


MEMORANDUM

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DATE: January 25, 2011
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SUBJECT: State funding priorities

The following are state funding requests submitted by CBJ departments and enterprise operations for your review and approval. Our requests must be submitted to our legislative delegation by February 10th.

Juneau Police Department

1. Police Crisis Intervention Specialist – provide funding in support of the police crisis intervention specialist position. This position was created last year using federal grant money, and will run out of funding within the next eight months. This position is a ‘social worker’ that specializes in providing ongoing support and assistance to victims of crime. We have also requested federal funding to continue the position for two years. This request would fund the position for one year. \$125,000

Bartlett Regional Hospital

1. Child and Adolescent Mental Health Facility – provide partial funding for 12 inpatient beds that could provide mental health evaluation and treatment and 10-14 day detoxification for youth with chemical dependency problems. This is a \$20 million project. BRH is requesting \$10 million in supplemental funds to construct this new facility that would serve Juneau and Southeast Alaska. We have requested federal funding in the amount of \$2 million. \$2,000,000

Airport

1. Snow Removal Equipment Facility – provide partial funding for construction of phase I (snow removal equipment building and airport lighting controls) of a new maintenance/storage building. Supplemental funding in the amount of \$3.6 million is needed to complete phase I. We have requested federal funding in the amount of \$3.5 million. \$1,000,000

Harbors

1. Aurora Harbor – the floats in Aurora Harbor are old and require replacement. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$18 million. The Harbor Board has submitted a \$2 million grant request to

state DOT under the state harbor matching grant program. The grant, if awarded, will be matched with \$2 million of local harbor funds. If approved, Harbors could replace 'A' and 'B' floats, still leaving eleven floats to be replaced. \$2,000,000

2. Douglas Harbor – provide additional funding to fully complete the Douglas Harbor dredge and rebuild project. The harbor is in serious need of dredging and several of the floats are unsafe and in danger of sinking. The dredge material must be disposed of in a manner and location yet to be determined. The project already has \$6 million in available funding from a \$4 million harbor revenue bond and a \$2 million state harbor grant. An additional \$2 million is needed to complete the project. \$2,000,000
3. Dehart's Marina Float Replacement – the Harbor Board is in the process of undertaking a detailed condition survey of the existing Statter Harbor (Auke Bay) float system in order to determine how to extend its useful life. Many of the floats in the recently acquired Dehart's Marina are in need of replacement and/or repair. It is estimated that it will cost approximately \$7 million to replace the existing floats. \$2,000,000

Parks and Recreation Department

1. Centennial Hall Roof Replacement – replace the 25 year-old roof on Centennial Hall. In 2009 Jensen Yorba Lott conducted a roof condition assessment and determined the roof is in need of replacement. A new roof, if funded, would be constructed to significantly improve the energy efficiency and R-value of the facility. Estimated cost of the project is \$1,300,000

Public Works Department

1. Distin Avenue Reconstruction – Distin Avenue, W. 8th Street, and Indian Street are all adjacent to the Governor's residence. They are in a state of disrepair and require reconstruction to update public utilities, promote public safety and improve emergency service access around the Governor's residence. \$1,150,000

Juneau Affordable Housing Commission

1. Juneau Affordable Housing Fund – this funding would be added to \$400,000 the City and Borough of Juneau has already appropriated for the establishment of the Juneau Affordable Housing Fund. This fund is to be used to award grants and loans to eligible applicants, non-profit organizations, public housing authorities, and for-profit entities that support the creation and preservation of affordable housing in Juneau. The fund is not intended to be the primary funding source but rather a source of funding that can be used to 'leverage' other funds or serve as a final piece of financing that can make a project feasible. \$1,500,000

West Douglas Road Extension

Last year the City and Borough of Juneau received a \$1.5 million appropriation from the legislature for extension of the North Douglas Highway. The funds are currently administered by the state Department of Transportation whose regulations require that they adhere to very strict federal highway standards for road construction. As long as DOT is the state agency responsible for administering the funds, it seriously

impacts our ability to construct a preliminary 'pioneer road' that could be upgraded to federal highway standards in the future. The state DOT suggested that we seek a change from the legislature to reprogram the funds from state DOT to the state Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development as a direct grant to the City and Borough of Juneau.