

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Ester Volunteer Fire Department****Federal Tax ID: 92-0111226****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

Ester Volunteer Fire Department - Engine Equipment Purchase

State Funding Requested: \$300,000**House District: 8 / D**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Replace an aging initial attack apparatus with a new engine more suitable to the climate and terrain of Interior Alaska.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$475,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$175,000)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$300,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

\$175,000 has been saved from property tax receipts from the past 5 years to be used as a matching grant.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The proposed engine's 450hp diesel engine and power train will be designed to negotiate the steep inclines in the district safely and efficiently (grades up to 12-15% are common). Since most of our roads (over 40 miles) are narrow and tight unpaved streets, the truck will be outfitted with a tight turning suspension, short wheelbase, and all terrain tires. To navigate roads that are snow and ice covered from September to May, the truck will feature a front drive axle (all wheel drive). The drive axle will also allow the apparatus to be a quick attack truck for wildland fires. All warning light packages and safety systems will be designed to be compliant with NFPA 1901. The truck will be able to transport 4 personnel within an enclosed and insulated cab. It will carry a multiple hand lines preconnected to the pump and a hose bed capable of hauling 1000 feet of 4" hose. Direct tank fills installed on all four sides of the truck will provide for a quick fill up. A Class A Foam system will be added to provide effective structure and wildland fire attack and overhaul operations. The current engine is over 25 years old and the cost of coming into compliance greatly outweighs the benefits and cost of a new apparatus. The Ester Fire Service Area has the smallest budget yet services the same types of situations as any other Interior response teams.

Project Timeline:

FY 2011- FY 2014

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

Ester Volunteer Fire Department

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Title:	Chief
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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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December 17, 2009

Interior Delegation

Re: FY11/12 Capital Request

On behalf of the board, and as approved in a motion on September 2010, I respectfully request the Interior Delegation and State of Alaska consider the replacement of Ester Engine 51 for possible funding through the FY12 State of Alaska Capital Budget.

Engine 51 is EVFD's first out attack engine on all fires. The apparatus is 25 years old and has surpassed its useful life. The apparatus suffers from chronic electrical and fuel system fatigue, is no longer compliant with state and national standards for fire apparatus, and does not meet current federal safety regulations for seat belts and enclosed seating. The apparatus was built back in the days when firefighters used to ride in open jump seats and lap belts were the only requirement. The apparatus poses great risks to any user riding in the rear seats, especially during extreme cold weather. The apparatus has reached the end of its useful life and plans need to be accelerated to replace the apparatus. Current replacement cost for a similar apparatus that will provide another 25 years of service range around \$500,000. Over the last 5 years, the Ester VFD and the fire service area has saved nearly \$200,000 of property tax receipts that can be used to match other capital funding. The taxpayers of the Ester Fire Service Area should not have to shoulder the entire amount, so EVFD respectfully request \$300,000 in capital funds and grants to help complete this critical project.

If you need more information or an information sheet about the project, feel free to contact Chief Cameron Wohlford.

Sincerely,

Nancy Burnham, Board of Directors
Ester Volunteer Fire Department Inc.

cc: file
David Tyler, Director DPS Division of Fire and Life Safety

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December 20, 2010

Interior Delegation

Re: FY11/12 Capital Request

On behalf of the 3500 residents of the Ester Fire Service Area, as chairman and representing the other commissioners of our district we respectfully request the Interior Delegation and State of Alaska consider the replacement of Ester Engine 51 as a priority for possible funding support through the FY11 State of Alaska Capital Budget.

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If you need more information or an information sheet about the project, feel free to contact Chief Cameron Wohlford.

Sincerely,

George Riley, Chair
Ester Fire Service Area

cc: file
David Tyler, Director DPS Division of Fire and Life Safety



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NO. 51
FIRE DEPT.

1 By: Assembly
2 Introduced: 10/28/10
3 Postponed: 10/28/10
4 Substituted: 11/10/10
5 Amended: 11/10/10
6 Adopted: 11/10/10
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8 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

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10 RESOLUTION NO. 2010 - 46

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12 A RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING AND SUPPORTING LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
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14 WHEREAS, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly identifies and
15 supports the following legislative priorities and funding requests for 2011.
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17 **Legislative Action/State Funding:**
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- 20 • Funding to Host Society of the 2014 Arctic Winter Games
 - 21 • PERS Termination Change
 - 22 • Transfer ARRC (Alaska Railroad Corporation) properties along
23 north bank of Chena River to Borough
 - 24 • Funding for the ARRC (Alaska Railroad Corporation) Southern
25 Bypass Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
 - 26 • Human Services Community Matching Grant Increase
 - 27 • Voluntary Wood Stove Change-Out Funding

28 **Library**

- 29 • FNSB Library Facilities (North Pole new library facility and Noel
30 Wien upgrades)
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33 **FNSB Infrastructure:**
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35 **Deferred Maintenance**

- 36 • Pioneer Park Deferred Maintenance – Includes Stampede Room
- 37 • Centennial Center Roof Replacement
 - 38 • Underground Fuel Storage Tanks Replacements Phase 3
 - 39 • Hamme/Mary Siah Pool Replaster
 - 40 • Road Service Area Funding
 - 41 • Ambulance and Fire Equipment Replacement
 - 42 • Animal Shelter Project Phase I
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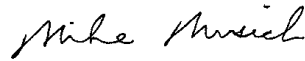
Improvements

- Carlson Activity Center (CAC) (Phase 2 Improvements)
- Growden Park/Gold Panner Restrooms
- Fairbanks Metropolitan Transportation Study - FMATS funding
- Tanana Lakes Infrastructure
- Funding for a cost and design study for a natural gas distribution system for the Fairbanks North Star Borough
- Borough Emergency Operations Administrative Offices
- Transit Maintenance Facility Addition
- Parks and Recreation Facility Improvements
- North Star Fire Station # 1 Bay Expansion

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly supports these legislative priorities.

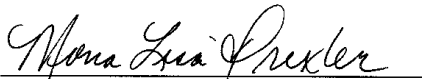
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Alaska Interior Delegation, the Honorable Governor Sean Parnell and the Alaska Congressional Delegation.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2010.



Mike Musick
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


Mona Lisa Drexler, MMC
Municipal Borough Clerk

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Ayes: Hutchison, Howard, Beck, Blanchard II, Dukes, Want, Winters, Kassel, Musick
Noes: None

2010 FNSB Legislative Priorities
Summary Detail of Requests
Revised 11/12/10

Legislative Action/State Funding:

Funding to Host Society of the 2014 Arctic Winter Games (New request)

Fairbanks has a great opportunity to host the Arctic Winter Games in 2014 representing the State of Alaska. Funding to assist with preparation and operating costs to bring this program to Alaska is necessary.

Requesting \$1M in start-up funding and annual appropriations of \$400K for 3 years.

PERS Termination Change (New request)

A legislative action is necessary to clearly identify the intent of when or if a termination study is appropriate. At this time, the Division of Retirement and Benefits is liberally applying this provision, in essence requiring a termination study any time a position is eliminated. Legislation to repeal the termination study requirement, provided a sustainable salary base is preserved is being supported by AML.

Transfer ARRC (Alaska Railroad Corporation) ARRC properties along north bank of Chena River to borough (New request)

In an effort to assist Ice Alaska so that is can continue its winter activities, the Borough is requesting a transfer of property from the Alaska Rail Road to the Borough.

ARRC (Alaska Railroad Corporation) Southern Bypass EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) (New request)

The southern bypass route would improve safety, minimize traffic conflicts and optimize freight/transit through the community significantly reducing the 49 railroad crossings in the borough and accommodate the proposed extension of the railroad to Delta and eventually to Canada.

Requesting \$10M.

Human Services Community Matching Grant Increase (Continued/ongoing request)

Fairbanks, as well as most communities throughout the state, continues to see the need increase for human services. Increases to the human services community matching grant will help us better provide those necessary services.

Voluntary Wood Stove Change-Out Funding (New request)

The Fairbanks North Star Borough provided \$1,000,000 in funding for the voluntary wood stove change out program this fiscal year in an effort to reduce PM2.5 emissions in the non-attainment area. This program has been extremely successful and we believe we will use up the funding by Dec 2010. Additional funding is needed to have a positive impact on our Air Quality issues.

Requesting \$5M.

Library

FNSB Library Facilities (North Pole new library facility and Noel Wien upgrades) (New request)

The library in North Pole is in need of replacement. The community need/use is higher than the current capacity of the existing facility.

Estimated cost is \$12.7M.

The Noel Wien Library has maintenance issues that must be addressed, including a new roof, controls etc.

Estimated cost is \$6M.

FNSB Infrastructure: Deferred Maintenance

Pioneer Park Deferred Maintenance – Includes Stampede Room (New request)

Pioneer Park is an aging facility with multiple maintenance needs, including an asbestos issue in the ceiling of the Stampede Room that needs immediate attention.

Estimated cost is \$250,000.

Centennial Center Roof Replacement (New request)

The roof at the Alaska Centennial Center for the Arts needs replaced. The leaky roof is causing damage to several parts of the building.

Estimated cost is \$600,000.

Underground Fuel Storage Tanks Replacements Phase 3 (Continued/ongoing request)

In compliance with federal and state regulations, the Borough has been replacing fuel tanks, and additional funding to complete the underground storage tank upgrade process is necessary.

Estimated cost is \$650,000.

Hamme/Mary Siah Pool Replaster (New request)

Aged plaster in these pools is peeling from the floor and necessitates pool wide replacement. Interim repairs are becoming more frequent and having limited success as the plaster continues to deteriorate.

Estimated cost is \$750,000.

Road Service Area Funding (Continued/ongoing request)

Service area roads continue to need upgrades and improvements. This request continues funding for the road capital improvement program.

Requesting \$10M.

Ambulance and Fire Equipment Replacement (Continued/ongoing request)

Replacement of oldest ambulance in Borough fleet.

Estimated cost is \$165,000.

The Borough supports individual fire service area requests for replacement of fire equipment.

Animal Shelter Project Phase I (New request)

Funding to allow Public Works to complete a conditions facility analysis to determine the future needs and whether renovation is an option or if the facility should be replaced. Maintenance issues continue to compound in the current facility.

Estimated cost is \$200,000.

FNSB Infrastructure: Improvements

CAC (Carlson Activity Center) Phase 2 Improvements (Continued/ongoing request)

This request includes a renovation of the multiple use area and locker rooms located on the lower level, east side of the Carlson Activity Center. The locker rooms and associated facilities are over 20 years old and in need of upgrade.

Estimated cost is \$4.2M.

Growden Park/Gold Panner Restrooms (New request – listed in previous years)

This request is for a multiple use public restroom facility that would accommodate Gold Panner Field, Growden Park and adjacent public areas. This project would tie into the water and sewer utilities improvements completed in 2010.

Estimated cost is \$1M.

FMATS Funding (Fairbanks Metropolitan Area Transportation System) (Continued/ongoing request)

Continue seeking funding for non-service area (DOT maintained) road infrastructure and improvements, including roads, bike paths, multiple use trails, etc.

Requesting \$1.5M

Tanana Lakes Infrastructure (Continued/ongoing request)

Requesting funding to continue the development of the Tanana Lakes Recreational Area, which includes Lathrop Street extension and entrance station and road completion.

Requesting \$500,000

Funding for a cost and design study for a natural gas distribution system for the Fairbanks North Star Borough (Continued/ongoing request)

Fuel costs continue to have a negative economic impact on our community. This funding request would allow for a cost and design study for a natural gas distribution system for the Fairbanks North Star Borough, helping to understand the issues and work towards lower energy costs.

Estimated cost is \$500,000.

Borough Emergency Operations Administrative Offices (New request)

Grant funding was successfully obtained to construct an Emergency Operations Center at Steese Fire Station 1. Additional funding could provide for administrative office space for the Emergency Services function and EOC break out rooms.

Estimated cost is \$850,000.

Transit Maintenance Facility Addition (New request)

Public Works is completing a conditions facility analysis to determine the future needs and whether renovation is an option or if the facility should be replaced. Capacity issues are limiting the services that can be provided. The existing building is a steel frame similar to a warehouse set-up which is not ideal for its current use nor is it energy efficient. Maintenance issues continue to compound as the building ages.

Estimated cost is \$1.7M.

Parks and Recreation Facility Improvements (Continued/ongoing request)

- A. Expansion of continued infrastructure work at South Davis Park to include trails, picnic areas, lighting etc.

Estimated cost is \$500,000.

- B. Interior restroom facilities at the ground level of the Alaska Centennial Center for the Arts at Pioneer Park to ensure ADA access during venues/events and for general park use. May consider elevator in project; may require building addition.

Estimated cost is \$1M.

- C. Birch Hill facility improvement to include construction of a kitchen, viewing deck and other upgrades in preparation for the Arctic Winter Games and for facility use flexibility. Birch Hill will also be the host of the 2013 Junior Olympics and we expect events of this magnitude to continue into the future.

Estimated cost is \$250,000.

North Star Fire Station # 1 Bay expansion (New request)

Public Works has completed a facility condition analysis, which shows significant major maintenance needs at this station and capacity issues calling for an extension to the bay area.

Estimated cost is \$500,000.