

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Saxman****Project Title:****Project Type:** Equipment and Materials

## Saxman - Backhoe Loader Purchase

**State Funding Requested: \$75,000****House District: 1 / A**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Funding to purchase a backhoe/loader to assist the City of Saxman with continuing public works projects.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$75,000***There is no other funding needed***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The City of Saxman currently supplies water and sewer services to over one hundred individual residences and public buildings. Most of this infrastructure is aged beyond the normal lifecycle, which has required numerous repairs to broken water and sewer lines, and valves used to control flow. Saxman must routinely rent heavy equipment and hire a contractor to assist with system repairs, because the city does not have the necessary equipment to complete these activities independently. The City of Saxman has experienced more than 10 broken line or valve repair issues in the last 5 years. As time passes and infrastructure continues to age, Saxman expects to experience an increasing number of repair and maintenance issues.

The City of Saxman also provides for the community's winter road maintenance, which includes sand and ice melt application, and snow removal. A backhoe will help in loading these materials into the City's two sanders, which are affixed to city trucks. The backhoe will assist with storage of sand at Saxman's Seaport.

Saxman is responsible for ongoing public works and maintenance projects, including drainage ditch and culvert excavation, Totem Park and Totem Row repairs, and regrading and grounds maintenance of unpaved areas at the Saxman Seaport (over 70% of Seaport's surface area). The backhoe will assist with these activities, and help protect and maintain the quality of our public infrastructure. The backhoe will also help save on costs of equipment rental for future projects.

Owning a backhoe will eliminate the City's ongoing need to rent equipment for maintenance tasks, resulting in significant cost savings over time. The backhoe will reduce incidents of maintenance task deferral resulting from limited funding for repeated equipment rental.

**Project Timeline:**

Purchase would occur as soon as possible, FY2011.

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

City of Saxman

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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

**Photo of Backhoe Type Requested by City of Saxman**

