2014 Legislature

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)

Grant Recipient: King Cove

Project Title:

Federal Tax ID: 92-6001247

House District: 37 / S

Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition

King Cove - Landfill Expansion and Upgrade Project

State Funding Requested: \$625,000

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

The City is on the verge of a municipal landfill crisis. Our current landfill has less than 5 years of remaining space for the conventional manner in which municipal waste is placed in large waste cells and covered with fill material.

Funding Plan:Total Project Cost:\$1,800,000Funding Already Secured:(\$1,175,000)FY2015 State Funding Request:(\$625,000)Project Deficit:\$0Funding Details:\$0

Phase 1 funding of \$1,175,000 is available from a FY13 State appropriation of \$575,000; \$100,000 appropriation from the City's solid waste special revenue fund, and \$500,000 in debt from ADEC's Municipal Loan Program. Our proposed project funding scenario is a 2/3 (State) to 1/3 (local) match. King Cove is designated as a village safe water community, and is eligible for an 85% (state) to 15% (local) match ratio. However, the City wishes to be proactive in proposing this match ratio.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The City must reduce its waste stream by 80-85% with incineration. In the past twelve months the City has completed a solid waste/landfill study, which has identified the most practical and cost effective means of incineration and developed engineering recommendations for closing out a portion of the current site and proposed recommendations for the requirements and suitability of purchasing an adjacent 5-acre parcel t be used as an ash disposal site.

This project must be completed now in order to avoid a multi-million dollar project to develop a completely new landfill in a community, which has a very limited land base due to topographic constraints. This project will resolve this situation by accomplishing the following tasks: 1) purchasing an incinerator; 2) building a structure adjacent to the incinerator to store/dry, sort and load the incinerator;3) complete a closure plan for a portion of the existing landfill area that has now been fully utilized; 4) purchase an adjacent 5-acre parcel for ash disposal; and 5) purchase recommended equipment to efficiently and effectively operate the incinerator and landfill.

After many years of submitting ADEC Municipal Matching grant requests it has become clear that the scoring criteria for this program does not work well for municipal landfill projects. Also, the City has advocated that the community's well-documented bear problem should help this project score relatively high as a health/safety problem, and consequently, reach the competitive funding range. However, this assumption has has also not proven to be a realistic perspective, so the City has determined it is most prudent to pursue this funding as a Legislative grant, but with the awareness and support of the Administration.

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Project Timeline:

Order Incinerator	October 2014	
Construct Building & Incinerator	Pad Fall 2014	
Incinerator Arrives/Installation	Spring 2015	
Incinerator Operations Begin	Summer 2015	
Landfill Closure Tasks	Summer 2015	

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

City of King Cove

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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

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