

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Kodiak Maritime Museum****Federal Tax ID: 92-0165430****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades****Kodiak Maritime Museum - Harbor Gateway Project****State Funding Requested: \$350,000****House District: 36 / R**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

This project will complete restoration work to the historic fishing vessel Thelma C. and install the vessel as the centerpiece of an outdoor maritime history exhibit in downtown Kodiak, Alaska. The scope of the work includes repairs to the vessel, site preparation, interpretive signage, multimedia displays, and a protective roof over the exhibit. The exhibit will be free and open to the public year round.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$364,115
Funding Already Secured:	(\$14,115)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$350,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0
<i>Funding Details:</i>	
2009 Alaska Leader Foundation	\$1,000
2009 Alaska State Museum Grant-In-Aid	\$1,090
2010 American Seafoods Co.	\$2,025
2010 Kodiak Island Borough	\$10,000
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$14,115</i>

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Thelma C Interpretive Exhibit: The Project will involve removing and replacing failed timbers and planks on a historic commercial fishing vessel, the Thelma C. The aim will be to restore the boat as closely as possible to its original condition, with the use of traditional shipbuilding methods and materials. Once the restoration work has been completed and the vessel is sited near Kodiak Harbor, it will be incorporated into a permanent maritime history interpretive exhibit, called "Thelma C: Built For Survival." The exhibit will help visitors, students, teachers and non fishing residents understand what goes on in the Kodiak harbor and aboard a commercial fishing boat, and how the harbor and such boats are integral to Kodiak's historic relationship with the sea. The boat will be accessible using a ramp and a cutaway section of the hull to allow views of the deck, flying bridge, and interior of the living quarters, engine room, and fish hold. The exhibit will include interpretive all-weather panels and multimedia components deliverable to smartphones such as the iPhone and Android.

Interpretive elements of the exhibit include:

- The basics of design and construction of this historically significant vessel.
- The story and methods of salmon fishing on Kodiak Island, from the first Native Alaskan fishermen using weirs and nets thousands of years ago, to modern seine vessels like the Thelma C.
- The story of the 1964 earthquake and tsunami, the terrible losses to Kodiak, and the resulting federal aid that funded

construction of the Thelma C.

- The crew of the Thelma C hard at work. Visitors will gain an understanding of what it's like to live and work on a small seagoing vessel during many months at sea.
- Nautical vocabulary, description of fishing gear and machinery, and touchable pieces of nets, lines, buoys, deck equipment, and raingear.

Project and Organizational Background:

Kodiak Maritime Museum incorporated in 2002 as a 501(c)(3) corporation. Our mission is "To recognize, preserve, and interpret Kodiak's maritime heritage." While Kodiak Maritime Museum is still a "museum without walls," the organization continues to work steadily toward the eventual goal of building a dedicated museum. To that end, the museum was recently selected to participate in the Foraker Foundation's Pre-Development Program, funded by the Rasmuson Foundation.

Despite the lack of a museum building, the museum has continually produced high quality Kodiak maritime history related exhibits and programs which have been presented to the public in a variety of venues and mediums around Kodiak. Besides several satellite exhibits maintained by the museum at Kodiak College and a downtown bank lobby, the museum has also produced an award winning oral history radio show of the Kodiak King Crab Fishery, a photo exhibit of the effects of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill on Kodiak Island, an annual fishermen's poetry event, and a series of 14 interpretive panels around the Kodiak Harbor which is particularly appreciated by visitors.

Our recent interpretive efforts have focused on the history and cultural significance of Kodiak's St. Paul Harbor. The museum has long recognized that the harbor is an integral part of Alaska's maritime history, and continues to be the economic, social, and cultural focal point of the community. It is also Kodiak's signature tourist attraction, and nearly all visitors to Kodiak visit St. Paul Harbor at least once. According to a study completed for the museum with the McDowell Group in 2007, in addition to the 12,000 island residents, about 20,000 visitors a year come to Kodiak for business and pleasure, via cruise ships, the Alaska Marine Highway ferries, and by air, and that number is increasing every year. Kodiak Maritime Museum's audience includes both these visitors to Kodiak Island and island residents.

Despite the importance of the harbor for both visitors and non-fishing residents however, except for the interpretive signs installed by KMM on Shelikof St, little else has been done to explain harbor activities to visitors or non-fishing residents, or to help visitors feel welcome there. To address this need, the Thelma C Project was developed by Kodiak Maritime Museum staff and board members in 2005 as part of a harbor-wide interpretive plan.

For the vessel restoration work, the museum will rely on Mr. Brian Johnson, a shipwright and wooden vessel restorer from Ocean Bay Marine in Seattle, Washington. Mr. Johnson is intimately familiar with the Thelma C., having done previous hull repair work in the 1990s when the boat was still an operating fishing boat. Mr. Johnson also commercially fished the Thelma C before devoting his energies to marine shipbuilding. Mr. Johnson started his career as a shipwright in 1973 and founded his company, Ocean Bay Marine, in the mid-1980s. Since then, he has helped maintain and repair many of Seattle's fleet of wooden fishing vessels, using traditional shipbuilding techniques, including the haul-out and hull survey workshop of the tugboat Albert Foss in 2007.

Mr. Johnson is now assessing the condition of the Thelma C in preparation for making a detailed restoration plan. He expects to complete the assessment and restoration plan by March 1, 2011.

As the work proceeds, Kodiak Maritime Museum and Mr. Johnson will consult regularly with the Alaska Office of History and Archeology and with Northwest Seaport in Seattle.

Community Involvement. The museum has worked closely with the City of Kodiak and the Kodiak Ports and Harbors Advisory Committee to best fit the project within the working and strategic plans for downtown Kodiak and the harbor area. The City of Kodiak is currently in the process of planning a pedestrian walkway linking the ferry and cruise ship dock with the harbor area. This walkway will eventually funnel visitors from ships into the harbor area and to interpretive displays, including harbor interpretive signs and the Thelma C Interpretive Exhibit. Placement of the Thelma C. Interpretive Exhibit near the harbor has been approved by the Kodiak Ports and Harbors Advisory Committee.

Project Timeline:

Phase III Timeline: Approximately 3 months. The project can be completed in one summer season, June to September 2011.

Phase IV Timeline: Approximately 3 months.

Phase V Timeline: Approximately 3 months.

Phase VI Timeline: Approximately 3 months.

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

Kodiak Maritime Museum

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

**MINUTES OF THE PORT AND HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF KODIAK
HELD WEDNESDAY JANUARY 7, 2009
IN FISHERMEN'S HALL**

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

PHAB Vice-Chairman Stosh Anderson called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m. Board members, Stosh Anderson, Oliver Holm, Daniel Miller and Jeffrey Stewart were present and constituted a quorum.

Staff members present were Harbormaster Martin Owen, City Manager Linda Freed and Harbor Administrative Assistant Judy Mullican.

PHAB meeting sign-in sheet (attached).

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PHAB member Stewart MOVED, seconded by PHAB member Holm, to approve the agenda of the January 7, 2009 regular PHAB meeting with the addition of (C) Kristina Anderson of URS, added under new business. The motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

PHAB member Holm MOVED, seconded by PHAB member Miller to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2008 regular PHAB meeting as presented. The motion passed.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Maritime Museum Update

Vice-Chairman Anderson introduced Toby Sullivan the new director of the Kodiak Maritime Museum (KMM). Sullivan gave insight into the Harbor Gateway Project that museum staff has been working on. He stated the project is devised of three components. The first is that the City has donated to the museum the use of the Saint Paul Harbor (SPH) office located on the corner of Marine Way and Shelikof St. Secondly, Sullivan announced that grant funding has been applied for and he hopes to turn the new location into a mini museum. In addition, the museum staff has been working on the F/V THELMA C, a salmon seiner built in 1965 with money from 1964 AK earthquake disaster relief fund. He plans to have the THELMA C placed on the spit as part of the museum's public exhibit. He announced to the Board that the City has agreed in principle to this idea. Sullivan asked the Board for their support, and if the project is to move forward, where they might consider a good location on the spit.

Harbormaster Owen informed the Board of the proposed site location. City Manager Freed announced that the Council would like a recommendation from the PHAB for a location and anything else that they determined to be important regarding the display. She added that KMM would be responsible for the leased area. Vice-Chairman Anderson asked if a time frame had been determined to move the project forward. Sullivan said if the grant is approved, then museum staff would like to start the project early

3 is safe for development. Owen will add a geo-tech survey of Pillar Mt. [Re. stability] issue to RFP scope of work.

Vice-Chairman Anderson inquired as to whether funds are available if the dock needs to be rebuilt and or replaced. Harbormaster Owen informed Anderson, that he has asked Rick Kniaziowski manager of Horizon Lines in Kodiak to come up with a concept, or design plan and to let the City know what their plans are. Owen has yet to receive a response from Horizon Lines. Anderson strongly recommends being proactive because a last minute build could cost the community a lot of money.

g. Pacific Marine Expo and Seattle Boat Show

Harbormaster Owen stated he attended the Pacific Marine expo and it was very well attended. Next he will be attending the Seattle Boat show with harbormasters from Juneau and Ketchikan in late January. The Alaska Association of Harbormasters is sponsoring the booth. Owen said their goal will be promoting pleasure crafts to come to the State of Alaska.

h. Economic Stimulus Proposal—Letter to Congressman, Don Young

City Manager Freed informed the Board that the City has written a letter requesting infrastructure project priorities to be included as part of the U. S. Senate's deliberation of an Economic Stimulus package. She advised the PHAB that Senator Murkowski and Senator Begich were also sent letters. A copy of the letter was given to members and guest in attendance. Freed said the letter identifies those projects of importance and once the City receives the money, they will be ready to go forward. She stated Senator Begich sent the City forms to be filled out for projects in which they were interested. She said that since the letter, two more projects were added; and lobbyists in Washington are promoting these projects. In addition, EPA is hoping to receive capital and they have also asked the City to send them their projects. She is looking to EPA to be the primary funding source for these projects including the heavy lift dock.

i. Location for F/V THELMA C

Owen and members of the Board took a walk to the proposed location for the THELMA C and returned to the meeting. After a short discussion the following motion ensued.

PHAB member Holm MOVED, seconded by PHAB member Miller to recommend to the City Council a location for the F/V THELMA C as an exhibit (a) first choice on the spit area between green Coast Guard buoy and the North access of gravel grid support piling, and (b) second choice the fenced off area of Oscar's Dock.

No discussion followed. Board members Anderson, Holm and Miller voted in favor and member Stewart abstained. A short discussion ensued as to whether three "Aye" votes, no "nay" votes, and one "Abstain" vote were sufficient to pass the measure in that only four voting members were in attendance. At the end of this discussion, the Vice-chairman declared the motion "passed".

Moorage rates were revisited. After a brief discussion, the following motion was made.

PHAB member Miller MOVED, seconded by PHAB member Holm to approve the proposed fee schedule changes striking item 9.16 public showers to go into effect on July 1, 2009 and to approve the moorage rate increase effective July 1, 2010.

A short discussion ensued, Harbormaster Owen informed the Board of the reasons behind the new charges.

WORK SESSION NOTES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

The work session began at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Carolyn L. Floyd and Councilmembers Charles E. Davidson, Josefina F. Rosales, Gabriel T. Saravia, Barbara J. Stevens, Thomas D. Walters, and David M. Woodruff were present. City staff present: City Manager Linda Freed, City Clerk Debra Marlar, and Deputy Clerk Patti Kirkpatrick.

Public Comments. None

FY'03 Audit Report. John Bost, partner with Mikunda, Cottrell & Co. summarized the FY'03 Audit Report for the year ending June 30, 2003, and commended staff for their continued efforts in strengthening internal controls and operating efficiencies of the City.

Meeting with Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The Council discussed current and future recreation projects with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB). After reviewing Resolution No. 01-7, Rescinding Resolution 03-84 and Re-creating a Nine-member Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, staff was directed to amend Resolution No. 01-7, Section 4 (a) to read, "Seven members from the community. Cultural and ethnic diversity is encouraged."

Dana Reid, PRAB Chair, expressed enthusiasm for the success of the ice rink, noting that with the hockey and ice skating programs, the rink was fast becoming a first class facility. In response to Councilmember questions, Mr. Reid explained the PRAB had not participated in the proposed swimming pool discussions that had been held by the Kodiak Island Borough. The next project they would be reviewing was replacement bleachers for the Baranof Park field.

Kodiak Maritime Museum Request. Chris Lynch, Vice-President of the Kodiak Maritime Museum (KMM) Board of Directors, explained that the Museum was seeking the Council's support for an area on the St. Paul Harbor spit to permanently display a classic seine boat, stating that KMM would apply for grants to cover all costs associated with the restoration, installation, and maintenance of the display. The display would allow the general public a glimpse into the types of vessels used in the salmon fishing industry during the past fifty years. The Council voiced support for the project, and directed that KMM's request be reviewed by the Port and Harbors Advisory Board.

Items To Be Scheduled:

Kodiak Wireless Pillar Mt. Lease Request. The Council directed staff to proceed with the process to prepare a lease with Kodiak Wireless.

The work session ended at 8:26 p.m.



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January 6, 2010

Toby Sullivan
Executive Director
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Dear Toby,

Thank you for sharing with us the plans and details of the Kodiak Maritime Museum's *Thelma C* exhibit and Harbor Gateway Project. The Kodiak Historical Society wholeheartedly supports your efforts to restore the *Thelma C* and build an interpretive display to promote and share the history of Kodiak's salmon fishery to the local community and visitors. We believe your project will contribute significantly to the understanding of regional history, and to the range of valuable cultural programs available in downtown Kodiak.

Please let me know if any of the resources of the Kodiak Historical Society can be of assistance to the Kodiak Maritime Museum in the restoration of the vessel, or in the development of the *Thelma C* exhibit.

Sincerely,

Katie Oliver
Executive Director



December 29, 2009

Senator Gary Stevens
State Capitol Room 111
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Stevens:

Toby Sullivan, executive director of the Kodiak Maritime History Museum, has made me aware of the museum's funding request for the proposed *Thelma C* project. I would like to offer my wholehearted support for this project and take a moment to explain its importance to the visitor experience on Kodiak Island.

Folks who visit Kodiak Island recognize the island as a unique tourist destination in Alaska. The fact that we have remained faithful to our commercial fishing heritage is part of the appeal of visiting Kodiak. Visitors who come into the information center are always curious about our commercial fishing fleet. We are frequently asked if there are tours available on commercial fishing vessels and, of course, we are frequently asked for directions to see the *F/V Cornelia Marie* and *F/V Incentive*. Having the *Thelma C* available as a permanent interpretive exhibit in Kodiak would be a great asset to the visitor experience and a wonderful legacy to commercial fishing in Kodiak. The addition of this attraction would no doubt bring the Kodiak Maritime Museum up to the visitation figures enjoyed by Baranov and Alutiiq museums.

Again, the Kodiak Island Convention and Visitors Bureau fully supports funding for the Kodiak Maritime Museum *Thelma C* project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Janet Buckingham
Executive Director

cc: Toby Sullivan



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January 28, 2010

Representative Alan Austerman
State Capitol Room 434
Juneau, AK 99801

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The Kodiak Maritime Museum has worked diligently over the last eight years to develop a project that will tell our sea-faring story to residents and visitors alike. As the community looks at ways to improve and beautify the downtown core, the addition of this project will give focus to the overall effort.

The Kodiak Chamber of Commerce fully endorses the Kodiak Maritime Museum's request for Legislative funding for their proposed *Thelma C* project.

Sincerely,

Debora King, Executive Director

c.c. Toby Sullivan, Kodiak Maritime Museum



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