

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Project Title:****Project Type: Maintenance and Repairs**

Anchorage - Anchorage Golf Course Improvements

State Funding Requested: \$2,500,000**House District: Anchorage Areawide (17-32)**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Anchorage Golf Course was built as part of the Project 80's capital improvements as a public 18-hole course.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$5,500,000***There is no other funding needed***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Anchorage Golf Course was built as part of the Project 80's capital improvements as a public 18-hole course. First opening in 1987, several infrastructure systems are beginning to show age and wear. As a public course, limited revenues due to a shorten season prevent the growth of funds to accommodate large scale improvements to this course. According to the American Society of Golf Course Architects, component life spans of golf course parts vary depending upon location of the course, quality of materials, original installation and past maintenance practices.

While the Anchorage Golf Course had been able to maintain some areas of the course such as bunker sand, mulch, grasses and the cart paths, some of the longer life items require a more substantial outlay. Average life spans of greens are 15 to 30 years, irrigation systems - 10 to 30 years, practice range tees - 5 to 10 years, tees - 15 to 20 years and drainage pipes - 5 to 30 years (depending on location and type).

Major issues facing the operation of the golf course facility are 1) the short season, 2) pace-of-play, 3) escalating costs, 4) greens severity, 5) greens quality, 6) drainage, 7) practice area limitations, 8) safety and 9) group accommodations.

Project Timeline:

FY09

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

Municipality of Anchorage

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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