

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Palmer****Federal Tax ID: 92-6000194****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

Palmer - MTA Events Center Expansion Phase 2

State Funding Requested: \$725,000**House District: Mat-Su Areawide (13-16)**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

This request will complete Phase II expansion of the MTA Events Center and allow the facility to play a major role in disaster response. Bleachers, lighting upgrades, parking lot repairs and construction, emergency generator installation, entry canopy, drainage and landscaping improvements are included.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$1,960,885
Funding Already Secured:	(\$1,235,885)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$725,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

In 2010 the City began expansion of the MTA Events Center. The City funded \$638,090 from the General Fund; \$47,795 was received from the Palmer Hockey Association and has a further funding commitment of \$150,000 from Matanuska Telephone Association for naming rights. The State Legislature appropriated \$400,000 to this project in 2011.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

This multi-purpose facility provides recreational opportunities for Palmer and the surrounding areas. This expansion will increase use as a community gathering place, for sporting events such as hockey, ice skating, and soccer, and open opportunities for trade shows, community meetings, and many other public events.

Phase II will additionally allow the facility to be used as a regional evacuation staging point, logistical supply staging area, or a mass fatality storage area during a major emergency or disaster. Alaska's Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Emergency Operations Plan are supportive of this project, and the City will update them to reflect these uses for the facility in Palmer.

Prior funding allowed for a single bay extension to the existing metal building; installing ADA compliant restrooms accessible both from indoors and outdoors; building additional locker facilities; and providing illuminated signage.

The second component, to be funded by this request, will increase seating capacity to 1100 and install an ADA compliant elevator, expand and improve the parking lot, add exterior lighting, and install an entrance canopy on the southwest corner of the building.

Emergency use of this facility as a regional evacuation staging point, logistical supply staging area, or a mass fatality storage area requires backup electrical power generation. The second component of Phase II includes electrical

engineering, purchase and installation of a backup power generator and transfer switch.

Project Timeline:

Upon 2012 funding approval and receipt, design work will begin when the grant has been accepted. Construction will then begin as soon as feasible in 2013.

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

The City of Palmer

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

Introduced by: City Manager Griffin
Date: October 25, 2011
Action: Adopted
Vote: 6-1

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CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 11-025 (SUBSTITUTE)

A RESOLUTION OF THE PALMER CITY COUNCIL REQUESTING THE ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE INCLUDE THE CITY'S ADOPTED CAPITAL PROJECTS IN THE 2012 STATE CAPITAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, it is the City of Palmer's desire to provide the State with a comprehensive and complete list of the City's capital project needs to ensure efficient expenditure of public funds; and

WHEREAS, the City conducted a substantial public process in 2011, including a project fair held on May 23, 2011, to allow public review and input on proposed capital projects; and

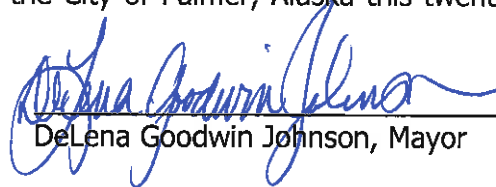
WHEREAS, the City has conducted a thorough analysis of its capital needs to better serve the citizens of Palmer and has determined that projects listed as priority 1-10 and 12 and 13 are critical infrastructure projects necessary to improve public health and safety; and

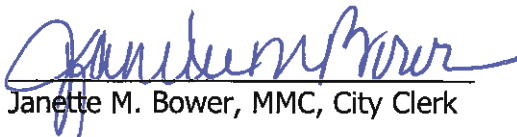
WHEREAS, the City has identified the projects listed as priority 11 as critical infrastructure necessary to improve the quality of life, the health, and the economic prosperity of the citizens of Palmer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Palmer City Council respectfully requests the Alaska State Legislature include the following Palmer projects in the following priority in the 2012 State Capital Budget.

Item		Total Amount Requested
Priority 1	Sherrod Area Steel Water Main Replacement Project	\$ 2,800,000
Priority 2	Public Safety Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Tanker Replacement \$ 450,000 • Replacement of Fire Station 3-1 Roof \$ 285,000 • Public Safety Boiler Replacement \$ 45,000 	\$ 780,000
Priority 3	City Facilities Improvements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Hall Renovations and Boiler Replacement \$ 112,000 • Public Works Shop Boiler Replacement \$ 55,000 • Public Works HVAC System Installation \$ 151,000 	\$ 318,000
Priority 4	Waste Water Treatment Plant Master Plan	\$ 70,000
Priority 5	MTA Events Center Expansion Phase 2	\$ 500,000
Priority 6	Storm Water Improvement Master Plan	\$ 115,000
Priority 7	North Denali and East Eagle Water Main Tie-In	\$ 252,000
Priority 8	Paving Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roadway Resurfacing on South Valley Way \$ 128,000 • City Office Paved Parking Project \$ 380,000 	\$ 508,000
Priority 9	Wayfinding and Streetscapes Planning Phase 1	\$ 45,000
Priority 10	ADA Sidewalk Compliance	\$ 100,000
Priority 11	City Parks Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palmer Bicycle Pump Track \$ 44,000 • Walk to the Fair Revisited \$ 300,000 • Wilson Park Development \$ 100,000 • McKechnie Park Upgrades \$ 80,000 • Construction of New Trail Connections \$ 100,000 • Construction of Sport Court Basketball Court \$ 46,500 • Construction of Teen Park \$ 78,250 	\$ 748,750
Priority 12	Central Water Meter Read System	\$ 500,000
Priority 13	Purchase Property Adjacent to the Palmer Waste Water Treatment Plant for Future Treatment Plant Expansion	\$ 2,500,000

Passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Palmer, Alaska this twenty-fifth day of October, 2011.


DeLena Goodwin Johnson, Mayor


Janette M. Bower, MMC, City Clerk

Priority 5:

MTA Events Center Expansion Phase 2

Impact: Quality of Life, Environmental Responsibility, Economic Development



The Phase 2 expansion of the MTA Events Center extends the building by 25 feet. Additional components required include bleachers for an additional 369 people, exterior lighting, interior lighting upgrades, parking lot re-paving, new parking lot construction, curb & gutter, storm drains, sidewalks, entry canopy, and landscaping.

This multi-purpose facility will provide recreational opportunities, and a community gathering place for local hockey and soccer communities for Palmer and surrounding areas. The facility will also be available for trade shows, community meetings, and a wide variety of public events.

The expansion program was divided into two phases, allowing some of the work to begin in the fall of 2010. Work included in Phase I took place inside the current footprint of the structure and in the parking lot. Additional bleachers to expand the seating capacity to 700 were added, a viewing platform was constructed, and a new speaker system was installed. The parking lot was expanded utilizing fill material from another city construction project and can now park 267 cars.

Components of Phase II include increasing the seating of the facility to 1100, adding a single bay extension of existing pre-engineered metal building on the south side of the facility, installing ADA compliant restrooms accessible from indoors and outdoors, additional bleachers, elevator, and building additional locker facilities. Outdoor improvements include finishing the expanded parking lot, exterior lighting, illuminated signage, and a building canopy on the southwestern corner of the arena structure. Construction is under way.

The City hopes to have the project completed by February 28, 2012 dependent upon funding.

Project Cost: \$ 1,300,000

State Request: \$500,000

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