

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Northwest Arctic Borough****Federal Tax ID: 920116661****Project Title:****Project Type: Maintenance and Repairs**

Northwest Arctic Borough - Ice Road construction

State Funding Requested: \$50,000**House District: 40 / T**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

The money will be used to build an ice road during the winter months that will connect Kiana, Noorvik and Kotzebue.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$50,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$50,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

Over the last several years the state has provided funding for the road from a variety of sources.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The ice road provides a safe means of travel between several communities in Northwest Alaska. During the winter months the ice road is the only road connecting Noorvik, Kiana and Kotzebue. The road allows community members to safely travel between these communities during the winter months and in some circumstances reduces search and rescue efforts because there is a marked trail for people to utilize rather than people making their own trail. Additionally, since residents can travel between the villages they can buy cheaper goods and fuel in Kotzebue, a major hub, and take the items back to their respective communities. Often times the goods and fuel are then transported out further to more remote villages substantially reducing the living costs in remote areas of Alaska. Additionally, the ice road allows people to stay in contact with each other during the long winter months and to attend regional community events which helps promote a sense of well-being and helps combat the high suicide rate of the northern region.

Project Timeline:

The money will be expended in the winter of 2011.

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

Northwest Arctic Borough

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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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