

Platinum: Airport extension

FY2012 Request: \$3,500,000

Reference No: 51626

AP/AL: Allocation

Project Type: Construction

Category: Transportation

Location: Platinum

House District: Bethel (HD 38)

Impact House District: Bethel (HD 38)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2011 - 06/30/2018

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Appropriation: Airport Improvement Program

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Coastal Villages Region Fund, the Community Development Quota (CDQ) group for Yukon-Kuskokwim area, desires to extend the Platinum airport runway to 5,000 feet including runway lights extension to support air cargo shipping of fresh salmon to global markets. This project contributes to the Department's Mission by improving the mobility of people and goods and will increase private investment and rural economic development.

Funding:	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$3,500,000						\$3,500,000
Total:	\$3,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,500,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

None.

Project Description/Justification:

In 2009 Coastal Villages Region Fund (CVRF) opened a new \$41 million seafood processing plant in Platinum. The plant employs more than 250 residents from western Alaska and provides a market for 1000 salmon and halibut permit holders and their crews. This year CVRF processed about 4,000,000 lbs of salmon from the Kuskokwim delta, which were frozen for preservation. CVRF wants to maximize profits by selling fresh salmon, which must be shipped by air cargo. The preferred aircraft would be a Lockheed C-130 Hercules aircraft, which requires a runway of at least 5,000 feet. Platinum airport is currently 3,300' x 75' in dimensions. Because the FAA's mission is safety, it will not fund economic development projects, so this request is not for AIP funding. CVRF is willing to pay a substantial portion of the expenses to extend the runway at Platinum airport with its own funding. CVRF is also seeking Economic Development Administration and other funding sources to supplement the project. The preliminary engineering estimate is \$3.5 million to extend the runway by approximately 1,700 feet including necessary runway safety areas, runway lighting, and other safety features. Expenses would cover incidental costs to the state including design, engineering, construction, and management costs. The Department of Transportation & Public Facilities needs Legislative Authority to receive expend federal funds on the Platinum airport extension project.