

Summary of Revenue Sharing Project

The State of Alaska Community Revenue Sharing Program provides funds each year to Alaska's boroughs, cities, and unincorporated communities to cover basic public services. The funds can be used at the discretion of the community for any public purpose which will benefit the community. For more information about the Revenue Sharing Program, visit the State of Alaska's webpage:

<http://commerce.alaska.gov/dnn/dcra/CommunityAidAccountability/CommunityRevenueSharing.aspx>

What is the Revenue Sharing Committee?

The Chickaloon Community Council (CCC) currently has funds available for distribution. In order to streamline project selection, the CCC created the Revenue Sharing Committee. The purpose of the committee is:

- To ensure that the proposal has enough information for the community to fairly vote on project.
- To assist project proposers in understanding the project approval process
- Determine the voting process (within the bounds of the Bylaws and Revenue Sharing stipulations)

The Committee meets as needed, typically once or twice a month. Meetings are announced at the monthly CCC meetings, with additional meetings posted on the CCC website:

<http://www.chickalooncc.org>. Meetings are open to the public, and community members are encouraged to attend.

Proposing a project:

- The proposer must complete a project proposal application.
- The proposer must follow through with the bids and 'making the project happen'. If a project requires expertise beyond that of the proposer, then the extra cost of hiring someone (such as a project manager or consultant) must be included in cost of project.
- For bigger projects, involving extensive research and planning prior to implementation, the committee must get a feeling for community support before putting extensive work into planning of the project, i.e. the project must be presented to Council, so that the Council and community may provide feedback about interest in project. If there is a sense that the community wants the project to move forward, then the proposer can work with the committee to fully flesh out the proposal (budget, timeline, etc) in order to prepare the proposal for a ballot vote by mail.

Applying for Revenue Sharing Funds

The Application for the Community Revenue Sharing Project can be found at the Chickaloon PO, Pinnacle Mt. Lodge, the CCC building, and the Sutton Library. Applications can also be downloaded at <http://www.chickalooncc.org>.

If projects don't meet the criteria set forth by the Revenue Sharing Program, or if the application is incomplete, then they will be screened out and returned to proposer for corrections.

How are Revenue Sharing projects chosen?

- The Committee screens projects to make sure they meet the goals of the program and that the application is complete. To meet key criteria, the project must:
 - Benefit the general community
 - Include firm deadlines for completion
 - Include sufficient information on labor, purchases, and technical issues (e.g. soil sampling, right-of-way access, etc.) to inform the community on potential costs and issues associated with the project
- Projects which have completed the application process are voted on by the community.
- The Committee proposed and the CCC approved that voting on the projects shall occur in two ways: in-person voting at regularly scheduled CCC meetings (for projects costing less than \$2000), and twice yearly via mail-in ballot (projects costing greater than \$2000). The timing of one of the mail-in ballots shall coincide with the November annual vote, and the other shall occur in April, such that projects that need to occur during the summer may move through the selection process in time for mobilization.

What Next?

- Once a project has been approved by community vote, funds are obtained from the State of Alaska (via the MatSu Borough), and the project may commence.
- The applicant must see the project to completion. The Committee can help guide and inspire proposers but will not do the work of the project.
- Projects must be completed according to timeline. Failure to complete projects may result in loss of projects funds for project in question and future CCC projects.