

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 - Search and Rescue Public Safety Equipment

State Funding Requested: \$500,000**House District: 40 / T**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

This project would fund the purchase of 4-wheelers, snowmachines and boats for the volunteer search and rescue organizations across the North Slope.

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

The North Slope Borough operates an active and engaged volunteer search and rescue program across the North Slope. The NSB team is so well known they are often asked to help other areas of the state out in an emergency situation. This project would fund the purchase of 4-wheelers, snow machines, and boats to replace outdated and inadequate rescue equipment in all of the North Slope communities. Approximately \$50,000 per community will acquire and deliver the 4-wheelers and snow machines to each location. \$100,000 will provide for the acquisition and delivery of the public safety boats for shared use with the village volunteer search and rescue organizations. This project is necessary to continue and operate the volunteer search and rescue program in coordination with the village public safety officer program. The use of the volunteer search and rescue program saves the NSB thousands of dollars every year. The replacement of old or non-functional equipment will help save lives.

Project Timeline:

Equipment will be purchased in the spring and delivered in the summer.

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

North Slope Borough

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Total Project Snapshot Report

FY 2011 Capital Budget

TPS Report 54002v1

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

North Slope Borough

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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 #1 SAR and Public Safety Rescue Equipment
\$500,000**

REQUESTING ENTITY: North Slope Borough – SAR and Police Dept.

City/Village (indicate which village)	All villages
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PROJECT NAME

SAR and Public Safety Rescue Equipment
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project would fund the purchase of 4-wheelers, snowmachines and boats to replace outdated and inadequate rescue equipment in all of the North Slope communities. Approximately \$50,000 per community will acquire and deliver the 4-wheelers and snowmachines each location. \$100,000 will provide for the acquisition and delivery of the public safety boats for shared use with village volunteer search and rescue organizations.
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PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

This project is necessary to continue to operate the village volunteer SAR program and coordinate activities with village public safety. A number of small equipment pieces are essential to enabling staff and volunteers to continue to perform SAR functions. Replacement of old or no longer functioning equipment will help save lives.
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LOCATION OF THE PROJECT In which community or communities will the project take place.

All North Slope Communities

PROJECT IMPACTS

If approved, this project will enable the department to continue to operate an essential community function. Rescue equipment is necessary to perform searches.

RELATIONSHIP TO PLANS OR PROGRAMS

Operation of community volunteer SAR programs and their coordination with the Police Department is essential to community safety.

PROJECT COST

BASE COST: ; Includes new AATV's and snowmachines, spare parts plus delivery costs	
Approx. \$50,000 per village x 8 communities:	\$400,000
Additional costs for 2 small rescue boats for shared use between Police and volunteer SAR	
Two vessels and delivery charges:	\$100,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$500,000

IS THE PROPOSED PROJECT NON-DISCRETIONARY IN NATURE?

1. Is this action necessary to maintain the borough's ability to plan, finance and/or to perform essential services?	No ___ Yes <u>X</u> (If yes, explain below.)
2. Is it anticipated that this project, if funded, would result in operational	No ___ Yes <u>X</u>

cost savings for the borough?

(If yes, explain below with anticipated savings amount.)

Explanation of 1 and/or 2:

Unfortunately, operational funding is not available to purchase and provide NEW items in all the stations or for the volunteer SAR crews. Without some replacements and improvements, the ability of the department to operate is hampered.

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.