

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Thorne Bay****Federal Tax ID: 92-0088485****Project Title:****Project Type: Planning and Research**

# Thorne Bay - Davidson Landing Restroom and Caretaker Facilities Design and Engineering

**State Funding Requested: \$41,000****House District: 1 / A**

Future Funding May Be Requested

**Brief Project Description:**

Engineer and Design Public Restrooms and Caretaker Facilities for Davidson Landing Harbor and Park Facilities
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**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$41,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$41,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:**Federal, State and City funding has assisted with the improvements to Davidson Landing Harbor Facilities***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Davidson Landing Harbor and Parks Facilities  
 Davidson Landing Public Restrooms and Caretaker Facilities  
 City of Thorne Bay, Alaska  
 EIN: 92-0088485

Davidson Landing Harbor and Park Facilities are being improved and expanded. The Public and City Council see the need to provide restroom facilities and security to protect the Public's investment. As this is a continuation of the Davidson Landing Facilities this project would fall within the same rating as the Davidson Landing Harbor improvements.

Davidson Landing Harbor Facilities have been improved over the past several years with Federal, State and local funding. These improvements when complete will total over 2 million dollars. Davidson Landing also is home to developing Public Park amenities and a structure housing Fire and EMS equipment. The City has been aware that as the new and expanded uses develop and the remote location will bring the need for public restrooms, security and upkeep to protect the Public's investment.

Thorne Bay also lacks affordable housing for emergency personnel (VPSO housing in particular). A caretaker facility at Davidson Landing would address both concerns. Housing for a VPSO or other emergency personnel and someone who could watch over the facilities and assist with daily upkeep. Public Restrooms, which have long been sought after at Davidson Landing could also be built knowing they will be under a watchful eye to protect the investment.

The lack of housing has been at the for front of discussions and planning for many years. High on the priority list at the last SWOT meeting and discussed regularly at the city council meeting. Affordable housing directly impacts Thorne Bay's economic future. Homes that are on the market are non-affordable to public employees and the few rentals are only seasonal due to the high demand for rentals late spring through early fall with the influx of fishing and recreational users. Lack of restrooms at Davidson Landing has also been brought to the city council's attention numerous times and have become more prevalent with the added harbor facilities. And security issues are ongoing and increase in nature in the the more rural areas such as Davidson Landing.

Affordable housing was discussed in the development of the City of Thorne Bay Economic Development Planning process. And has been a major draw back in the City's attempt to hire a 2nd VPSO. The need for restrooms and security at Davidson Landing have been discussion topics throughout the Davidson Landing improvement program.

The governing board and the public will continue to be involved through public meetings, the design and layout and the budgeting process. Both projects were dopted by City Council as Capital Project in the City FY12 budget.

FY13 Legislative funds will be used to Engineer, Design and prepare Plans and Specifications for construction of Public Restrooms, Caretaker Living Facilities and Infrastructure (water and sewer)to support the facilities

FY14 Pending funding award contract and construct facilities.

**Project:**

Phase I---\$41,000 Engineering and Design Funding estimate

Phase II---\$281,000 Construction of restroom, living facility and infrastructure funding estimate based on similar Forest Service projects (Legislative and other funding dependent)

**Project Timeline:**

FY13 (Fall of 2012) Select a consultant

FY13 (Winter/Spring 2012/2013) Engineering, Design, Permitting, Plans and Specifications (FY13 Legislative funding dependent)

FY14 (Summer/Fall 2013), bid project, select a contractor, start construction (Legislative or other funding dependent)

FY14 (Spring 2014) Open facilities

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

City of Thorne Bay, City Administrator

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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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