

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

# North Slope Borough - Fire Station Deferred Maintenance and Safety Equipment

**State Funding Requested: \$342,500****House District: 40 / T**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

This project would fund the purchase of equipment and furnishings for fire stations in Point Hope, Point Lay, and Anaktuvuk Pass.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$342,500***There is no other funding needed***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

This project would fund the purchase of bunker gear lockers, fixtures, supplies, and miscellaneous furnishings for fire stations in Point Hope, Point Lay, and Anaktuvuk Pass. The NSB fire stations were completed in 1982 and have continually served the communities of the North Slope. An assessment of stations and their materials was conducted in 2005 to evaluate the items needing replacement. Although the fire stations have been maintained by the NSB, many items are simply at the end of their useful life such as beds, linens, sinks, desks, and chairs. The ability to lodge staff and other personnel at the fire stations saves the NSB hundreds of thousands of dollars every year. As originally built, the fire departments did not provide for storage lockers so fire fighters do not have space to store personal safety equipment. Part of the funding would be used to purchase and install bunker gear lockers where personal protective gear can be stored. Proper storage should help lengthen the useful life of the firefighter's safety equipment. The NSB has received notice of violations on some of the items funding is being requested for. This project is necessary to continue to operate the village fire stations for the intended purpose of protecting the safety of the residents in the villages.

**Project Timeline:**

Equipment and furnishings would be purchased in the spring with delivery in the summer.

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

North Slope Borough

**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

# North Slope Borough

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Edward S. Itta, Mayor

February 5, 2010

Rep. Reggie Joule  
State Capitol Building, Room 410  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Rep. Joule,

Thank you for the opportunity to present capital budget requests for your consideration. There are four projects I would like you to consider:

1. SAR and Public Safety Rescue Equipment: \$500,000;
2. Fire Station Deferred Maintenance and Safety Equipment for Point Hope, Point Lay and Anaktuvuk Pass: \$344,000;
3. SAR fuel purchase: \$150,000;
4. Healthy Communities Initiative: \$360,000.

The request for SAR and Public Safety Rescue Equipment would provide funding for the purchase of 4-wheelers, snowmachines and boats to replace outdated and inadequate rescue equipment in each of the North Slope villages. It will cost approximately \$50,000 per community for the purchase and delivery of the 4-wheelers and snowmachines in each location. \$100,000 will provide for the acquisition and delivery of public safety boats for shared use with volunteer search and rescue organizations.

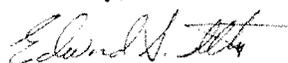
The fire stations in Pt. Lay, Pt. Hope and Anaktuvuk Pass were completed in 1982 and although all the stations have had some upgrades over the past 28 years, the fire stations in these three villages especially are in need of electrical and mechanical hardware repairs. The fire stations also provide itinerant lodging and this project will pay for replacement of broken windows, toilets and other facility needs. The estimated cost of the project is \$344,000.

As you know, the North Slope Borough Department of Search and Rescue (SAR) provides both direct and indirect support to search and rescue and medical transport functions across the North Slope Borough. Virtually all medical evacuation and transport done via SAR aircraft is free of charge. Ground searches for lost or missing persons are coordinated by SAR and augmented by aerial search. Increased activity over the past couple of years has had a dramatic impact on aviation fuel usage. Should this project receive funding it will be spent on the purchase of fuel.

As a part of the Healthy Communities Initiative, public hearings are held in each community of the Slope. The major goal of this initiative is to provide positive alternatives for all residents. Over the past year, improving and replacing old playground equipment has become a priority. This project would fund playground equipment for each of the communities on the Slope.

Thank you for considering these requests. We can provide more detailed information on any and all of these projects and will do so upon your request. Thank you for your efforts. Good luck to you for a successful and productive legislative session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edward S. Itta".

Edward S. Itta  
Mayor

**Priority #2 Fire Stations Deferred Maintenance and Safety Equipment – Point Hope, Point Lay and Anaktuvuk Pass**

**\$344,000**

**REQUESTING ENTITY: North Slope Borough – Fire Department**

City/Village (indicate which village)	Non-NPRA Villages – PHO, PIZ, AKP
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**PROJECT NAME**

<b>Fire Stations Deferred Maintenance and Safety Equipment – Point Hope, Point Lay and Anaktuvuk Pass</b>
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

<p>This project would fund the purchase of Bunker Gear lockers, misc station furnishings, fixtures and supplies. The Fire Department has obtained an NPRA grant to address the needs in Nuiqsut, Atqasuk and Wainwright. NSB funding is requested to meet the need in the NON-NPRA communities of Anaktuvuk Pass, Point Hope, and Point Lay.</p> <p>Fire stations were completed in 1982 and have continued to serve the communities of the North Slope. While some limited efforts have been made to upgrade these facilities, many essential needs have not been addressed or items have been worn or become inoperable. As an, departments continue to store costly firefighter structural gear (\$2,500 per set) on the floors of stations. These have been damaged by traffic, chemicals, and other items. The simple solution provided in nearly every fire house in the country is to provide lockers for proper storage.</p> <p>An assessment of stations and their materials was conducted in 2005 to evaluate items needing replacement. This included blinds, broken toilets, sinks, bookcases, dressers, desks, chairs, as well as some of the other facilities materials. Beds, linens, and other items used to support operating of the quarters for itinerant lodging are also at the end of their useful life and need to be replaced. The ability to lodge staff and other authorized personnel in the stations saves the Borough hundreds of thousands each year.</p>
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**PROJECT JUSTIFICATION**

<p>This project is necessary to continue to operate the village fire stations for the intended purposes. Maintenance of facilities will continue to enable the department to operate the quarters to lodge staff and authorized personnel, saving the Borough hundreds of thousands each year. A number of items are essential to enabling staff to continue to operate and maintain the facility, protecting an asset that might otherwise increase operations and maintenance costs.</p>
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**LOCATION OF THE PROJECT** In which community or communities will the project take place.

Anaktuvuk Pass, Point Hope, and Point Lay
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**PROJECT IMPACTS**

If approved, this project will enable the department to continue to operate an essential community facility. It is expected that future operations and maintenances costs will be reduced. Proper storage of personal protective gear will reduce the damage and need for premature replacement. Many items in the 25+ year old structure are wearing out. If items are not repaired or replaced, operations and maintenance costs will continue to skyrocket.

**RELATIONSHIP TO PLANS OR PROGRAMS**

Operation of community fire stations is an essential component of delivering service to the community. The department has obtained grant funding to support these needs in NPRA communities. Attempts to secure funding to meet these needs in NON-NPRA have thus far been unsuccessful. If improvements do not begin soon, the department will be forced to change, eliminate, or abandon some operations.

**PROJECT COST**

BASE COST:	
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST PER COMMUNITY	\$114,127 (times 3 villages)
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$342,281

**IS THE PROPOSED PROJECT NON-DISCRETIONARY IN NATURE?**

1. Is the project in response to a formal warning, a notice of violation (NOV) issuance, or a requirement for a plan of action, relating to a borough service or facility?	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (If yes, attach documentation.)
2. Is this action necessary to maintain the borough's ability to plan, finance and/or to perform essential services?	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (If yes, explain below.)
3. Is it anticipated that this project, if funded, would result in operational cost savings for the borough?	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (If yes, explain below with anticipated savings amount.)

Explanation of 1, 2 and/or 3:  
 Department has received several notices of violation to provide spill protection and other repairs at the stations. Unfortunately, operational funding is not available to purchase and provide NEW items in all the stations. Without some replacements and improvements, the ability of the department to operate the stations is hampered. Maintenance of the quarters is also essential for lodging of qualified personnel. Should the quarters become untenable, additional operational costs would be required for lodging of personnel.

**TIMING OF PROJECT** When do you anticipate this project to be both started and completed, bearing in mind the chronological sequence of voter approval and bonding? Please explain.

It is anticipated that it will take 90-120 days for money to be appropriated and available. The Fire Department would hope to execute an MOA and process RFPs as soon as funding was available.