground Equipment w/shipping \$45,325  
Swing Set with shipping \$5,249  
Two Grills \$228  
Total: \$50,802

Please let me know how you would like to proceed.

Thank you,  
Joan Fisher  
907-230-1261

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## VIEW APPLICATION

<b>Organization legal name</b>	Lower Kalskag Traditional Council
<b>Project title</b>	Lower Kalskag Playground
<b>Application ID</b>	2178
<b>Proposed start date</b>	07/01/17
<b>Proposed end date</b>	06/30/18
<b>Type</b>	Capital Grant under 25k
<b>Budget</b>	\$0
<b>Request</b>	\$0
<b>Eligibility</b>	IRS 501(c)(3) Public Charity
<b>Short description</b>	The request will purchase equipment to improve the only playground in our village.



Item	Unit cost	# Units	Item Cost	Rasmuson request	Other funding	Other sources of funding	Revenue status	Donation type
Play Equipment	\$18,000	1	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$0		Cash	Pending
Basketball deck	\$6,000	1	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0		Cash	Pending
Installation of deck	\$799	1	\$799	\$799	\$0		Cash	Pending
Removal of old playground	\$799	1	\$799	\$0	\$799	Kuspuk School District	In-kind	Committed
Installation of new playground	\$1,440	1	\$1,440	\$0	\$1,440	Tribe Volunteers	In-kind	Committed
<b>Totals</b>	n/a	5	\$27,038	\$24,799	\$2,239	n/a	n/a	n/a

**Project director**

Nick Levi will be the Project Director. Nick has worked for VLK for over 8 years. He is the Tribal Administrator since 2016 and he was the Tribal Bookkeeper before that. Nick has the experience to administer the project, work with the Kuspuk School District, and organize volunteers to help with the installation of the playground equipment.

**Project narrative**

The Village of Lower Kalskag (VLK) wishes to replace our only playground. The playground was built more than 25 years ago and has been used hard by children every single day. The existing playground is in very bad shape, every summer, kids get hurt playing on it from minor cuts and bruises, to broken arms and legs. The playground site is owned by the Kuspuk School District, who is partnering with VLK on the project. The school district will help VLK remove the existing playground equipment and install new, safe equipment and a basketball court. The existing playground equipment will be removed by the Kuspuk School District. The new equipment will be installed by volunteers with the exception of the playdeck for the basketball court which will require some expertise.

**Need and status**

The Village of Lower Kalskag is located 350 miles west of Anchorage. Lower Kalskag population 288 is connected by two-mile dirt road to Upper Kalskag, population 231. We are a traditional Yup'ik community. There is very little for children and youth to do in our village. The playground is used every day by our children. The equipment is old and broken, and, due to its age, has limited safety precautions. Children are constantly getting hurt on the playground. Most recently, a young child broke her arm over the Memorial Day weekend and community members immediately dismantled the playground as they are very concerned of the children's safety. Additionally, basketball is very popular here and there is no place to play. The community wants to add a basketball deck to the playground because it will be well-used and will also benefit older kids. Older kids have a hard time as there is nothing for them to do and they are more inclined to get into trouble with drugs and alcohol. Alcohol abuse is common here and it leads to violence and neglect, which is linked to low self-esteem and hopelessness in children. It is a small thing, but a playground has the potential to help children feel better about themselves and grow into stronger, healthier, happier adults. It is the belief of VLK that a playground would have a tremendous impact on the happiness and quality of life for children. Every year, children in the region are injured or die in accidents from playing on ice, near water or in other unsafe conditions. A safe playground mitigates such incidents by being a welcoming place where children want to play. A playground provides a place to exercise, very important in a region with chronic childhood obesity and diabetes. Like playgrounds everywhere, it will help children develop motor skills, provide a platform for learning ways of coping with social issues such as sharing, playing games, taking turns and sportsmanship, and give children and families a place to go together.

**Financial Summary**

VLK will go out to bid on playground equipment packages. We have obtained several quotes but shipping is very high from lower 48 and we need to search in Alaska for a provider to be more efficient.

Basketball play deck is comprised of treated boards and basketball hoops.

Installation of playdeck and basketball hoops 40 hours of work @ \$18 = \$720 + benefits @ 10.93% (\$79) = \$799  
Removal of old playground (estimate 40 hours of work @ \$18 = \$720 + benefits @ 10.93% (\$79) = \$799.

Installation of new playground (estimate 16 hours x 6 people) = 96 hours volunteer time, estimate at \$15 hour = \$1,440

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**Organization details**

**Legal name** Lower Kalskag Traditional Council

**Doing business as** Village of Lower Kalskag  
**Application type** Capital Grant under 25k  
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Lower Kalskag, Alaska 99828  
**Fax** 907-471-2378  
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**Website** NA  
**Incorporated** 05/01/89  
**CEO** Phyllis Evan  
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#### Organization history

The Village of Lower Kalskag is an Alaska Native village and a federally-recognized tribe. Our people have inhabited the region for thousands of years. Lower Kalskag is connected to Upper Kalskag by a two-mile dirt road.

Upper Kalskag is a predominantly Catholic community and Russian Orthodox families relocated to a fish camp in the 1930's that became the village of Lower Kalskag.

#### Mission statement

To serve the Tribal Members of the Village of Lower Kalskag

#### Services provided

Village of Lower Kalskag has an ICWA program, tribal transportation program, environmental program, programs that provide assistance and general government services.

#### Area served

The area served is the village of Lower Kalskag, located on the north bank of the Kuskokwim River, 2 miles downriver from Upper Kalskag. It lies 26 miles west of Aniak, 89 miles northeast of Bethel, and 350 miles west of Anchorage. Lower Kalskag, population 288, is connected by two mile dirt road to Upper Kalskag, population 231. We are a traditional Yup'ik community where all families depend on subsistence.

#### Beneficiaries served

Tribal members of Village of Lower Kalskag

#### Board

Phyllis Evan	President/Chair
Michael Savage Sr	Vice President
Sarah Levi	Secretary
Michelle Kameroff	Member
Moses Littlefish	Member

#### Board giving

Phyllis Evan	\$0
Michael Savage Sr	\$0
Sarah Levi	\$0
Michelle Kameroff	\$0
Moses Littlefish	\$0

**Operating Budget** up to \$489,999

**Full time employees**

**Part time employees**

**Temporary employees**

**Seasonal employees**

**Volunteers**

#### Organization financial details

##### Contact

<b>Fiscal year begins</b>	January
<b>Last complete year</b>	2016

#### Attachments

- [List Of Contributors](#)
- [Last Fiscal Year Financial Statement](#)
- [Current Fiscal Year Financial Statement](#)
- [Current Fiscal Year Operating Budget](#)

**Submitter information**

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**Signature** Phyllis Evan, 06/02/2017

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**Submitted On** 06/02/2017

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Tribal President

**APPROVE OR REJECT APPLICATION**

Please note, no email will be sent to the applicant. You will need to follow up with Nick Levi by phone at [907-471-2300](tel:907-471-2300) or email them at [lowtribal@va.hq.com](mailto:lowtribal@va.hq.com)

Application Status Submitted

Reviewer Comments

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