

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Federal Tax ID: 92-0059987****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

Anchorage - Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Replacement

State Funding Requested: \$175,000**House District: 32 / P**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Replace Self Contained Breathing Apparatus for Girdwood Volunteer Fire and Rescue due to new NFPA standards.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$175,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	(\$175,000)
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:**Operating budget***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Girdwood needs to replace all of the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) currently used by the department to meet new National Fire Protection Association safety standards. The Anchorage Fire Department is currently in the process of migrating to new SCBA's and it is necessary to maintain compatibility between jurisdictions. Girdwood is unable to bond locally for this request.

Project Timeline:

Equipment will be purchased and delivered in FY2012

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

Girdwood Fire and Rescue Inc

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Total Project Snapshot Report

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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



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Girdwood SCBA Grant

Firefighter safety is the utmost priority for the Girdwood Fire Department. Without a properly outfitted force of highly trained and adequately outfitted firefighters, it is virtually impossible and unreasonable to expect top-notch results at fires and hazardous incidents. It is for this reason that the Girdwood Fire Department is requesting funding assistance from the State of Alaska to purchase new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

SCBA's are the most critical piece of personal protective equipment used by our firefighters. Failure of an SCBA during a fire or hazmat incident puts the firefighter one breath away from death by inhaling superheated and toxic gasses. Acquisition of this equipment will also allow interoperability during mutual aid responses with our neighboring Fire Departments. The new equipment will provide compliance with National Fire Protection Association and Occupational Safety and Health Administration's 2007 standards and mandates for all of our first responders and bring 100% of the Girdwood Fire Department into regulatory compliance.

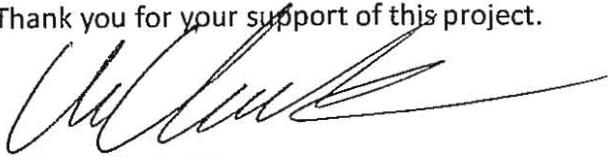
Providing new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus is the key to our goal of lowering the risk of inhalation hazards to fire department personnel, increasing firefighter safety, and increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of Rapid Intervention (Rescue) Crews. Our current inventories of Draeger SCBA's are substandard in NFPA, NIOSH and OSHA standards. Currently these substandard devices are kept functionally operational by "parting out" broken devices. They are unreliable and operationally inconsistent due to age and incompatibility issues.

This grant will allow Girdwood Fire Department to replace the most obsolete devices immediately with new, 2007 NFPA, NIOSH and OSHA compliant devices and assure first line firefighter safety with every use.

These grant funds will dramatically change the working environment for our firefighters by providing them with the knowledge and confidence that their equipment will no longer malfunction due to substandard, aging parts and will provide them with the safety and protection that is needed to perform their jobs to the best of their abilities. Additionally, our governing body's liability will be significantly reduced should one of our firefighter be injured or killed using our current equipment.

The single most significant benefit derived from this purchase will be enhanced firefighter safety due to this much-needed personal protective equipment. The passive integrated PASS device along with the quick-connect Buddy Breathing System will greatly enhance the Rapid Intervention Crew's efficiency during firefighter rescue operations. The integrated PASS device will alert rescuers as early as possible and the Buddy Breathing System will help provide life-saving air to firefighters that are incapacitated in a toxic environment. In addition, the new SCBA incorporates a "Heads Up" display on the face piece that provides the user with an additional way to confirm the amount of air left in the SCBA. None of our current SCBA's has this redundant system now required by the new standards.

Thank you for your support of this project.

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William Chadwick,
Girdwood Fire Chief