

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Whittier****Federal Tax ID: 92-0041440****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

## Whittier - Snow Blower

**State Funding Requested: \$700,000****House District: 32 / P**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Replace badly worn existing snow blower

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost: \$700,000

Funding Already Secured: (\$0)

FY2012 State Funding Request: (\$700,000)

Project Deficit: \$0

*Funding Details:**No funding to date***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The City of Whittier typically experiences annual snowfall near, and sometimes surpassing, 40 feet with single even accumulations in excess of five feet. Given this volume of snowfall, snow removal is an ongoing challenge. Snow removal in the core area of the City of Whittier is currently accomplished with the use of several types of equipment. Snow plows and front-end loaders are the most widely used and a snow blower is used in areas where snow cannot be plowed.

The recent and ongoing construction of Shotgun Cove Road has increased the demand on snow removal equipment, specifically the existing snow blower. The design of Shotgun Cove Road combined with the steep terrain requires that snow removal be accomplished almost exclusively by snow blower. The use of a snow blower is preferred and necessary for both efficiency and safety.

The existing snow blower owned and operated by the City of Whittier is inefficient, antiquated, worn, and as such replacement parts are becoming difficult to locate and obtain. With the addition of Shotgun Cove Road to the city's list of snow removal obligations, the continued dependable service of the existing snow blower is questionable. Considering the increase in snow removal demands, the estimated remaining useful life of the existing snow blower is only one or two years.

**Project Timeline:**

Expenses will occur on a one-time basis once funding is acquired.

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

City of Whittier Public Works Department

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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