

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)

Grant Recipient: Seward

Project Title:

Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition

Seward - Community Library

State Funding Requested: \$4,700,000
One-Time Need

House District: 35 / R

Brief Project Description:

Seward Community Library/ Museum Facility

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$10,000,000

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Local Funds	\$1,010,000	2010	\$4,000,000	2011		
Other Funds	\$70,000	2009				
Total	\$1,080,000		\$4,000,000			

Explanation of Other Funds:

The Foraker Group provided \$70,000 to assist management of the project and fund raising effort. Local contributions, grants, private donors and a city general obligation bond will complete the 100% match of \$5 million to complete the library/museum project.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

A new facility to house a shared museum and library program for Seward is being proposed, offering an opportunity to re-focus and strengthen Seward's museum and library services to the community and to the visiting public. The community of Seward is pursuing an exciting vision for a new museum and library facility. This new building will offer the opportunity for a more successful museum operation, with shared library and museum programming and services. The Foraker Group Pre-Development program is assisting in planning to insure that the new facility and operation are well-tailored to the community, and provide a sound basis for a long-term successful program.

Seward is fortunate to have the advantage of other communities' experience. The McDowell Group researched Alaska Libraries and Museums: A Review in July 2007, comparing several newer museum and library facilities on the Kenai Peninsula, Prince William Sound, Kodiak, and Southeast. The McDowell Group, with Ann Myren and Cecily Stern, also researched and wrote a Seward Library Museum Feasibility Analysis in 2007.

Specific planning activities have included library programming by Myren and Stern. They facilitated strategic planning sessions with library staff, Seward Library Association, and Resurrection Bay Historical Society members. MRV Architects produced the concept architectural design of the new facility. This work includes the estimation of facility operating costs.

Alaska Cultural Resources was hired in July, 2008 to provide a similar focus on the museum program and operations, and to make recommendations for implementation. Seward workshops included informal meetings with staff in April, and a workshop in Seward this July with library and museum staff and volunteers.

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\$4,700,000
Approved

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The City of Seward will have 35% design completed by ECI/Hyer in February 2010. RISE Alaska's Kent Crandall was hired as the project manager. These two activities have been funded with \$200,000 cash from donations received to date for the project. The Seward Community Library Museum Building Committee estimates \$1m has been donated in both cash and in-kind for the project.

Project Timeline:

The Seward Library/Museum facility is currently at 35% design completion by HCI/Hyer Architects. The request for proposal to select a construction firm will be released by the City of Seward by 1 March 2010. RISE, Inc. is serving as the construction management firm for the City. If the requested state funding is appropriated to the City, construction of the library/ museum will begin in FY 2011.

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

City of Seward

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Name: Phillip Oates
Address: 410 Adams Street
Seward, AK 99664
Phone Number: (907)224-4047
Email: poates@cityofseward.net

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

**CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 2009-102**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEWARD,
ALASKA, APPROVING THE CITY OF SEWARD'S CALENDAR YEAR
2010 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

WHEREAS, the City annually compiles a list of projects or issues that are identified as top state legislative priorities; and

WHEREAS, the list of projects is compiled and distributed to the Alaska Legislature in Juneau, the Kenai Peninsula Borough, and the City of Seward lobbyist; and

WHEREAS, this prioritized list validates the projects and greatly focuses the efforts of the administration in our lobbying efforts; and

WHEREAS, all the projects on this list are consistent with the City's Comprehensive and Strategic Plans; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 Federal Economic Stimulus bill may make funding available from federal and state agencies or departments to complete various projects on this list of state legislative priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA, that:

Section 1. This list of legislative projects is hereby declared to be the official legislative priority list for the City of Seward for the 2010 State legislative session:

1. STATE FUNDED PROJECTS WITH LOCAL MATCH

A. PUBLIC FACILITIES

- (1) \$5 million grant for building the \$10 million Seward Library and Museum (local contributions and a general obligation bond will provide a 100% match of \$5 million to complete the project)
- (2) \$2 million for constructing a 100' x 80' metal building to house emergency response equipment, and shelter supplies at the Fort Raymond Satellite Fire Station (the City will provide a \$500 thousand match to complete the project)
- (3) \$2 million for expanding the Providence Seward Hospital Medical Clinic, moving the CT scanner into the facility, increasing backup generator capacity, and improving space for primary health care (the City provides \$500 thousand annually for these improvements)

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B. PORT AND HARBOR

- (1) \$1 million for inner-harbor improvements to repair and replace the “D” Floats in the Seward Small Boat Harbor (the City will provide \$500 thousand to complete the project)
- (2) \$1.5 million for establishing mooring dolphins and dock improvements at the University of Alaska Fairbanks Seward Marine Center in Seward (the City will provide \$500 thousand to complete the project)
- (3) \$150 thousand for constructing an ADA Boardwalk on the South Harbor Uplands of the Seward Small Boat Harbor (the City will provide \$50 thousand to this project)

C. ELECTRIC

- (1) \$5 million for completing the standby generator complex for the Seward Electric Utility as a match for \$6 million in City revenue bond funding (this project includes erecting a new generator plant building—already under construction—and designing and constructing a warehouse complex; automating generator controls through a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system, and completing installation of 3 each 2.5 MW generators)
- (2) \$12 million for upgrading the transmission line to 115KV in Seward to reduce line loss while improving efficiency and reliability of power distribution (the City is providing \$6 million in revenue bond funding for improvements to the electric utility)
- (3) \$300 thousand for installing automatic electrical metering equipment to improve customer service, outage management, and load management (the City will provide a 100% match of \$300 thousand to complete the project)
- (4) \$85 thousand for establishing improvements to redundant capabilities for providing electrical power during emergencies, such as a tsunami, to the downtown and hospital area of Seward (the City will provide a 100% match of \$85 thousand for the project)

D. ROADS AND STREETS

- (1) \$750 thousand for improving and repairing streets, sidewalks, and roadway drainage (the City provided \$160 thousand in 2008 for these repairs)
- (2) \$250 thousand for paving and improving drainage in the northeast parking lot of the Seward Small Boat Harbor (the City has obtained a matching grant of approximately \$200 thousand for design and preparation of the area for paving)
- (3) \$35 million for purchasing and installing replacement Seward Highway Bridges for Ptarmigan Creek, Falls Creek, and Trail River

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2. ALASKA SEALIFE CENTER

- (1) \$450 thousand for refurbishing the saltwater intake system and relocating the freshwater pumping system at the Alaska SeaLife Center (these critical capital maintenance projects will help prevent closure of the facility and a catastrophic economic impact on Seward)
- (2) \$2.3 million for establishing an Anchorage SeaLife Center Learning Annex in partnership with the Port of Anchorage (operating costs will become the responsibility of the Alaska SeaLife Center)

3. CRUISE SHIP HEAD TAX

- (1) \$2 million for building a new water storage tank and distribution system that will establish the excess capacity that is necessary to provide water and improved fire protection to cruise ships (this funding will match approximately \$2.5 million from stimulus funding and low-interest loans)
- (2) \$3 million for constructing a security float system that will improve security and fire protection to cruise ships
- (3) \$300 thousand for relocating Seward's Coast Guard Building adjacent to the Cruise Ship Dock Area and improving security to cruise ships and their passengers
- (4) \$500 thousand for improving the cruise ship pedestrian corridor between the Alaska Railroad Terminal and Cruise Ship Terminal

4. STATE FUNDED PROJECTS

- (1) \$15 million in the DOT/PF Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program that will allow the City of Seward to obtain a \$1.465 million grant to complete construction of the "Z" Float by providing a match of \$1.465 million
- (2) \$155 thousand in the Department of Corrections Operating Budget to add an emergency wastewater bypass (with valving and piping for the bypass) that will keep the Spring Creek Correctional Facility sewage system operational in the event of a system failure
- (3) \$35.154 million funding for the Alaska Vocational Technical Center (AVTEC) capital projects and the \$1.4464 million increase in their operating budget for FY10
- (4) \$1.5 million for establishing storm water discharge infrastructure that includes a security fence around the city vessel storage area at the Seward Marine Industrial Center (SMIC)
- (5) \$5 million from the Railbelt inter-tie funds for upgrading transmission lines between Anchorage and Seward

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- (6) \$2 million for controlling coastal erosion that threatens the Lowell Point Road (this road provides the sole land access to critical public infrastructure, state and federal parks, and a residential housing area)
- (7) \$860 thousand for building a Handicapped Accessibility Fish Cleaning Station in the Northeast Launch Ramp Area of the Seward Small Boat Harbor
- (8) \$450 thousand for paving the road and parking lot on the South Seward Small Boat Harbor Uplands area
- (9) \$1.7 million for doubling the capacity of the ship lift (synchrolift) and improving dock capabilities at SMIC
- (10) \$4.5 million for completing sheet piling and adding moorage along the north side of the Seward Small Boat Harbor
- (11) \$60 thousand for studying the feasibility of a hydro electric plant to produce renewable energy in Seward
- (12) \$1 million for accomplishing levee maintenance and bed load removal in the Fourth of July Creek and providing protecting the Spring Creek State prison
- (13) \$100 thousand for improving City ADA accessibility
- (14) \$68 thousand for purchasing and installing Energy Efficiency Boiler replacements in City owned infrastructure

5. BENEFICIAL LEGISLATION

- (1) The highest priority for beneficial legislation is a State of Alaska General Obligation Bond that includes \$16 million for extending the SMIC basin breakwater that will improve ship moorage, loading, and repair operations
- (2) \$100 thousand for repairing and upgrading the Alutiiq Pride Shellfish Hatchery for developing shellfish aquaculture in Alaska
- (3) \$13.8 million for the Friends of the Jesse Lee Home for stabilization of the Jesse Lee Home for a leadership charter school
- (4) Regulations permitting the use of a guaranteed cruise ship head tax revenue stream for bonding of capital projects that benefit the cruise ship industry
- (5) Appropriation for upgrading Seward Highway (MP18-25.5) in the STIP
- (6) Authorization for upgrading Seward Highway (MP 25.5-36) in the STIP
- (7) Authorization for upgrading the Sterling Highway (MP 45-60) in the STIP
- (8) Construction of a highway exit off the Seward Highway in the vicinity of MP 6 for better and safer vehicle access to Camelot and Salmon Creek subdivisions
- (9) Support for continuing Medicaid programs and capital cost reimbursement at not less than current year funding levels

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- (10) State funding for accomplishing the objectives of the library assistance Bill
- (11) Return of service to Seward by the State Ferry Tustumena
- (12) Alternative Energy Programs that encourage and fund participation by the City and its electrical utility customers
- (13) A rebate program for citizen purchases of energy efficient appliances (in concert with disposal of old appliances) to reduce electric usage

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Seward, Alaska, this 26th day of October, 2010.

THE CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA


Willard E. Dunham, Mayor

AYES: Valdatta, Smith, Bardarson, Shafer, Keil, Dunham

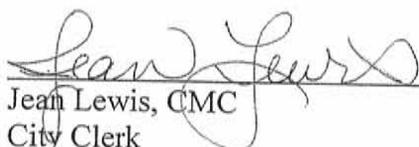
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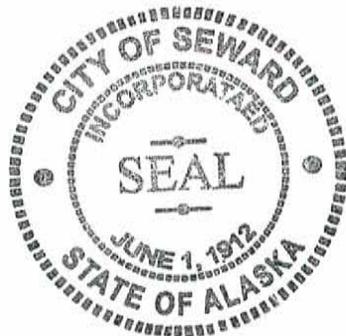
ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

VACANT: One

ATTEST:


Jean Lewis, CMC
City Clerk
(City Seal)





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February 12, 2010

Senator Bert Stedman
State Capitol Room 516
Juneau, AK 99801

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Dear Mr. Stedman:

The purpose of this letter is to represent Alaska Library Association (AKLA) support for priority ranking as prepared by statewide librarians for Public Library Construction and Major Expansion Matching Grant Funding.

Senate Bill 119 (Chapter 55 SLA 08) was signed into law on June 4, 2008. Section 2 of the bill (AS 14.56.355) established a public library construction and major expansion matching program. Many local libraries and communities worked to get the legislation passed and are currently working with the legislature to get the program funded. The passage of legislation that has become the Public Library Construction Grant Program (PLCGP) has encouraged many Alaskan communities to go forward with public library construction plans by raising local, federal and private foundation funds to match state funds. Many of these communities are poised to begin the grant application process.

However, the granting agency (DCCED) timeline for the first round of grants will not be completed in time for the FY2011 budget process. In order to mitigate delays to the potential of a grant cycle this year, librarians throughout the state compiled a matrix of all known public library projects. These projects are ranked based on today's commonly accepted criteria, listed below, set forth by private and public funding agencies. These criteria determine which projects are sustainable and ready for design and construction funding:

- Projects meet a documented need,
- Are consistent with strategic/community plans,
- Consider opportunities for collaboration,
- Have appropriate facility and site plans and realistic project budgets,
- Are financially sustainable,
- Will not negatively impact the sustainability of the proposing organization,
- Have a fully developed and vetted business plan,
- Have an architect on board and schematic design (35% design) complete.

Also factored in this ranking are critical time considerations for matching additional capital dollars. For example, some private and public funds are available to a particular project only within a certain window of time. The enclosed matrix represents the consensus of statewide public librarians on ranking of current library project readiness for state funding beginning 2010 and into the future.

This effort has the full support of the Alaska Library Association. We respectfully request that for this year grants be funded from the priority ranking in the matrix. Thank you very much for your support of Alaska's libraries.

Sincerely,

Mary Jo Joiner, President
907-283-4400

Statewide Public Library Construction Projects 2010 Status Updates/State Assistance Funding Requests

(Ver. 02.09.2010)

Community	Project Type	Cost	Completion Date	Site Ownership	Design Phase	Current Funding	State Assistance Funding Request	Timing of Need For State Funds
Cordova	New Multi-Use Facility to Include Library	\$19.7M	2011	Yes - City	Complete with Construction Docs	\$13.5M - City, Federal, State EVOS	\$2M	2010
Kenai	Expansion	\$5.3M	2011	Yes - City	Complete with Construction Docs	\$4.67M	\$1.5M	2010
Seward	New Co-located Facility Library/ Museum	\$10M	2012	Yes - City	Schematic - 35% by February 1, 2010	\$1M Donations / \$5M Approved G.O. Bond - 2011	\$5M	2010
Petersburg	New Facility	\$6.2M	2012	Yes - City	Schematic - 65%	\$620K - State Grant, Donations	\$3.25M	2010
Barrow	Expansion Consortium Library	\$7M	2011	Yes - Borough	Schematic - 35%	\$6M - Federal, Borough	\$1M	2010
Sutton	New Facility	\$3.3M	2012	Yes - Borough	Schematic - 35% by August	\$720K Borough, FOL*	\$1.65M	2010
Anchorage	Improvements	\$4.8M	2011	Yes - Current Location	Concept	\$1.25M Grant	\$1.75M	2011
Ketchikan	New Facility	\$12.5M	2013	TBD	Concept	\$700K - City, FOL*	\$5.57M	2011
Sitka	Expansion	\$15M	2014	Yes - City	Space Needs Study	\$100K Private Contribution	\$7.5M	2011
Fairbanks/ North Pole	New Facility	\$10.9M	2012	Yes - Borough	Concept	Portion of \$10M Trust + \$550K Earnings, Bond, Revenue Funds TBD	TBD	2011
Fairbanks/ Noel Wien	Expansion	\$16.75 M	2012	Yes - Current Location	Concept	Portion of \$10M Trust + \$550K Earnings, Bond, Revenue Funds TBD	TBD	2011
Kodiak	New Facility	\$15M	2014	In Progress	Space Needs Study	Identification of Funding Opportunities in Progress	TBD	2011
Wasilla	New Facility	\$14M	2014	Yes - City	Concept	\$40K - FOL*	TBD	2012
The following Public Libraries are in early stages of planning and identifying funding opportunities. Further information will be provided as these projects evolve.								
Palmer	Expansion	TBD	TBD	Yes	Concept	Identification of Funding Opportunities in Progress	\$3M	TBD
Nome	New Co-located Facility	TBD	TBD	Yes - UAF	Concept	Identification of Funding Opportunities in Progress	TBD	TBD
Soldotna	Expansion	\$5.5M	2020	Yes - City, FOL*	Concept	Initiating Building Fund Campaign	TBD	TBD
Craig	Expansion	TBD	TBD	Yes - City	Concept in Progress	Identification of Funding Opportunities in Progress	TBD	TBD
Skagway	Expansion & Renovation	TBD	TBD	Yes - City	Concept in Progress	Initiating Building Fund Campaign	TBD	TBD
Juneau Mendenhall	New Facility	TBD	TBD	Yes - City	Space Needs Study	Identification of Funding Opportunities in Progress	TBD	TBD
Juneau Public Library	Improvements	TBD	TBD	Yes - City	Coordination w/ Engineers	Identification of Funding Opportunities in Progress	TBD	TBD
Anchor Point	New Facility	\$700K	TBD	Yes - Donation	Preliminary Ideas	Identification of Funding Opportunities in Progress	TBD	TBD

SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF STATEWIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

2010 STATUS UPDATES/STATE ASSISTANCE FUNDING REQUESTS

This matrix represents the collaborative initiative of statewide library directors, Friends of the Library Associations and volunteers formed as library steering committees leading and supporting new construction and/or renovation of public libraries in their communities. The intent of this ongoing effort is to continue to provide a comprehensive statewide view of all known public library construction and/or renovation projects highlighting each project's current status toward meeting today's commonly accepted criteria for applications to funding agencies for design and construction funds.

The methodology for this effort is based on in-depth research and review of current capital funding criteria set by public and private funders, and the sharing and monitoring of actual grantor responses to capital funding requests in these current economic times. In addition to long-standing capital funding criteria requiring projects to substantiate solid business plans, well developed project scope, budget and schedules, and strong local, state and private funding support – completing 35% design (schematic design phase) is now an additional criterion that funders are requiring to measure project credibility before approving capital funding.

With consensus of all stakeholders involved in this effort, meeting this latest criterion became the basis for the sequence of this list of known statewide library projects. Projects appear in order of most advanced design phase completed and/or in process. Also factored in the order of the list are critical time considerations for leveraging additional capital dollars. (For example, some private and public funds are available to a particular project only within a certain window of time.)

This matrix is a dynamic document incorporating new library projects when identified and status updates as each project advances. An effort to find all pending public library construction and major expansion projects has been made. To report new or additional projects and to obtain a list and contact information for statewide librarians participating in this effort contact Patty Linville at pllinville@cityofseward.net or 907-224-4082.

The following links are offered for your reference:

AS Statute Reference: AS 14.56.355, 356 enacted into law September 2, 2008

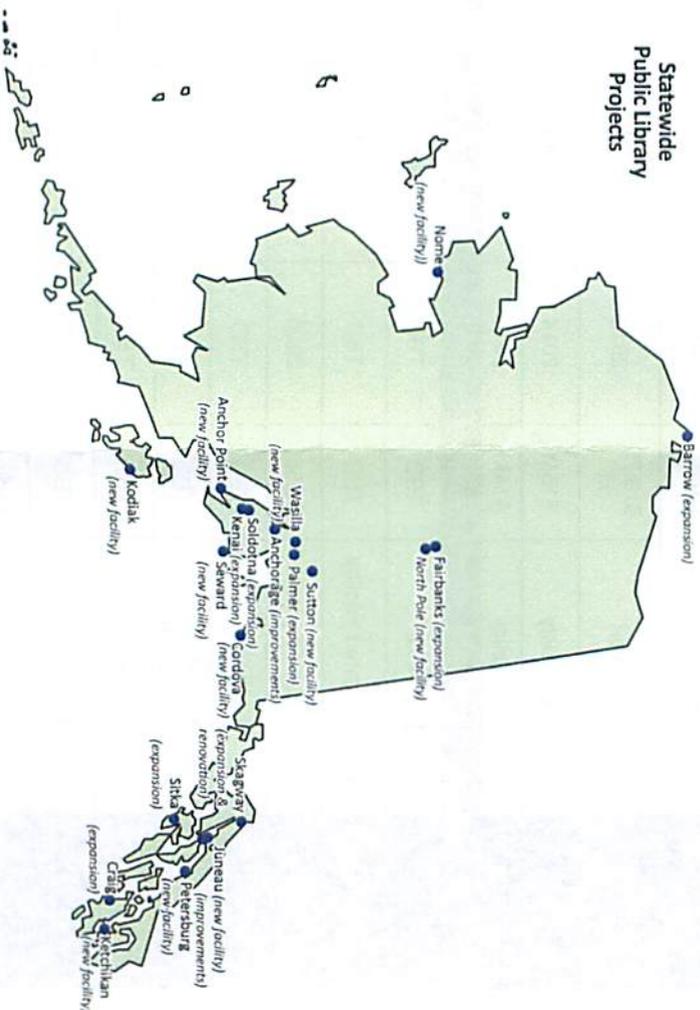
Enacted Library Construction Regulations and Major Expansion

Matching Grant Program

Multiple Library Projects have received the support of the Foraker

Group Pre-Development Program

Contact: Chris Kowalczewski at ckowalczewski@forakergroup.org or 907-743-1200



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The Honorable Sean Parnell
Governor of the State of Alaska
Third Floor, State Capitol
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Parnell,

The community of Seward has been working to build a new library museum since 2003. The City of Seward and the Seward Community Library Museum Building Committee with donations of close to \$1.2m have purchased a site, brought the project to schematic design and successfully passed a local bond initiative to use as leverage for additional funding.

Seward, along with Cordova, Kenai, Sutton, Petersburg and Barrow are nearing the point of beginning construction. These same communities, with the support of other Alaskan public libraries, were actively involved in getting the Public Library Construction and Major Expansion (AS 14.56.355) passed into law in 2008. The Legislature has included funding for the grant program in the 2011 Capital Budget to fund the first round of applicants, thus preventing these first six projects from faltering on their paths to completion.

This letter is a request that the funding for these six library construction projects remain in the 2011 Capital Budget as Grants to Municipalities (SB230 pg. 108-109). As evident in each of the six applications submitted for grant funding these projects have been vetted by their communities, meet the grant regulations and are ready to be funded. Additionally, the jobs created for the duration of the construction of these projects, will insure an equitable dissemination of funds throughout the state.

Seward is appreciative of all Alaskan legislators, community officials and volunteers who have worked to get the public library construction funding in place. Allowing the funding for the Public Library Construction and Major Expansion Grant to remain in the 2011 Capital Budget will insure completion of these important community projects for our state.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Phillip E. Oates, DBA
City Manager

Willard Dunham
Mayor

Letters of Support



*"Changing with the tides in harmony with
our people, land and heritage."*

April 2, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express Qutekcak Native Tribe's support for the Seward Community Library and Museum Building.

Over the years, Qutekcak Native Tribe and the Seward Community Library have collaborated in several ways. One important venture was to establish a collection of Native American literature including 209 items. This collection provides Native Alaskan resources depicting subsistence, living skills, ancestral dances, ceremonies and history for the entire community enjoy.

As well, the Qutekcak Native Tribe is currently collaborating with the Seward Museum to develop a curriculum to revitalize Qutekcak's tribal membership through the Qutekcak Learning and Culture Center Volunteer Program. The Seward Museum will provide important and meaningful information relating to Seward's rich history with access to local artifacts. These collaborations are an important part of Qutekcak's continued growth and development as an organization and as a tribe.

In conclusion, Qutekcak Native Tribe fully supports the efforts of the Seward Community Library and Museum Building Committee as they seek funding to support our new library and museum facility designed to provide a comfortable, safe and healthy environment that serves the informational and educational needs of patrons and to disseminate historical information.

Sincerely,
QUTEKCAK NATIVE TRIBE

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane McRae" followed by a stylized monogram or initials.

Diane McRae
Tribal Council President

March 15, 2009

Doug Capra
P.O. Box 1574
Seward, Alaska 99664

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support for the Seward Community Library and Museum Building Project.

For nearly 40 years, I have been researching and writing about Alaska history, using the wonderful resources of the current library. Before the internet opened up research, the library supplied me with all kinds of sources through interlibrary loan. They still supply me with many interlibrary loan materials today.

With the help of our local library, I have written two books about Seward history, dozens of articles, and the forewords for two books by American artist Rockwell Kent. The extensive photo collections of both the local library and museum have helped me write, produce and direct a play about Alaska pioneer Alaska Nellie, and another play about Josephine Sather and her husband Herring Pete who had a fox farm on Nuka Island.

Over the years I have collected an archive of historical ephemera that I hope to eventually donate to the new library museum. My main concern is for a climate controlled, fire protected room where much of our primary source material can be safely stored. The new structure will meet these needs, and I believe as a result many items now stored in private family archives will be donated.

As a writer of Alaska history, and current board member of the Alaska Historical Society, I strongly support the efforts of the Seward Community Library and Museum Building Committee as they seek funding to support our new facility.

This is an investment in Alaska's history, as well as in the culture of learning and self education that makes living in an isolated Alaskan community enjoyable and productive.

Sincerely,



Doug Capra

Jennifer Headtke
Seward Mural Society
P.O. Box 2666
Seward, AK 99664

March 27, 2009

To Whom it May Concern:

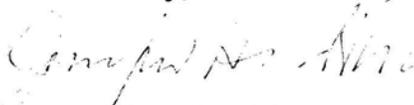
I am happy to write this letter of support for the Seward Community Library and Museum Building Project. Our arts group is very excited at the prospect of involvement with this worthwhile endeavor.

The Seward Mural Society have been working jointly with the City of Seward and various groups in the community on public arts projects that all the residents and visitors in town enjoy. We look forward to participation in the new Seward Community Library with several mural projects, and support it whole heartedly.

This new project will benefit our community in so many ways, as the library is a real meeting place in town, and as a resource center for just about anything you are looking for. The high use of the facility is testament to the helpfulness of its great staff. **The library is at the heart of our town.**

Any help with efforts seeking funding for the project would be appreciated, along with the grassroots funding our community is offering. This project is a win/win endeavor, and as a resident of Seward, business owner, and arts organizer, we will do our part to make it a reality.

Sincerely,


Jennifer Headtke
Seward Mural Society



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December 15, 2008

To Whom It May Concern,

The community of Seward has always demonstrated its ability to really pull together and accomplish its goals or recover from its setbacks. As you may already know one of those goals is to see a modern library building come to life; one that better suits our community's needs than the current facility. In order to make it happen we must seek out funding. The immensity of a project this size truly outstrips the peoples' ability fund it at a grassroots level.

As President of the local Arts Council, and as an active member of our creative community I urge you to consider all that a new library would really mean to everyone who use it. At present our beloved building plays host to more than just being a repository for knowledge. A wide array of events are held anywhere there is available space. A more modern and spacious facility would make access to a greater volume of books easier, at the same time allowing activities to go on without overlap or disruption. With new tools at our fingertips, new learning projects can begin. New creative efforts for our students to tackle can be born.

The potential for our new library to tie the town together in new ways we haven't yet known is exciting. So many great events highlight Seward's calendar year. Many new literary, artistic, theatrical, and musical minds are calling home. What a better focal point for these events, and for these minds to connect. To me this is of paramount importance.

As an Alaskan resident of nearly two decades seeing this community able to enjoy the benefits of knowledge excites. I believe we deserve equal ease of access to quality information as any community large or small, rich or poor. As an active Alaskan musician the thought of a small public concert or a meeting of fellow artists is something long overdue. As a volunteer in many capacities I see the benefit of solid reliable community services. Our library being right at the top. That said, I speak for myself and on behalf of the Board of Directors of the SAC in asking for your consideration in this matter.

Help us bring our library into the 21st century.

Sincerely,

Mark Teckenbrock
President, Seward Arts Council



**Seward Chamber of Commerce
Conference and Visitors Bureau**

February 19, 2009

To Whom it May Concern:

The Seward Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors would like to express its support for the Seward Community Library Museum as a component of revitalization efforts in our historic downtown. The Chamber Board is committed to serving our members by growing Seward's economy and increasing the capacity for new business. As we assess development opportunities, we look to those initiatives that reinforce our traditions and position us for growth. The Mary Lowell Multi-Agency & Conference Center and the Alaska SeaLife Center are both modern concepts which reflect our roots – one highlighting our geography and ties to public lands, and the other recognizing our responsibility to the marine ecosystem to which much of our early and current prosperity is tied. In that vein, the Board recognizes that the Community Library Museum will address the missing components: historic relevance and education.

The project enhances Seward's ongoing efforts to modernize aging structures and create attractive public spaces that serve both residents and our visitors. Anchored by the Alaska SeaLife Center, a first-class marine research and rehabilitation facility, the downtown district boasts the only such facility in Alaska! The Mary Lowell Multi-Agency & Conference Center will enhance these visitor services and provide large meeting space to support the growth of scientific conferences and corporate training forums. As part of this triad, the Seward Community Library Museum highlights the historic component of the Seward experience for visitors on holiday and the thousands of schoolchildren that travel to Seward each year on field trips. As public education faces additional funding challenges in the years to come, this facility can bridge the gap, offering public resources and technology to help better educate our youth and working adults.

A citizen-driven effort, the Seward Community Library and Museum has the potential to strengthen our economy. An energy-efficient, shared facility will reduce municipal expenses associated with maintaining two older facilities. A new operating model can serve as a framework for incorporating private sector jobs, further reducing reliance on public support. The new facility, in concert with the Mary Lowell Center, will encourage downtown merchants to refurbish aging structures, expand their businesses, and will encourage business entrepreneurship to meet new service needs that arise from these facilities.

The Seward Community Library Museum will serve as a strong partner to the Mary Lowell Multi-Agency & Conference Center, together showcasing Seward's roots and her willingness to embrace the future. We thank you for your support of the Seward community and our efforts to proactively build on our potential for a strong, prosperous future.

Sincerely,

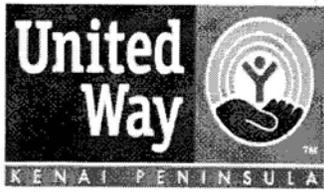
Laura S. Cloward
Executive Director, Seward Chamber of Commerce

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March 18, 2009

RE: Support letter for the expansion/co-location of the Seward Library and Museum.

To Whom it May Concern:

It is without a doubt that the Seward Library and Museum expansion will have a positive economic and social impact on our community; providing essential and intellectual opportunities to serve every age in our community.

The local library has continually supported programs serving infants to residents in their 90's; creating stimulating educational opportunities that benefit the community, family and individual.

Children gather with their friends and family at the library for a positive learning experience; expanding their knowledge of the world through books, music, internet, and periodicals. The library is very instrumental in a child's intellectual development; creating a safe and embracing opportunity for them to learn with friends and family.

The senior citizen relies on the local library to stay abreast of current news by accessing the periodicals and books. The library provides for the senior on a fixed income the opportunity for free and affordable programs; again providing them intellectual stimulation that improves memory and critical thinking.

By partnering with the Museum, this collocation is efficient and would strengthen both organizations by sharing resources and space to benefit the economic development of the community of Seward. The museum provides the local and visiting tourist a view into the past, preserving history of our ancestors and community.

We support the efforts of the Seward Community Library and Museum Building Committee; ensuring our community that this is the best seaside town to raise a family, visit as a tourist and live out our golden years.

Warm regards,

Dana Paperman,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dana Paperman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Our Mission Statement

*To insure honor, dignity,
security, and independence
for older Alaskans; to assist
them in maintaining
meaningful and quality lives.*

*A non profit Agency
TAX ID: 92-0072425*

January 22, 2009

Sheila Morrow
Alaska's Treehouse Bed & Breakfast – Owner
P.O. Box 861
Seward, Ak. 99664

To Whom It May Concern:

It's with great enthusiasm that I write this letter of support for the Seward Community Library and Museum Project.

As a thirty year resident of Seward and twenty year owner of Alaska's Treehouse Bed and Breakfast, I have come to see our small library as the heart of our community. While there are other places that people congregate in town, the library is the one place that all people come together and feel genuinely welcome. No special group affiliation is required to be a member and no age limitation is imposed. Everyone is invited to enter and expand their horizons. A physical space worthy of such expectations has long been lacking.

As a business owner I have sent my guests to the library to see the Earthquake Film and send e-mails back home. Our small museum, packed with local history has provided out of towners the ability to see our little Alaskan town in a much greater context. It has been a highlight for our visitors.

As a mother and grandmother, story hour has provided a much needed escape to fantasy on a dark, winter day. Our library offers a warm escape to visit with moms, and most important, the crucial place to take a child on every visit to Seward to instill the joy and great value of reading.

As an artist and voracious reader, the library provides resources and inspiration.

“Cramped” and “packed” are the words that best describe the physical spaces that limit the potential of our library and museum. These essential institutions beg for space to expand their resources and meet our needs. I beseech you to help provide the funding greatly needed to create a proper home for this heart of our community.

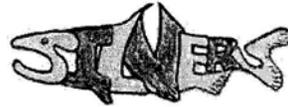
Sincerely,



Sheila Morrow
Sewardite

Seward Middle School

Home of the Silvers
P. O. Box 1149
907-224-9000 Office
907-224-9001 Fax.



February 9, 2009

Dear sir or madam:

It is my professional privilege to write in support of the Seward Community Library and Museum Building Project. Both the Library and Museum play an invaluable role in the successful delivery of our academic program.

Our Language Arts curricula require extended reading in each of our quarterly grading periods and the library is a significant source of material written specifically for our young adult audience. Also, through partnerships with the schools, library, and parent volunteers, Seward has been privileged to host such notable authors as Marcia Talley and Gerta Weissmann-Kline within the last year. Their visits provided meaningful and personal interaction with our students regarding their life experiences and the writing those experiences created.

The museum also provides primary source material to our study of such notable historical events as the 1964 earthquake, the Jesse Lee Home, and Benny Benson—creator of the Alaska State Flag.

This project will consolidate both invaluable community resources into one building and steam line their services to better serve our students. I'm particularly excited about plans in the new design to create a section specifically for teen readers.

It is my sincere wish that this important project receive the full attention and support it requires to move forward.

Sincerely,

Trevan Walker
Principal

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Jonathan Kingsland
Seward Elementary
Jonathan.kingsland@g.kpbsd.org

2/17/09

To Whom It May Concern

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support for the Seward Community Library and Museum Building Project, I personally use the library for many different things like reading of course, the internet, to hang out with my gang, and to do research for my school projects, but not only do I think that many others do to. I take my little brother there almost every day in the summer when we have nothing else to do so I take him there for story hour.

Of course I don't only want the library I want the museum too. The museum for me is like a giant memory card it stores except it stores artifacts like William H Seward's teeth or a musket from the attack on Pearl Harbor, or even a painting of the first Alaskan governor.

So madam or sir that read this plead for a library and a museum please give the people that ask you support the build so that me and others can enjoy the library and the museum.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Kingsland

Jonathan Kingsland

Letter of support

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MaryLynn Barnwell
Seward Elementary Teacher

02-16-09

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of the Seward Community Library and Museum Building Project.

I have used the Seward Library in many different capacities. When my children were young I took them to Story Hour every Friday. We would enjoy the program and then check out books to read at home. I have always felt that Seward Library's story hour is probably one of the best offered in the country. They are entertaining, promote reading and give parents and their children a chance to socialize.

As my children grew I have found that I have used the library to support them in their school projects such as researching about spiders for a class report as well as offering Battle of the Books selections. Each summer my children enroll in the summer reading programs because they have grown to love reading and they enjoy the wonderful prizes offered. Seward Library has done a wonderful job in promoting reading as well as offering programs that attract all ages.

In addition I use the library and museum regularly both for my own reading and research needs but also to aid my elementary teaching instruction. When the school library doesn't have a book or video I can usually find it at the community library. In addition I have taken my class on field trips to the library as well as the museum to learn about the history of our unique community and State. The staffs of both facilities are always friendly, supportive and willing to help our school age children.

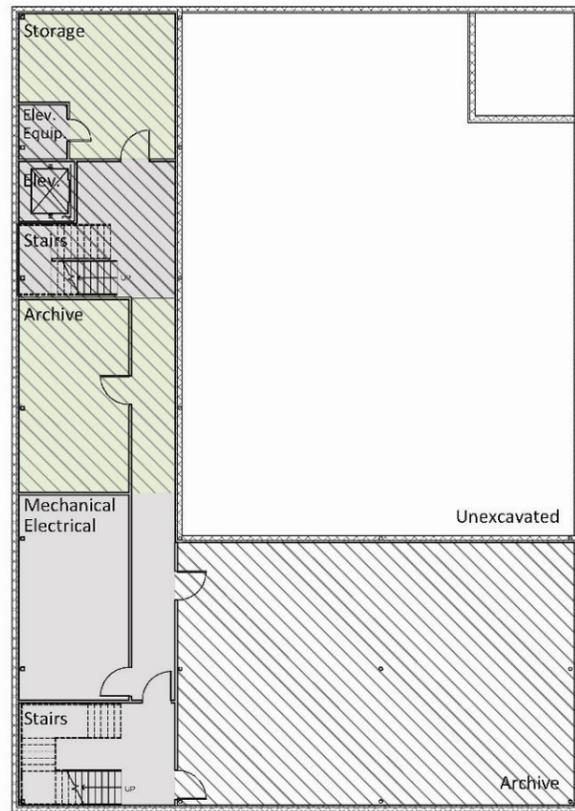
I feel the new project will enable the staffs of both facilities to continue to offer programs to our community as well as facilitate more activities. I would like the art and Alaskan collection to be on display for all to see not just during special prearranged field trips. I would also like visitors to our community to realize what a strong history Seward has and the uniqueness of this place. Lastly I would like to see the learning and support offered youth by the Seward Library and Museum to continue and grow.

Sincerely,

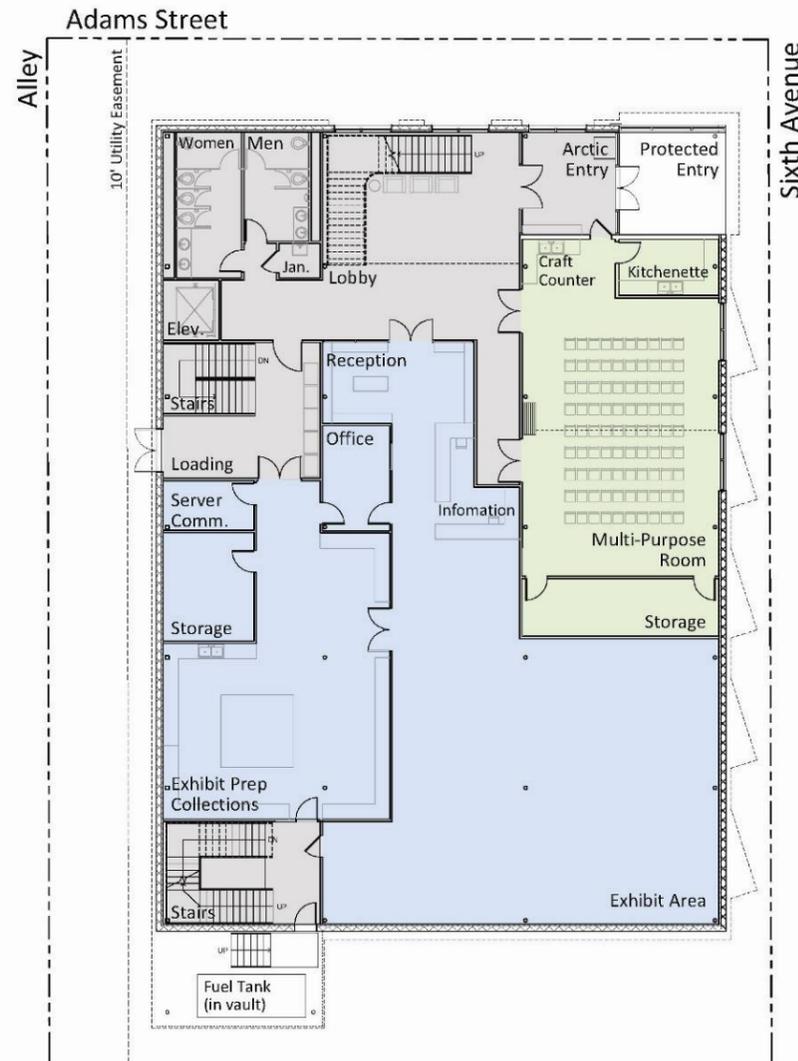


MaryLynn Barnwell
Seward Elementary Teacher

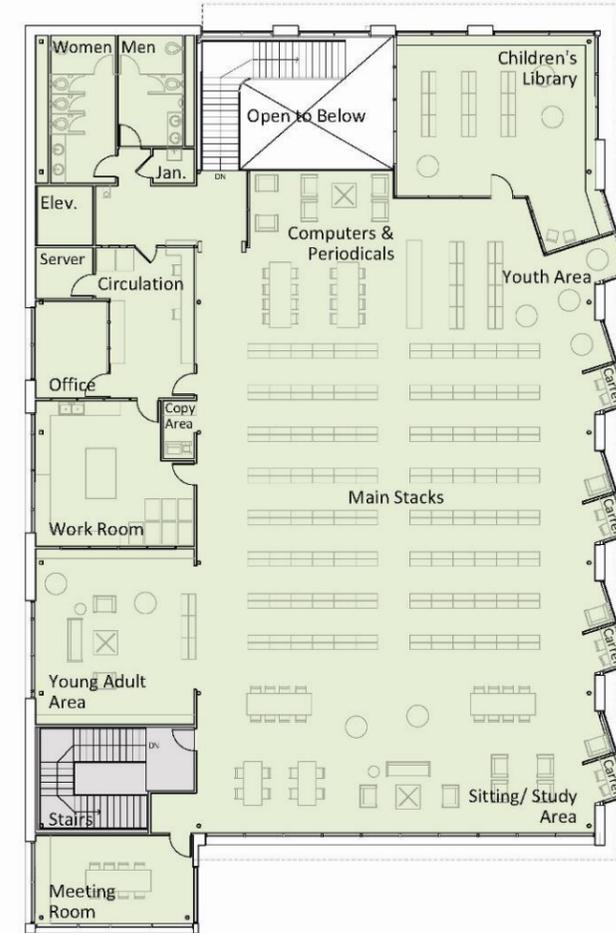
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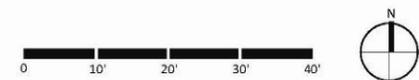
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First Floor Plan 7,900 SF



Second Floor Plan 8,300 SF



Seward Community Library Museum

Schematic Design 03.01.10





Site Plan



Entrance Detail - North Elevation



Entrance Detail - East Elevation

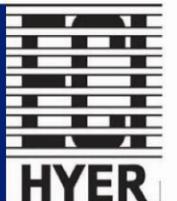


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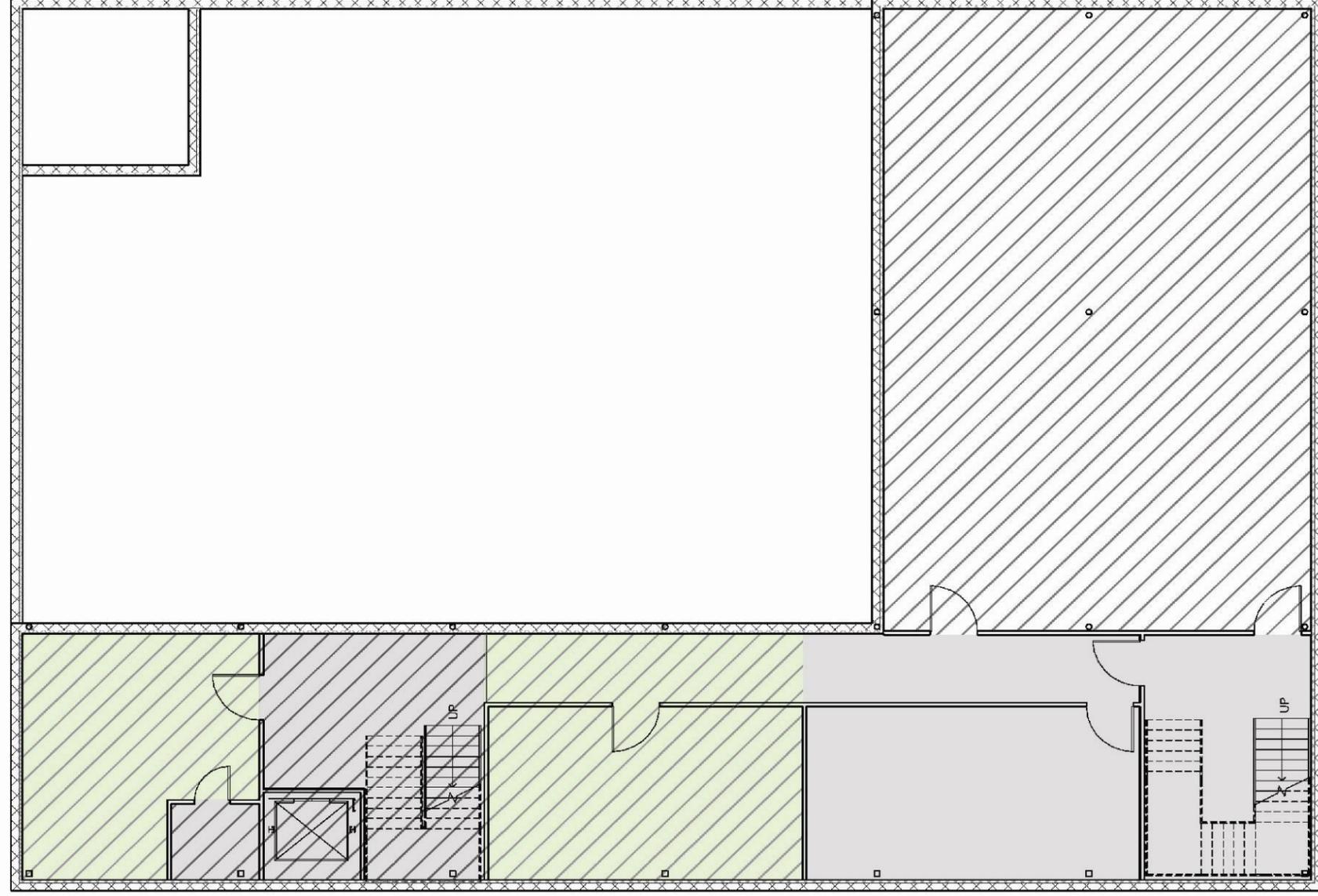
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Seward Community Library Museum

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Basement Plan

4,650 SF



First Floor Plan

7,900 SF



Second Floor Plan

8,300 SF

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April 29, 2010

The Honorable Sean Parnell
Governor of the State of Alaska
Third Floor, State Capitol
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Parnell,

We appreciate the magnitude of your responsibility to validate the appropriations and projects in the State Capital Budget. To assist your deliberation and decisions we have developed an information sheet to summarize essential facts about the appropriations and projects earmarked for Seward. Thank you for your time and consideration of our needs in Seward. We also thank you for your leadership as our Governor.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Phillip E. Oates'.

Phillip E. Oates, DBA
City Manager of Seward

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Willard Dunham'.

Willard Dunham
Mayor of Seward

Enclosure

City of Seward Projects in the State Capital Budget

(Information in support of Seward appropriations for projects in the State Capital Budget)

- **Mooring Dolphins and Dock Improvements at Seward Marine Center**
 - \$1,500,000 (Sec. 10, p. 102, lines 10-12, version “N”)
 - Local or Federal match of \$500,000 from TTHUD EDI Account
 - Home ports the \$260,000,000 NSF/UAF Alaska Region Research Vessel in Seward
 - Project key to bringing the nation’s premiere maritime research vessel to Alaska.
 - The Research Vessel (R/V Sikuliaq) is under construction with sea trials in 2012
 - Enhances research and economic synergy between UAF School of Oceans and Fisheries, Alaska Sealife Center, and Alutiq Pride Shellfish Hatchery.
 - Mooring capability in downtown waterfront area of Seward improves economy.

- **Community Library**
 - \$4,700,000 (Sec 10, p. 108 line 19, version “N”)
 - Local match of approximately \$5 million will complete the project
 - Fund raising to date in excess of \$1 million
 - Voters have already approved a City GO bond for the project
 - Project approved for funding by Alaska Library Association
 - Design currently 35% complete with 70% completion in 2010.
 - Land purchased, zoned, and platted for project

- **Alaska Sealife Center, Seawater Intake Pipelines Biofouling Remediation**
 - \$1,000,000 (Sec. 13, p. 116, lines 30-32, version “N”)
 - Biofouling has reduced the flow of the current 250 foot deep saltwater intake system to 40% of the original design capacity
 - Failure of the saltwater system threatens the very existence of the Center
 - No other funding sources are available
 - Repairs and a pigging system are fully designed that will eliminate current biofouling and prevent reoccurrence of the problem in the future
 - The Center is the largest private sector employer in Seward (85 year round jobs, 40 seasonal jobs, and 25 interns in science and education)
 - Since 1995 the Center has generated \$173 million in research and education funding for Alaska from Federal and private sources

- **Alutiq Pride Shellfish Hatchery Repairs and Upgrades**
 - \$150,000 (Sec. 13, p. 117, lines 24-26, version “N”)
 - These repairs and upgrades (marine water intake line, lighting system, and energy systems) will allow the hatchery to remain open in FY2011
 - The hatchery promotes international trade through exports of Alaska seafood seed and broodstock
 - Partial or full closure of the hatchery would significantly and negatively impact the economy of many seaside communities in Alaska
 - The hatchery produces shellfish seed and broodstock (including clam, oyster, king crab, and geoduck) for shellfish aquaculture across Alaska

City of Seward Projects in the State Capital Budget

continued

- **Commercial Passenger Vessel Harbor Security – Coast Guard Building Relocation**
 - \$300,000 Cruise Ship Head Tax Funds (Sec. 16, p. 149, line 22-25, version “N”)
 - This project improves security and immediate emergency response to cruise ships and their passengers by the Coast Guard in Seward
 - This relocates the current Coast Guard Building adjacent to the Cruise Ship Terminal and adjacent to a new security dock in the harbor
 - The Coast Guard is paying to move the building
 - The City of Seward will use these funds to prepare the new site, construct a building foundation, and design and install utility infrastructure (electric, water, sewer)
 - The Cruise Ship Industry and AKRR are supportive of this project
 - Land has been zoned and platted for the relocation
 - This project will be completed in the Fall of 2010

- **Security and Fire Protection for Commercial Passenger Vessels**
 - \$2,000,000 Cruise Ship Head Tax Funds (Sec. 16, p. 149, line 27-29, version “N”)
 - This is a security float system in the Seward Small Boat Harbor that will provide moorage and immediate deployment capabilities for the Coast Guard Cutter, Coast Guard Auxiliary Boat, City Fire Boat, Alaska State Trooper Boat and NOAA Boat
 - This project will improve security, immediate response, and fire protection to cruise ships and their passengers
 - Provides security features required by Homeland Security, not currently available at multi-use floats
 - Funding request was \$3 million but only \$2 million is in the State Capital Budget
 - The remaining \$1 million will come from local port of call cruise ship head taxes
 - A match of \$2.2 million is available to complete the total \$5.2 million project (Denali Commission and other funding already received)
 - Design is complete and floats have been purchased
 - The Cruise Ship Industry and AKRR are supportive of this project
 - With the \$2 million in the State Capital Budget, the project will be completed in the Fall of 2010

Notes:

1. Projects are listed in order of appearance in State Capital Budget.
2. All projects are community priorities that went through public review at the local level.
3. All projects are one-time need.