

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: North Pole****Federal Tax ID: 92-6001585****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

North Pole - Ambulance

State Funding Requested: \$125,000**House District: Fairbanks Areawide (1-5)**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

A grant award to the North Pole Fire Department would help ensure a timely EMS response and provide for the safety of our responders and citizens

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$160,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$35,000)
FY2014 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$125,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

\$35,000 is through a code blue grant available until the end of 2013.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The North Pole Fire Department is the third busiest ambulance provider in Interior Alaska and provides the only ambulance service to an area incorporating the City of North Pole and the North Star Volunteer Fire Service Area; it provides secondary service as a mutual aid response elsewhere in the Fairbanks North Star Borough. The City is applying for funding to purchase a 2012 or newer type one 4x4 ambulance. The new ambulance will meet current standards and address firefighter and patient safety. We have estimated the base cost of the new ambulance at \$160,000, which is based on information from ambulance manufacturers and from a recent delivery to the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

Our current first out ambulance is a 2006 and has 99,000 miles on it. Our back up ambulance is a 2002 that has over 100,000 miles on it, and our reserve ambulance is a 1993. Our high mileage and long service life requires the need for a replacement ambulance. With the purchase of the new ambulance it is the intent of the North Pole Fire Department to move the 2006 ambulance to second out status and place the 2002 ambulance in reserve status. The reserve ambulance is brought online anytime one of the front line ambulances is down for repairs.

Project Timeline:

As soon as funds become available

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

City Of North Pole

**\$125,000
Approved**

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Title:	Mayor
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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No

RESOLUTION 2012-20

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING 2013 CAPITAL PROJECT PRIORITIES FOR THE CITY OF NORTH POLE

WHEREAS, the City of North Pole seeks to provide its residents with a quality level of service and has levied property and sales tax to cover the cost of most city services, but with a small residential base is not able to keep up with the entire costs of maintaining an aging infrastructure without grant assistance; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Pole desires to receive funding from the State of Alaska and the Federal Government for local capital projects designated as the most urgent; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 12-18 established the priority Utility project request for calendar year 2013 as the North Pole Waste Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project and this Resolution establishes other Departmental priority and Community projects as follows:

PUBLIC WORKS

Pedestrian Path Connection Project: The Public Works Department seeks state support to help develop an interconnected network of pedestrian paths throughout the City.

Cost: \$1 million for design and construction.

Brief Description and Justification: The City has made a \$52,896 matching contribution to the FMATS pedestrian path connection project scheduled to go to construction in the City in 2013. The City is requesting funding for the next phase of pedestrian path connects. The City is requesting funding to connect the pedestrian path that terminates at the intersection of the Old Richardson Highway and Homestead Road with the pedestrian path on the recently constructed extension of Homestead Road. The City will construct the pedestrian path to provide an uninterrupted pedestrian path to the North Pole High School and to the North Pole Library that is to be constructed at the intersection of North Pole High School Boulevard and Homestead Road. To expedite construction of the pedestrian path, the North Pole Public Works Department will work cooperatively with the Fairbanks Public Works Department to perform the environmental assessment and project design.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Priority #1 = New roof for police station

Cost: \$150,000, estimated

Brief Description and Justification: The police department roof cover has been repaired extensively but has not been replaced since the building was built in the 1980's. The condition of the roofing material is poor and we are experiencing some leaks. The cost of replacing the roofing material is substantial; much of this is due to the antenna system mounted on the roof. This antenna must be removed in order to properly fix and repair the roofing material. The city's communication system is housed in the police department and it is vital that we keep this equipment dry.

Priority #2 = Redesign and installation of a heating and cooling system for the police station.

Cost: \$75,000, estimated

Brief Description and Justification: The police department is currently housed in the old City Hall building and this building has inadequate heating and cooling. In the winter the rooms inside the building get to hot. This is due to heating controls being in the wrong locations. The police department personnel experience very hot conditions requiring windows to be open at -20 degrees and colder. This is an inefficient practice and wastes energy. In many of the rooms there is no cooling. During the summer months the rooms are unbearable. Portable air-conditioning units have been placed in several rooms in order to make working conditions tolerable.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Priority #1: Grant request for Type One 4x4 ambulance: A grant award to the North Pole Fire Department would help ensure a timely EMS response and provide for the safety of our responders and citizens

Cost: \$160,000

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Priority #2: Grant request for 100 foot Aerial Platform

Cost: \$980,000.00, estimated

Brief Description and Justification: North Pole Fire Department is applying for funding to purchase a 100-foot aerial platform to replace a 1983 75-foot Tele-squirt. The new apparatus will meet the requirements of NFPA 1901 Annex D, which addresses firefighter capabilities and safety, and adds emphasis to required firefighter safety and operating capabilities of the apparatus. The current aerial that will be replaced does not meet the NFPA requirements and is well beyond its 20-year service life. This purchase would provide a safe, functional, and cost-efficient apparatus.

North Pole Fire Department maintains the only aerial apparatus covering the eastern portion of the Fairbanks North Star Borough covering over 120 square miles. The nearest mutual aid aerial are located 15 to 20 miles away which could lead to serious delays for fire and rescue operations. North Pole is home to two oil refineries and three electric power generation facilities that provide electrical power to the Interior of Alaska, as well as the bulk of the area's schools, commercial occupancies, and apartment complexes. Daily operational needs for responding to fire and rescue operations at these target hazards clearly show the need for a dependable aerial device. The new platform will replace the only aerial apparatus on the east side of the Fairbanks North Star Borough, catering to approximately 35,000 citizens, protected by three departments. This aerial responds as a part of the mutual aid agreement to Eielson Air Force Base which has no aerial device within its department. Within the gates of the Air Force Base are many four story or larger buildings and aircraft hangers, as well as a tank farm holding the aviation fuel for their aircraft. The new platform will be available for all participants when needed, which will increase the interoperability between departments.

CITY CLERK

City Administration Archival System:

Cost: approximately \$150,000.

Brief Description and Justification: The City has invested \$50,000.00 in basic archival equipment, phase one. The second phase of this project is to acquire the electronic equipment and scanners, supplies, and training necessary to implement a document archival system. This system will enable city administration personnel, under the guidance and direction of the City Clerk, to develop an efficient, compliant archival system and secure records in the event of a disaster, as well as expedite retrieval of archived documents.

COMMUNITY

Priority #1: Support Request by North Pole Economic Development Corp (NPEDC) for State Assistance to fund International Federation of Sleddog Sports (IFSS) World Championships to be held in North Pole February 26 – March 3, 2012

Request: \$200,000.00

Brief Description and Justification: The IFSS is a federation of national sled dog sports associations and other national or international organizations contributing to sled dog sports on an educational, scientific, or technical level. One of the IFSS objectives is to gain Olympic recognition of sleddog sports. Our event will bring in mushers and skijorers from throughout the world. The last event was held in Norway, two years ago and prior to that in Daquam, Quebec four years ago. The IFSS World Championship alternates between North America and Europe every two years.

To put on this World Championship, in proper form, North Pole Economic Development Corporation has made a commitment to raise \$400,000.00. We are raising \$200,000.00 from the business and public sectors from across the state and request a 50% match from the state of Alaska. The World Championship will begin a series of 24 events to be held in North Pole, Fairbanks, and Salcha, during February and March 2013, and facilitate the entry of international sled dog mushers in other events throughout the State. The associated economic impact to the affected communities will be significant.

Priority #2: Support Request by the Arctic Winter Games 2014 Host Society for State Assistance:

The Fairbanks 2014 Arctic Winter Games Host Society requests that Governor Sean Parnell include \$1 million in the FY2014 budget for the planning and implementation of the Arctic Winter Games which will be held in Fairbanks on March 15-22, 2014.

Request: \$1,000,000.00

Brief Description and Justification: In February 2011, Fairbanks was awarded the bid to host the 2014 Arctic Winter Games by the Arctic Winter Games International Committee. Since that time, the Host Society has received \$1.5 million in state funding (\$1 million in FY2012 and \$500K in FY2013). The Fairbanks AWG Host Society requests an additional \$1 million in FY2014 to adequately fund their overall budget. The total estimated budget is \$6,504,852.00; the balance is being raised by municipal and non-government grants, cash donations and sponsorships, admissions and sales, and other fundraising.

The funding will be used to continue the work of planning the Games; to hire additional personnel in the 6 months preceding the Games, establish our Volunteer Program, implement our marketing plan, acquire the necessary IT equipment and software and to maintain current administrative expenses.

Since January 2012, when a Sponsorship Manager was hired, the 2014 AWG Host Society has made significant progress in raising funds from the state's corporate community and individual donors, and believes that our goals for cash and in-kind donations, as shown on the attached overall budget, from these sectors are achievable. Nevertheless, it is a heavy lift in the current economic climate so we do not expect to surpass these goals, making our request for additional state funding critical to our overall success. The associated economic impact to the Fairbanks / North Pole areas will be significant.

Priority #3: Support Request by the North Pole Economic Development Corporation (NPEDC) for Funding Improvements at the Corner of Fifth Ave. and St. Nicholas Drive within ADOT&PF Right-of-Way.

Cost: \$100,000.00

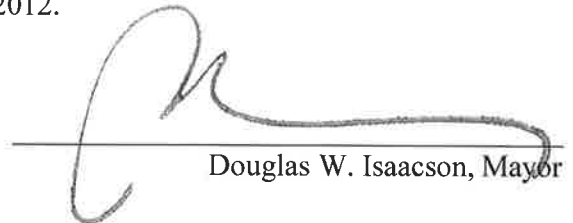
Brief Description and Justification: The City of North Pole has embarked on a multi-year landscape and beautification improvement effort and has identified the area between St. Nicholas Drive and the Richardson Highway along Fifth Avenue as being a major focal point and gateway to our community that would be greatly enhanced with landscape improvements. The area was recently changed by the State of Alaska to accommodate the highway improvements required as part of the Dawson Road Interchange Project with no beautification enhancements being completed. The City of North Pole and NPEDC have completed several phases of major improvement projects at Santa Claus Lane and the Richardson Highway. NPEDC, with a permit from ADOT&PF Northern Region, has completed a professional design for the landscape improvements at the corner of Fifth Ave and St. Nicholas Drive. Projected total cost of the improvements is \$200,000.00, the balance coming from private donations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Pole City Council endorses and requests consideration by the Governor and the Alaska State Legislature for the projects herein.

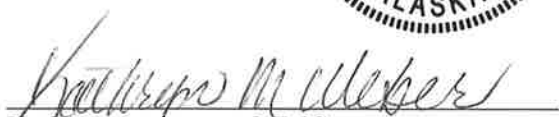
PASSED AND APPROVED BY A DULY CONSTITUTED QUORUM OF THE NORTH POLE CITY COUNCIL this 17th day of September, 2012.

ATTEST:





Douglas W. Isaacson, Mayor



Kathryn M. Weber, MMC
North Pole City Clerk