

The **City of Thorne Bay, AK**, received \$45,859 to 1) expand direct-marketing opportunities and cooperation among all members of the Prince of Wales community, 2) foster educational and cultural awareness of healthy eating choices, and 3) purchase market supplies and signage.

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Final Progress Report

Project Summary:

The Farmers Market has an Advisory Committee that consists of 7 members. Meetings are continued to be held the first Friday of every month. The Prince of Wales Farmer's Market had an ad published in the Prince of Wales Island Visitor's Guide. This ad will bring more exposure to the Farmer's Market events. The Sister City Farmers Market has held 7 markets on Prince of Wales Island in 2012. We have currently committed to hold Farmers Markets in 2013 with 5 different communities.

Project Approach:

The Advisory Committee now has the "basics" for the Prince of Wales Farmers Market. However, each community puts its own "stamp" on their particular market. The Farmers Market usually is held in conjunction with another event in that community (i.e. marathon, crab festival, 4th of July, etc.). This has worked very well so far, as it enhances both events.

Goals and Outcomes Achieved:

The Sister City Farmers Market has held 6 Markets which gave the opportunity for people to see different goods that were available on the Prince of Wales Island. There is a new and growing awareness for growing our own food on the Island. This is reflected in the school programs. Many of the schools have now started their own green houses and have horticultural programs in the curriculum.

Beneficiaries:

The communities and the vendors have benefited from the Farmers Market. Vendors are making money, and communities are being visited more often. The Farmers Market has strengthened the relationship between the communities on Prince of Wales Island. Because of the groundswell of interest in the Farmers Markets people here are becoming more aware of composting, recycling and overall healthier eating habits.

Lessons Learned:

We would have filled out the application a little differently, to allow flexibility of spending funds. The way it was laid out for spending was too constricted on what could be purchased.

Additional Information:

We are very grateful to the USDA for helping fund out Farmers Market Program. We plan to continue holding Farmers Markets with Prince of Wales Communities for years to come.

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