

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Sitka****Federal Tax ID: 92-0041163****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

Sitka - Commercial Passenger Visitor Facilities Improvements

State Funding Requested: \$4,410,000**House District: 34 / Q**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Complete capital projects to enhance commercial passenger vessel services, enhance passenger safety, and support cruise ship visitor activities.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$14,640,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$10,230,000)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$4,410,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

\$10,230,000 received from Legislative Capital Projects in Fy 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The City and Borough of Sitka requests \$4,410,000 funding from the State of Alaska to complete capital projects to enhance commercial passenger vessel services, enhance passenger safety, and support cruise ship visitor activities. In the past, Sitka has received up to 280,000 cruise ship visitors annually and needs to upgrade its municipal facilities. CBS appreciates the \$8,200,000 from the State Commercial Passenger Vessel Tax Account to rehabilitate the interior and exterior of Centennial Hall received in FY 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013. This Hall is Sitka's primary public facility for cruise ship visitors and functions both as a gateway and hub to downtown as visitors disembark from lightering boats and access buses. Centennial Hall is also the designated emergency shelter for cruise ship passengers.

FY 2015 Project: Centennial Hall Visitor Facilities Expansion

This \$4,410,000 funding is requested to construct additional building support facilities for cruise ship passengers within Centennial Hall. The project development for the upgrades to Centennial Hall project have continued to move forward with preliminary design of the project floor plan. However the needs list developed at the beginning of the design effort have identified unmet needs for support space for the cruise ship passengers. The needs identified have a budget range of \$14.6 million to \$15.2 million. The available funding for the project is \$10,230,000 which has led the design effort to phase the project into two phases. The first phase will address all of the needs within the existing building and add some additional area for cruise ship passenger lobby, visitor desk, and the first phase of the Museum.

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Museum. The Museum applied for the Foraker Group Pre-Development Program which was funded by Rasmuson Foundation and completed in 2011. The final Foraker Report recommended a 5,800 square foot museum for the model to be a sustainable size.

The Museum has enjoyed a 47-year partnership with the City and the present space the Museum occupies in the building is 2,150 square foot with extremely limited exhibit area. The Museum's collection is stored at three separate locations none of which have appropriate temperature controls. The Museum is a heavily visited attraction by the cruise ship visitors as it provides a history and cultural experience to the visitors as they tour Sitka. The Sitka Historical Society museum is the only museum in Sitka to focus specifically on Sitka's unique history, especially as it tells the stories of the early interactions between the Russians and local Tlingit Natives and the transfer of Alaska to the U.S.

Completion of Phase 2 of the project will:

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Support community history and art programs and be a safe repository for the community's archives and collections.

Facilitate the maximizing of revenue for sustainability. As part of Centennial Hall, this new Museum will provide Sitka with an attractive, durable, and long-lived community asset.

Project Timeline:

Centennial Hall Upgrades: Design summer 2012; Construction fall 2013 through spring 2014. Seawalk and Parking lot Upgrades: Design and permitting FY'12; Construction FY'13 and FY'14.

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

City and Borough of Sitka

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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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

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FY 2015 CBS LEGISLATIVE CAPITAL PROJECT REQUEST

Project Title: COMMERCIAL PASSENGER VESSEL VISITOR FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

Estimated Total Project Cost:	\$ 14,640,000 (100%)
Total State Funding Received:	\$ 10,230,000 (70%)
FY 2015 State Funding Request:	\$ 4,410,000 (30%)
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Feet



LINCOLN STREET

HARBOR PARKING AREA

BUSINESS DISTRICT

CENTENNIAL HALL PARKING AREA

HARBOR WAY

COMMERCIAL PASSENGER LIGHTERING DOCK

CENTENNIAL HALL

COMMERCIAL PASSENGER VISITOR FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS EXISTING CONDITIONS

2012 CBS LEGISLATIVE CAPITAL PROJECT REQUEST



City and Borough of Sitka

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TOTAL PARKING: 229
(INCLUDING BUS ZONES)

SITE STUDY
CENTENNIAL PARKING AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS
FOR THE
CITY OF SITKA

SHEET TITLE:
SITE PLAN OPTION

DATE: NOV 21, 2011
SCALE: 1/32" = 1'-0"
DRAWN:
CHECKED:

SHEET NO.
C7

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Sponsor: Administrator

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-14

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA
SUBMITTING CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA 2015 STATE LEGISLATIVE
PRIORITIES TO STATE OF ALASKA AND 2014 LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka advocates cooperating and sharing resources with the State of Alaska to maximize public infrastructure and services for the citizens of Alaska in the most efficient, cost effective manner; and

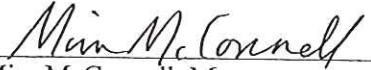
WHEREAS, municipalities have suffered unfunded mandates and budget impacts from State management of the PERS/TRS system, inadequate maintenance of State harbors, State roads and utilities, and other State responsibilities which should be compensated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, adopts the following FY 2015 State Legislative Priorities and urges the Alaska State Legislature to support them to the maximum extent possible:


- **State Revenue Sharing/Local Tax Relief** – The City and Borough of Sitka supports the State Revenue Sharing on a sustainable basis to equitably compensate Alaska communities for providing local services.
- **Education** – State funding should be increased to cover escalating transportation expenses, the rising costs of fuel and energy, and reasonable new costs to improve the quality of education.
- **Local Control and Maximum Local Self-Government Guaranteed by the Alaska Constitution** – The Legislature should defeat any legislation that creates new unfunded mandates or takes away existing powers of local governments. The State should fund existing unfunded State mandates.
- **Deferred Maintenance of Harbors** – The State should fully fund the deferred maintenance of State harbors transferred to local governments. In addition, the State should fully fund the 50 percent matching grants legislated by the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Fund to assist with harbor upgrades.
- **DEC Municipal Matching Grants** – The State is requested to fully fund the Department of Environmental Conservation Municipal Matching Grants Program. This 50/50 percent matching grants program permits greatly needed utility upgrades through partnerships between the State of Alaska and local communities that benefit the entire State.

NOW FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly submits the enclosed FY 2015 City and Borough of Sitka Legislative Capital Project Requests and Requests for State Funding for State Facilities in priority order to the 2014 Session of the Alaska State Legislature and State of Alaska.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, on this 10th day of September, 2013.


Mim McConnell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Colleen Ingman, MMC
Municipal Clerk