

Gas Inc, dba Capt'n Joe's Gas



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City of Valdez Beautification Commission

Subject: 2026 Beautification Grant for Siding Replacement - Enhancing Community Aesthetics

Dear Beautification Commission,

We are writing to you today to request funding for the replacement of the existing siding on our business, Capt'n Joe's Gas, located at 131 E Pioneer Dr. We believe this project will significantly enhance the aesthetic appeal of our property and contribute positively to the overall visual landscape of our community.

Our current siding is faded and a bit dated. This not only detracts from the professional image we strive to project but also negatively impacts the surrounding neighborhood. We are located in a prominent area for tourism and understand the importance of maintaining a visually pleasing environment.

Replacing the siding with durable aluminum siding will provide several key benefits:

- **Improved Aesthetics:** The new siding will modernize the building's appearance, creating a more welcoming and attractive facade. This will enhance the curb appeal of our business and contribute to a more vibrant streetscape.
- **Increased Property Value:** A well-maintained exterior can positively influence the perceived value of surrounding properties, benefiting the entire community.
- **Community Pride:** By investing in the aesthetic improvement of our business, we demonstrate our commitment to the community and contribute to a sense of local pride.

- **Increased business traffic:** A more appealing storefront can bring more customers to our business, which will in turn bring more economic activity to the surrounding area.
- **Long-term Durability:** The new materials will offer improved weather resistance and longevity, reducing the need for frequent repairs and maintenance.

We have obtained a quote from Prism Design and Construction, a reputable contractor and have carefully selected materials that align with the architectural character of our neighborhood. We are committed to completing this project in a timely and professional manner.

We believe that this project aligns with the Beautification Commission's mission to build community, a sense of place and civic pride. By investing in the aesthetic enhancement of our business, we are investing in the overall well-being of our community.

We have included detailed project plans, cost estimates, and photographs of the current condition of our building in the accompanying application. We are confident that this project will provide a significant return on investment for our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to the opportunity to discuss our application further.

Sincerely,

Christine and Thomas Auble

Carrie and Gary Schliesing

Owners
Gas Inc.



Valdez Beautification Matching Grant Program 2026 Application

1. PROJECT LOCATION

Address to be improved: 131 E Pioneer Dr

Assessor Parcel ID Number(s): Gas Inc dba Capt'n Joe's Gas

Name of Business or Organization: _____

Is this property (check one): ☐ Tier One ☒ Tier Two

2. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Gas Inc

Address: 131 E Pioneer Dr

Mailing Address: PO Box 3129, Valdez AK 99686

Email Address: captainjoes@gasincak.com Phone: 907-835-2343

Do you: ☒ Own ☐ Rent (month to month) ☐ Lease

If leased, date of lease expiration: _____

Name of Property Owner(s): Thomas Auble and Gary Schliesing

Property Owner Email Address: captainjoes@gasincak.com

Property Owner Phone: 907-835-2343

3. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

Please attach the following to this application for consideration:

- Detailed written description of proposed work.
- Sketches or drawings of proposed improvements, including samples/photographs of paint colors or materials to be used (do not need to be professionally drawn, but are required for application consideration).
- Color “before” photographs of the area or areas to be improved (submitted electronically if possible).
- Bids for contracted work.
- Budget breakdown – including itemized list of costs associated with the project.
- A letter/narrative addressed to the Beautification Commission detailing how the proposed work adds to the aesthetics of your property and our community.

Applications missing any of the above items will not be considered.

4. ESTIMATED TIMELINE FOR PROJECT COMPLETION:

Fall 2026

5. ESTIMATED COSTS

TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST: \$ 85,000.00

TOTAL MATCHING GRANT REQUESTED: \$ 12,500.00

Depending on available funding for the grant program, awarded matching grants may be less than the full amount requested in this project application. Could and would you proceed with this project if you are awarded less than the full matching grant amount requested?

Circle one: ☒ YES ☐ NO

☐ Please explain. _____

By signing below, I confirm I have read and understand the requirements and process for the 2026 Beautification Matching Grant Program. The information submitted in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Property Owner Signature: Gary Schliessing Date: 03/13/2026

Applicant Signature: Gary Schliessing Date: 03/13/2026

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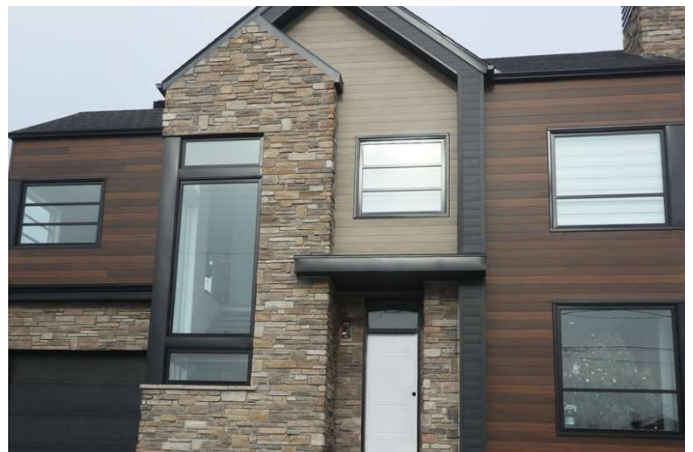
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We are still in the process of finalizing the color scheme and design, however, here are three distinct color palette options for our new siding project, each designed to bring a fresh and modern look to the building. We would absolutely submit the final design plans to the city for approval, before work began.

Option 1: Natural Warmth with Contemporary Edge

- Siding: A rich, **wood-colored** siding evokes a sense of natural warmth and classic appeal, providing a welcoming and grounded feel.
- Trim: **Dark grey** trim adds a sharp, contemporary edge, creating a defined contrast that highlights the building's architectural lines.
- Accents: **Cream/taupe** accents offer a soft, neutral counterpoint, providing subtle visual interest without overwhelming the overall design. This palette offers a balance of traditional and modern styles.



Option 2: Modern Coastal

- Upper Portion: **Dark grey** on the upper portion of the building creates a strong, anchoring effect, giving the structure a sense of solidity.
- Middle Portion: **Steel blue** for the middle section introduces a sophisticated, modern coastal vibe. This color is calming and adds a touch of visual depth.
- Trim: **Dark blue** trim provides a cohesive and refined finish. This monochromatic blue scheme is both stylish and timeless.



Option 3: Rustic Charm with Vibrant Accents

- Siding: Similar to option 1, a **wood-colored** siding brings a feeling of rustic charm and organic beauty.
- Trim: **Dark grey** trim again provides a clean, modern frame.
- Accents: Bold **orange** accents inject energy and playfulness, creating a focal point and adding a unique, contemporary twist. This palette is adventurous and eye-catching.



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Project: Siding Replacement and Aesthetic Enhancement

This project involves the complete removal of the existing siding on the building and the installation of new, textured aluminum metal siding, along with associated trim work and signage adjustments. The project is detailed in the following phases:

Phase 1: Mobilization and Site Preparation

- **Mobilization of Manpower and Equipment:**
 - The contractor will mobilize a qualified crew of siding installers and laborers to the site.
 - Necessary equipment, including but not limited to scaffolding, ladders, power tools (saws, drills, fastening tools), hand tools, and waste disposal containers, will be transported to the location.
 - Safety equipment, such as personal protective equipment (PPE) for all workers (helmets, eye protection, hearing protection, gloves, and fall protection if necessary), will be utilized.
 - A designated staging area for materials and equipment will be established on-site, minimizing disruption to business operations and customer access.

Phase 2: Removal of Existing Materials

- **Removal of Existing Building Signage:**
 - Any existing building signage will be carefully removed from the building façade.

- The signage will be removed in a manner that minimizes damage to the existing signage and the underlying wall structure.
- All fasteners, brackets, and other mounting hardware will be removed.
- Removed signage will be stored safely and securely on-site.
- **Removal and Disposal of Existing Siding:**
 - The existing siding material will be carefully removed from the building, starting from the top and working downwards.
 - Fasteners (nails, screws, etc.) will be removed using appropriate tools.
 - Care will be taken to avoid damage to the underlying building framing and sheathing.
 - All removed siding material and debris will be promptly and properly disposed of in accordance with local regulations and environmental standards.
 - Regular site cleanup will be conducted to maintain a safe and organized work environment.

Phase 3: Building Preparation and New Siding Installation

- **Prep the Building Framing for New Siding:**
 - Following the removal of the existing siding, the exposed building framing will be inspected for any damage, including rot, water damage, or structural issues.
 - Any necessary repairs to the framing or sheathing will be performed to ensure a solid and sound base for the new siding. This may include replacing damaged wood, reinforcing structural elements, or applying a water-resistant barrier.
- **Install New Textured Aluminum Metal Siding:**
 - The new textured aluminum metal siding will be installed according to the manufacturer's instructions and industry best practices.
 - The siding will be measured, cut, and fastened to the building framing using appropriate fasteners.

- Proper overlapping of siding panels will be ensured to prevent water penetration.
- Expansion and contraction joints will be incorporated as necessary to accommodate thermal movement of the metal siding.
- All siding will be installed plumb, level, and true, providing a professional and aesthetically pleasing appearance.

Phase 4: Finishing Touches and Signage Re-installation

- **Install Trim Around Soffits, Doors, Windows, and Service Entrances:**
 - New trim will be installed around all soffits, doors, windows, and service entrances.
 - The trim will be made of aluminum and will be color-matched to the new siding.
 - The trim will be installed to provide a clean, finished appearance and to seal against water intrusion.
 - Caulk will be applied as needed to create a weathertight seal between the trim, siding, and adjacent building elements.
- **Replace Building Signage:**
 - The previously removed building signage will be re-installed.
 - Signage will be securely mounted to the new siding, ensuring that the installation does not compromise the integrity of the siding.

Phase 5: Final Inspection and Cleanup

- A final inspection will be conducted to ensure that all work has been completed in accordance with the specifications.
- The entire work area will be thoroughly cleaned, and all debris, waste materials, and excess materials will be removed from the site.



Quote: 1232 / Date: 3/19/2025

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Project: **Captain Joes Siding**

Scope of Work

- Mobilize man power and equipment
- Remove existing building signage
- Remove and dispose of existing siding
- Prep framing
- Install new Aluminum Textured Metal Siding
- Replace building signs
- Install trim around soffits, doors, and windows
- Demobilize

General Requirements / Mobilization

Total Cost

\$10,121.16

Remove and Replace Existing Building Signage

Total Cost

\$3,499.20

Demo Existing Siding

Total Cost

\$15,532.80

Textured Aluminum Siding Material

Total Cost

\$29,095.20



Install Labor

Total Cost

\$22,572.00

Excluded (-)

1. Abatement of hazardous substances found during demolition of existing siding
2. Disposal of any hazardous materials
3. Repair of any existing damage discovered during demolition outside of necessary prep work
4. Moving / adding any new building signage
5. Any work outside of the scope outlined above

Notes

Summary

Subtotal \$80,820.36

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Accepted By

Date

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City of Valdez Beautification Commission

Dear Beautification Commission,

I am writing to re-submit our grant funding application for 2026. This proposal is identical to our 2025 submission, as project commencement was deferred due to pending zoning approvals.

We remain committed to completing this project and look forward to the opportunity to enhance our local community.

Sincerely,

Gary Schliesing

President, Gas Inc. dba Capt'n Joe's Gas



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