

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Fairbanks North Star Borough****Federal Tax ID: 920030612****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

Fairbanks North Star Borough - Noel Wien Library Maintenance

State Funding Requested: \$3,600,000**House District: Fairbanks Areawide (7-11)**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

The Noel Wien Library has maintenance issues that must be addressed, including a replacement of the HVAC system, fire alarm system replacement, bathroom renovation and plumbing repairs and siding replacement.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$3,600,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$3,600,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

The Fraker Group is performing a Library Study to determine future use and expansion plans of the Noel Wien Library. The FNSB has also funded \$400,000 of preliminary design work which is underway.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Noel Wien Library serves as the Regional State Library for all of Alaska with the exception of Southeast Alaska. Funds approved by the legislature but vetoed were to replace the failing roof that can no longer be patched and sealed to prevent leaks during temperate weather. Approximately \$3 million in local funds from the Library Special Revenue Fund were re-allocated to replace the roof.

However, significant major maintenance and energy improvements still must be addressed. These include: replacement of the HVAC system, fire alarm system replacement, bathroom renovation and plumbing repairs and siding replacement. Borough Public Works Department and consultants from the Foraker Group, funded by a private Rasmuson grant, have identified these as the most critical deferred maintenance.

The FNSB Library Services department is working with the Foraker Group to address Noel Wien library deficiencies as well as expansion needs. The immediate needs are replacing the roof, replacing the heating and cooling controls, and other renovations.

The Noel Wien library was visited by 303,620 individuals in FY 2010/11 with 653,019 items borrowed, 183,635 reference and informational transactions all through the 55,258 registered borrowers. The library also participates in the local Weed and Seed neighborhood project by coordinating service efforts with other agencies and the library hosted 509 programs that

had a total attendance of 18,175 people.

The Noel Wien library is also the Regional Center Library for all of Alaska with the exception of Southeast. The Regional Center is a library-by-mail service for people who don't live in a public library service area. It delivers all types of library materials via mail to people living in the bush, north of the panhandle. Alaska's Regional Services provides library access to those who live in communities that have no libraries (or no state funding for their libraries). This service may also be available to persons living in remote areas but with mailing addresses in towns whose libraries receive state funds. Over the years most of the services of the Regional Mail Services program have remained the same; receiving orders through the mail, sending out packages of library books, magazines and paperbacks and answering reference questions. The majority of patrons still live in isolated areas or in small, remote communities.

Major Maintenance and Energy Improvements: \$3,600,000; the Noel Wien library needs some significant maintenance and energy improvements that will maintain the viability of the library and lower operations costs through decreasing energy expenditures. These improvements will include:

- Direct digital controls for heating ventilating and air condition systems, variable frequency drives \$900,000
- Mechanical improvements, ductwork, variable air volume boxes, static pressure relief fans \$450,000
- Fire Alarm replacement to modern programmable system \$350,000
- Repair/replace as necessary and repaint siding \$650,000
- Restroom renovation \$400,000
- Other maintenance repairs \$850,000

The building will be occupied and operational for the duration of the project.

Project Timeline:

The project will be initiated upon receipt of funds and should be completed by the end of the following construction season.

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

FNSB will be responsible for maintenance and operation costs.

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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