

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**

**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)**

**Grant Recipient: Ketchikan**

**Project Title:**

**Project Type:** New Construction and Land Acquisition

# Ketchikan - Fire Station No. 1 Replacement Project

**State Funding Requested: \$5,328,216**

**House District: 1 / A**

Future Funding May Be Requested

## Brief Project Description:

Funding to replace Ketchikan Fire Station No. 1 and improve local EMS services.

## Funding Plan:

**Total Cost of Project: \$13,607,029**

	<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	\$5,405,567	08,09,10				
Other Funds					\$2,873,246	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,405,567</b>				<b>\$2,873,246</b>	

*Explanation of Other Funds:*

*Combination of Federal and/or State grants and general obligation bonds.*

## Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The City of Ketchikan has long been recognized as a leader in Southeast Alaska for the delivery of emergency response services. The City Fire Department coordinated and established the first Level A Hazardous Materials Response Team in Southeast Alaska and has expanded its response capabilities to include marine vessels and aircraft. The City has been instrumental in driving collaborations and cooperative agreements for regional response teams. As the department has moved forward in meeting the needs of the community and region, it has outgrown the building that it currently occupies. The City is currently undertaking planning and design of a new 22,902 sq. ft. facility, which will include a fully functional Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The estimated cost of the new fire station is \$13,607,029, including property acquisition.

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**\$5,000,000  
Approved**

Total Project Snapshot Report

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Recognizing the vital importance of a new fire station to the community's public safety, the Legislature appropriated \$5,328,216 in funding as part of the 2009 Capital Budget. Although the Governor subsequently vetoed the appropriation, the administration did indicate that the project would be considered for future funding. Consequently, the City of Ketchikan is again seeking funding in the amount of \$5,328,216 to be applied towards the \$13,607,029 cost of the project. The City will fund the balance of the project through a combination of funds that have been previously set aside for construction, federal grants and general obligation bonds. In the absence of such an appropriation, it is unlikely that this project will move forward and the community of Ketchikan will continue to be disadvantaged by the absence of a fully functional Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

**Project Timeline:**

2010-Purchase Site/Complete Design  
2011-Construction  
2012-Construction

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

City of Ketchikan

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

Name: Karl R. Amylon  
Address: 334 Front Street  
Ketchikan, AK 99901  
Phone Number: (907)228-5603  
Email: karla@city.ketchikan.ak.us

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

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# City of Ketchikan, Alaska

## Fire Station No. 1 Replacement

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334 Front Street  
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

**Contact:** Karl R. Amylon, City Manager  
(907) 228-5603  
karla@city.ketchikan.ak.us

**Start of Construction:** 2011  
**Estimated Cost:** \$13,607,029  
**Funding Request:** \$5,328,216



Ketchikan Fire Station No. 1

### **PROJECT SUMMARY:**

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April 20, 2010

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

Dear Governor Parnell:

**Re: FY 2011 Capital Budget - City of Ketchikan Projects**

On behalf of the City of Ketchikan, I wish to take this opportunity to stress the critical nature of the infrastructure projects included in the FY 2011 Capital Budget for the City of Ketchikan.

As you know, the past several years have seen substantial decline in both timber and tourism industry dollars coming into the City of Ketchikan. These declines have severely impacted our ability to deal with the continuing major infrastructure improvement needs that the City of Ketchikan is experiencing. Although we have incurred debt for many major capital improvement projects, there simply is too much for one municipality to shoulder without assistance.

Again, I wish to stress the critical importance of all of these projects to the City of Ketchikan and urge you for your continued support. These projects truly are of utmost importance to the City of Ketchikan.

In closing, the City Council and I look forward to working with your office in the future to address matters of importance both to Ketchikan and the State of Alaska.

Should you have any questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lew Williams, III  
Mayor

cc: City Councilmembers  
Karen Rehfeld, OMB Director  
Randy Ruaro, Deputy Chief of Staff  
Ray Matiashowski