# Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)

Grant Recipient: Northwest Arctic Borough

**Project Title:** 

Federal Tax ID: 92-0116661

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**Project Type:** Equipment and Materials

# Northwest Arctic Borough - Kobuk Heavy Equipment

## State Funding Requested: \$350,000

One-Time Need

#### Brief Project Description:

Funding will provide for the purchase of heavy equipment for the community of Kobuk.

#### **Funding Plan:**

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Total Project Cost:	\$350,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2014 State Funding Request:	(\$350,000)
Project Deficit:	\$0
Funding Details:	
There is none.	

#### **Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The community of Kobuk is in need of new heavy equipment. The existing heavy equipment is old and requires frequent repairs and maintenance. New equipment is sought to mitigate the cost of continuous and costly repairs on it. The equipment is used in the community to assist with many activities that benefit the residents from the maintenance of roads, snow removal, water and sewer system repair and maintenance, hauling solid waste to the landfill, dump maintenance, and on other capital improvement projects within the community. The heavy equipment helps the community take care of its basic needs without assistance from others. Additionally, in remote areas of the state it is important to keep access to airports and roads open year round since this is often the only access to medical care and emergency relief when it is needed. Emergency relief can include flying in fuel or food in a crisis. The existing equipment has been used beyond its useful life and is costly to maintain.

#### **Project Timeline:**

The equipment will be purchased and shipped to the community in the summer of 2013.

#### Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Community of Kobuk

For use by Co-chair Staff Only: \$350,000 \$250,000
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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? X Yes No

For use by Co-chair Staff Only:

City of Kobuk

## **City of Kobuk**

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## **Resolution 2011-11**

WHEREAS, the Kobuk City Council is the governing body of the City of Kobuk, and

WHEREAS, the Kobuk City Council wishes to improve the quality of life for the residents of Kobuk;

WHEREAS, the Kobuk City Council wishes to protect the infrastructure of the City of Kahak; and

WHEREAS, the Kobuk City Council wishes to sustain its ability to maintain services that the City of

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kobuk City Council endorses the following priority list of needed capital projects in order of importance:

1. Heavy Equipment: The City needs new heavy equipment: a new dozer, loader and end dumps to work on community priority projects that include water and sewer projects, new school addition/renovation, construction, solid waste landfill, and road maintenance, including the opening of the evacuation road to Dahl Creek each spring during the river break-up. (estimated cost for this project is \$1,000,000; broken out as follows: differ: \$350K, loader: \$350K and end dumps: \$300K)

2. Streetlights for new Subdivision: Overall community objective is to create and improve communication and public safety systems for the betterment of the community health, safety

- and wellness. Over-crowding in existing home and older homes that were deteriorating created a need for a new sub-division was created; however, the infrastructure, specifically, new street lights did not get installed with the new sub-division, which did not fall under Alaska Village Electric cooperative (AVEC). The new street lights are needed for resident safety reasons. (estimated cost for this project is \$150,000)
- 3. Multi-Purpose Community Building: Overall community objective is to improve housing and infrastructure, such as a Multi-Purpose building for accommodating community growth while maximizing efficiency and lowering operating and maintenance costs. A Multi-Purpose Community Building would create a central meeting place with a large conference room, youth center, cooking house for Search and Rescue and other events, City/IRA Office space, VPSO office, post office, casket room and an location for community festivals. (estimated cost for this project is \$100,000)

PASSED AND ADOPTED as a duly constituted quorum of the Kobuk City Council of Kobuk, Alaska, day of December, 2011.

July 2012 7/10/12 Council Member

Date

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