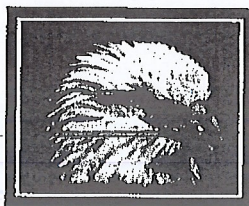


Juneau Raptor Center



Lady Baltimore

December 30, 2015

Ms Kimberly A. Kiefer, City Manager
City/Borough of Juneau
155 S Seward Street
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: Marine Passenger Fee Grants

Dear Ms. Kiefer:

The Juneau Raptor Center (JRC) is a volunteer, non-profit organization serving Southeast Alaska since 1987 with 24 hour X 360 day emergency on-call service. We rely principally on donations, paid memberships, and souvenir merchandise sales to cover JRC's operating costs. JRC annually provides rescue and medical care to over 150 sick and injured raptors and other birds. We also deliver educational programs, featuring non-releasable birds, to local and regional schools and other groups, teaching audiences of all ages the basics of wild bird conservation. We house and care for an education bird on Mount Roberts from May through September each season, providing our cruise ship visitors the opportunity to see an American Bald Eagle up close and learn about them and their Alaska environment from one of our several trained naturalists.

While we operate principally as a volunteer organization, one of our primary costs is the naturalists who work on Mount Roberts. We pay wages which provides summer employment for several people, make payroll taxes and have insurance costs. And though we operate on a year-round basis, our summer visitor program is a major and important part of our operation, reaching thousands of visitors.

The Juneau Raptor Center respectfully requests grant funding from the Marine Passenger Fee Program to help cover the cost of staffing our summer visitor program in the amount of \$25,000

If received, these funds would be used exclusively to cover payroll, payroll taxes, and insurance.

Please contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Dale Cotton, President
723-1190