

Bethel Local Development Corporation

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2011 BLDC Year-End Report

Operations & Activities

Farm Market Operations

- The 2010 Kauneonga Lake Farmer's Market was operated weekly from July 8 to September 2, 2011. Allison Ruef was hired as Market Manager with volunteer support from Bethel First and Day Top. There were 16 active vendors and roughly 280 customers per week over the nine weeks for a total of 2,530 visits. Allison's Final Report is available for review.

Grant Activity

2002 Community Project Grant

- On January 10, 2011 a request was submitted to extend the term of this grant from July 31, 2008 to July 31, 2011. This request has been approved by the Department of State.
- On June 20, 2010 a request #7 for reimbursement of administrative expenses from August 1, 2008 to July 31, 2009 was submitted in the amount of \$6,565.84 (75% net to BLDC \$4,924.38). This request has been approved and the funds received.
- On April 12, 2011 a request #8 for reimbursement of administrative expenses from August 1, 2009 to December 31, 2010 was submitted in the amount of \$14,817.55 (75% net to BLDC \$11,113.16). This request has been approved and the funds received. (A check for \$16,037.54 covering this and the above item was received on June 10, 2011.)
- On December 8, 2011 a request #9 for reimbursement of administrative expenses from January 1, 2011 to July 31, 2011 was submitted in the amount of \$4,420.56 (75% net to BLDC \$3,315.42). This request was rejected for technical errors and will be resubmitted in early 2012.
- If request #9 above is approved there will be no remaining balance in this grant.

2005 NYS Main Street Grant – KLMS I

- Prepared 2011 Annual Inspection forms for each of five projects under this grant.

2008 NYS Main Street Grant – KLMS II

- Requested and obtained a contract extension to February 2012. (Extended again in February 2012 to June 20, 2012)

- Granny Annie project expense documentation was completed and the owner reimbursed \$27,900. A substantial investment of time has been necessary to process these reimbursement requests (much greater than for the earlier KLMS I grant).
- An additional project at the Stufftopia location for a new pizza parlor was identified and is expected to complete prior to the February 2012 contract expiration.
- Streetscape work was completed at the Justice Court sidewalk (\$5,681.43) and the Community Park streetlights (\$10,055). Additional Streetscape projects were identified for completion by February 2012. Reimbursement for the eligible portion of these projects will be processed in early 2012.

Smallwood Property Acquisition

- Approximately 196 acres of property known as the Smallwood Golf course was purchased from Sullivan County using funds borrowed from the Town of Bethel. The intent is to recover the purchase cost by selling a portion of the property to a developer where 20-25 single family homes could be constructed as allowed by zoning. The remainder of the property would be protected from future residential or commercial development and used by the Town as public park land. A small portion, less than one acre, will be transferred to adjacent property owners to resolve existing property access issues.

Administrative Activity

Pubic Authorities Reporting Information System (PARIS)

Under the Public Authorities Law (PAL) passed in 2005, the BLDC became subject to specific and detailed reporting requirements in 2010. These include an Annual Report (with several sub-reports) due each March and an Annual 5-year Budget Report due each October.

- Developed a BLDC web site to contain a substantial list of corporate documents, corporate reports and PARIS reports as required by PAL.
- Prepared and submitted the 2010 Annual PARIS Report
- Prepared and submitted the 2011 Budget Report

This Annual Report approved at the BLDC Board meeting on February 9, 2012