

# City & Borough of Juneau Community Funding Request

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## Basic Information

Name of Requesting Group or Organization	American Legion Auke Bay Post 25
Summary of request (sentence or phrase)	Grant Use for Centennial Hall for Alaska National Guard Day Veterans Dinner (July 30, annually) and Veterans Day (November 11, annually).
Amount of request	Under \$2000.
Assemblymember Sponsor	Ella Adkinson
Is this a request for a one-time event, purchase or grant match?	American Legion Auke Bay Post 25 would like to start this grant in 2025 but would like to continue annually.
Does this request provide monetary support for the group's ongoing or operating expenses?	No, no funds go to our operating expenses, but CBJ assistance allows more of our funds to go to our community services for Veterans in need and reduces our otherwise expenditure and rent to Centennial Hall for the community that attends Veterans Day services
Primary contact individual for this group	Duff Mitchell, Commander
Primary contact's phone number	907-723-2481
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1. Funding Request (Project) Title (Suggested heading):

CBJ Veterans Support for Centennial Hall Rental for Alaska National Guard Day (July 30) and Veterans Day (November 11).

2. Project description and benefit. Describe the project (in half a page or less), including specific aspects of the funding request and project. Explain how the project will benefit the community. What sector(s) of the community will this project benefit and/or serve?

CBJ Funding would support official recognition days for Juneau area veterans. Juneau has a high per capita number of veterans nationwide, and many communities provide free use of stadiums, halls, and community centers to support officially designated state and national holidays for veterans.

The July 30 Alaska National Guard Day Veterans Dinner is the largest community-sponsored thank you for your service dinner provided by a broad spectrum of Juneau business and industry. This event is free for any Juneau area veteran and their immediate family/significant other. This Juneau Veterans dinner is a major Veteran event, and CBJ is invited as an annual sponsor by providing Centennial Hall space and kitchen access for this event. July 30 is a State of Alaska Day of recognition for the Alaska National Guard. The Alaska National Guard members of Juneau were deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. This event is open to all veterans of all generations of service and their families.

Veterans Day, November 11 of every year, is a National holiday. The Auke Bay Post #25 American Legion, along with other Veterans organizations, hosts a short Veterans Day ceremony annually, which traditionally includes a keynote speaker, recognition of elected officials, a color guard, and a thank you for

service to Juneau area veterans.

3. Plans and progress. Describe (in one or two paragraphs) what has been accomplished so far (if anything) toward this project's or funding's goal. This may include studies, designs, grant application status, fundraising activity, and total funds raised to date.

Both of these events have traditionally served the Juneau area for decades. These programs rely on donations and many volunteers.

4. Project support. Is the project supported in CBJ or other community plans (List where the project is mentioned or supports concepts in planning documents such as the Assembly Goals, Legislative Priorities, CIP Plan, etc.

It is not known how this request fits in with community plans. Still, Juneau is proud of its Veteran community, and this is an excellent means for the CBJ and Assembly to support our Juneau area veterans by providing Centennial Hall for these important veteran events. Our veteran community also supports needy veterans and housing. Funds that pay for hall rental take away funds available for assisting veterans with housing, food, and assistance that the Auke Bay Post #25 provides.

5. Goal of project. In one sentence or less, state the goal of the project. For example "economic development" or "improve non-motorized transportation routes."

CBJ Veteran Support available for federal and state-recognized days.

6. Total cost: The total request is for Centennial Hall rental, less than \$2500 a year for the two events.

A. TOTAL COST (including funds already secured) = \$\_\_\_\_\_

B. AMOUNT SECURED (include funding source) = \$\_\_\_\_\_

7. Timeline: Indicate when you hope to complete the project.

Our request is not a project but an annual event commemorating local veterans and thanking them for their service to country, state, and community.

8. Physical Location. Please provide the address or physical description of where the project is located.

The physical location is the CBJ Centennial Hall.