

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority****Federal Tax ID: 92-0089028****Project Title:****Project Type: Planning and Research**

# Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority - Planning and Development Grant

**State Funding Requested: \$125,000****House District: Southeast Region (1-5)**

Future Funding May Be Requested

**Brief Project Description:**

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**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$251,800
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$125,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$126,800

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

SEASWA Board of Directors

### 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

City of Petersburg

RESOLUTION # 1945

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SOUTHEAST ALASKA SOLID WASTE  
AUTHORITY'S FY2012 LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION REQUEST FOR  
ORGANIZATIONAL FUNDS**

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**WHEREAS**, this appropriation request is within the limits of allowable appropriations that are available to newly formed municipal authorities under AS 29.05.180 and .190, and

**WHEREAS**, the SEASWA has made an initial request to Governor Parnell's office for inclusion of the SEASWA appropriation in the Governor's budget for FY12 and wishes to garner regional support for this request.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Council for the City of Petersburg supports the formation and organizational efforts of the SEASWA and the Authority's legislative appropriation request for fiscal year 2012.

Passed and Approved by the Petersburg City Council on 10-4, 2010.

ATTEST:



Kathy O'Rear, City Clerk



Al Dwyer, Mayor

CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 12-10-1213

A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY  
AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA,  
SUPPORTING THE SOUTHEAST ALASKA SOLID  
WASTE AUTHORITY'S FY 2012 LEGISLATIVE  
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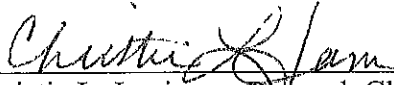
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, supports the formation and organizational efforts of the SEASWA and the Authority's legislative appropriation request for fiscal year 2011.

ADOPTED: December 14, 2010.



David Jack, Vice-Mayor

ATTEST:   
Christie L. Jamieson, Borough Clerk



# S. E. A. S. W. A.

## **Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority**

- On October 6, 2009 voters in Craig, Petersburg, Thorne Bay, and Wrangell approved ballot measures to create the Southeast Alaska Regional Solid Waste Authority (SEASWA). Klawock officially joined the SEASWA in October of 2010.
- Section 29.35.800 – 29.35.925 of Alaska Statutes allows cities to join together to form a solid waste authority if local city councils authorize the action, and if the action is approved by a city's registered voters.
- The purpose of SEASWA is to allow communities in Southeast Alaska to work together in an attempt to stabilize the cost of disposing of municipal solid waste.
- The cities participating in this process are doing so to pool their efforts to better manage disposal of municipal solid waste. Forming the SEASWA provides a formal mechanism under which the communities can work together on long-term goals for disposal of municipal solid waste from Southeast Alaska.
- The communities in Southeast Alaska that worked to develop SEASWA contributed funding to help meet the start-up needs of the authority. Those communities also entered into a grant agreement, through the Southeast Conference, with the Denali Commission to provide start-up funding. Total funds raised to date equal approximately \$125,000.
- Among the Authority's budget goals is a request to the Governor's office and Legislature for \$125,000 during the FY 2012 budget process. The Authority is also investigating available grant funding from the USDA Rural Development and additional funding from the Denali Commission.
- The SEASWA Board of Directors held its first meeting in December, 2009. Since that time the Board has been active in passing bylaws and preparing budgets to provide structure to the organization. The Authority has also been active in soliciting membership throughout the region and has recently completed an update survey to known regional solid waste resources to evaluate possible opportunities.
- SEASWA is also moving forward on a formal Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to gauge vendor interest and qualifications to act as a regional solid waste and recycling contractor. The RFQ is in development at this time and will be advertised in February/March of 2011.

- The Southeast Conference has agreed to administer start-up funding and has also offered the Authority access to its emailing lists. This has been particularly effective in garnering interest and support for the authority. This arrangement provides the State of Alaska a known entity in Southeast Conference, that will properly account for and report to the State of Alaska SEASWA's use of any approved funding.
- **Progress of the SEASWA research and development effort is at a critical juncture. The previously received Denali Commission grant has allowed the Authority to continue moving forward, but without a significant injection of capital, the SEASWA will soon find itself at a standstill.**
- There remains to be a high amount of regional interest and support to complete the work of the Authority and provide a regional solid waste alternative that will benefit Southeast Alaskans on a long term basis.
  
- For more information, contact any SEASWA Director:

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South East Alaska Solid Waste Authority  
CRAIG - KLAWOCK - PETERSBURG - THORNE BAY - WRANGELL

February 9, 2011

Honorable Senator Bert Stedman

Dear Senator Stedman:

As you know, the Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority (SEASWA) has been formed by the communities of Craig, Klawock, Petersburg, Thorne Bay and Wrangell in accordance with the Regional Solid Waste Management Act. Formation was accomplished with the support and assistance of Southeast Conference and a generous grant from the Denali Commission. The primary goal of the SEASWA is to research and develop a regional solid waste project that will not only aid many communities in our region, but also provide economic benefits and environmental stewardship.

Efforts to date have seen the appointment of the Board of Directors by the participating municipalities, the development of bylaws of the Authority and efforts to increase our membership. The Authority wishes to truly represent a majority of Southeast Alaska as we seek to develop a solid waste project, or projects, that will assist our region with the ever present issue of solid waste disposal.

However, as is the case with any newly formed municipal entity, the Authority's limited capital is an impediment to our progress. To provide for continued forward movement toward meeting our goals, SEASWA is seeking funding from the State of Alaska in the FY2012 budget to fund organizational efforts, member recruitment and solid waste research through fiscal year 2013. The funding sought is a \$125,000 match to pre-existing Denali Commission grant monies and community contributions made to Southeast Conference by supportive communities.

An identical funding request was supported by the Legislature in the FY2011 state budget, but unfortunately some tough decisions were made in the Governor's office that resulted in the Authority's appropriation being eliminated from the budget last year. At this time the members of the SEASWA respectfully request that you consider inclusion of SEASWA organizational funds in the state budget for FY2012.

Documents supporting this request are attached to this letter and include: A Capsis project submission for the state's capital budget. A copy of our approved budget for FY2011 as well as the proposed budget for FY2012 and FY2013 is included for your information. A listing of talking points to provide some additional information regarding the Authority's activities and plans for the future. Resolutions of support of this funding request from the communities of Craig, Petersburg, Thorne Bay and Wrangell are included to further demonstrate the support that the SEASWA receives from our municipal member communities. A summary of results from a recent SEASWA survey of Southeast Alaska's solid waste resources, disposal methods and costs.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your support of Southeast Alaska's solid waste issues.

Respectfully,



Karl Hagerman, SEASWA Board of Directors, Chairman  
City of Petersburg Public Works Director



**SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE**

**RESOLUTION 11-09**

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Passed and Approved by the Southeast Conference Board of Directors on November 23, 2010.

ATTEST:



Jan Hill, President

WITNESS:



Shelly Wright, Executive Director

**Project Title:** Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority – SEASWA Startup Funding

**TPS number:**

**Priority:** 1

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**Additional Comment:**

The SEASWA's formation has been well supported by the member communities elected bodies and registered voters. This project has broad and energetic public support both locally and regionally.

**CITY OF CRAIG  
RESOLUTION 10-20**

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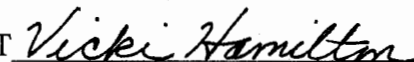
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Adopted this 21st day of October 2010.

  
Mayor A. Millie Schoonover

ATTEST

  
Vicki Hamilton, City Clerk

