

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**  
**Grants to Unincorporated Communities (AS 37.05.317)**  
**Grant Recipient: Naukati Bay**

**Project Title:**

**Project Type: Other**

## Naukati Bay - Road Grader

**State Funding Requested: \$300,000**  
 One-Time Need

**House District: 5 / C**

### Brief Project Description:

Purchase a Road Grader (Motor Grader) to maintain community and Forest Service roads.

### Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$300,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$300,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

### Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The community of Naukati Bay, Alaska is requesting a legislative grant to purchase a Road Grader (Motor Grader) to maintain the community roads and for winter snow removal of community roads and United States Forest Service (USFS) road 2060 and USFS road 20 from the Naukati Bay junction to the State of Alaska paved road at the Coffman Cove Junction. This is approximately 16 miles of gravel road. The area can get several feet of snow in the winter months making travel impossible.

Naukati Bay Alaska is 50 road miles north of Craig, Alaska on Prince of Wales Island. The community is a Home Owners Association, Naukati Bay, Inc., previously known as Naukati West, Inc.

Naukati Bay has 110 year round residents with 20 students in the community school. The community has a very active Emergency Medical Team and Fire Department with an ambulance and two fire trucks.

Naukati Bay owns and operates the, very successful, Naukati Bay Shellfish Nursery which raises over 4 million oyster spat (baby oysters) per year and are sold to oyster farmers form Southeast Alaska, Prince William Sound to Kachimak Bay.

See [www.nbsfn.com](http://www.nbsfn.com)

The community currently owns a 1959 Champion road grader (pictured) that was purchased in 1990. Residents of Naukati Bay have, for years, donated countless hours of time maintaining the old grader and grading snow for public access. Parts for the old Champion road grader are getting difficult to find. Most specialized parts come from an equipment wrecking yard in Alberta Canada at a premium price and shipping costs.

Naukati Bay not only serves its own residents but is the access point to the Prince of Wales Island road system for residents of Edna Bay, Marble Island, Token Bay, five operating oyster farms and two lodges with year round residents. The communities of Whale Pass, Sarkar Cove, Gutchi Cove, Bear Valley and Calder also rely on winter snow removal of FS Road 20. Nearly 250 residents from the north end of Prince of Wales Island will benefit from a reliable Motor Grader based in Naukati Bay.

Naukati Bay, Inc. owns and manages the Naukati Bay Shellfish Nursery, a small marina with three new piling, a float plane dock and 160' of moorage dock, a fire station building with two fire trucks and one ambulance, the old champion road grader and a community beach picnic facility. The community has proven to be responsible for the operation, maintenance and upkeep of all its equipment and facilities, largely, with donated time and labor.

In 2009 the Naukati Bay EMS made 22 emergency medical trips from Naukati Bay to the Alicia Roberts Medical Center in Klawock. Ten miles of that road is un-maintained by the Forest Service from November through April. In Naukati Bay alone there are approximately sixteen senior citizens several with debilitating medical conditions. There are three military veterans with full or partial military disabilities. One household that cares for disabled children.

The Naukati Bay EMS has also provided service to people from the greater Naukati Bay area including Edna Bay, Marble Island, Sarkar Bay and the two lodges.

Two of the Naukati Bay school teachers drive to Naukati Bay from other communities on the island each day. Southeast Island School District personnel are required to make several trips a week from Thorne Bay to Naukati Bay for the school lunch program and administrative requirements.

Naukati Bay is seeing a dramatic growth in the oyster farming industry. It is imperative that local roads remain open year round for rapid scheduled shipment of fresh oysters to commuter planes on the east side of the island and the Inter Island Ferry (IFA) for timely delivery to the fresh seafood market in the lower 48. Ten miles of severally potholed roads can damage product and lack of snow removal can delay shipments causing farmers to un-package product and place it back in the water.

### Project Timeline:

The community would like to have the Road Grader purchased and delivered by the fall of 2010 for 2010/2011 pre-winter road repair and winter snow removal.

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

Naukati Bay, Inc.

### 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

**Resolution of Naukati Bay Inc. a Community Association**  
**Resolution No. 2011 # 3**

**A RESOLUTION TO SEEK FUNDING FOR THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY PROJECTS:**

- **Constructing a marina with drive down ramp including a small boat load/launch ramp as currently being designed by the State of Alaska DOT**
- **Obtaining a road grader / snowplow**

**WHEREAS, Naukati Bay Inc Community Association needs established transportation infrastructure to further growth and economic development; and**

**WHEREAS, existing boat launch ramp and airplane float facilities are not adequate to meet current needs and cannot accommodate planned economic growth; and**

**WHEREAS, currently, roads both within the community and the 2060 road receive no state or agency funded snow removal and/or maintenance which results in hazardous year-round driving conditions; and**

**WHEREAS, residents of Naukati Bay Inc require safe access to medical facilities, employment and commerce; and**

**WHEREAS, Naukati Bay Inc recognizes the need for and the benefits of these projects to the neighboring communities of the north end of Prince of Wales Island and Edna Bay; and**

**WHEREAS, these projects are consistent with and further our mission to work together to preserve our rural / subsistence lifestyle; and through responsible use of resources, to foster a wholesome and economically viable community;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Naukati Bay Inc. Community Association seeks funding for the following project priorities:**

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- **Obtaining a road grader / snowplow**

**PASSED AND APPROVED by the Naukati Bay Inc Community Association on this**

8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2010.

Candy Hempel  
Candy Hempel, President  
Term Expires 2013

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Cari Jones, Secretary