

**Alaska State Fair - Sewer System Expansion and Upgrades** **FY2013 Request: \$1,142,875**  
**Reference No: 54602**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation **Project Type:** Renewal and Replacement  
**Category:** Development **Recipient:** Alaska State Fair  
**Location:** Mat-Su Areawide **House District:** Matsu Areawide (HD 13-16)  
**Impact House District:** Matsu Areawide (HD 13-16) **Contact:** JoEllen Hanrahan  
**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2012 - 06/30/2017 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-2500

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project will provide funding for sewer system upgrades at the Alaska State Fair (ASF) in Palmer. The ASF is in critical need of upgrading and expanding its sewer system to meet current and future demands for Alaska’s largest event, the Alaska State Fair. With approximately 300,000 attendees during the days of the annual fair, the current sewer system is overtaxed and there is growing concern regarding public health and safety which may cause the ASF to cease its operations. Growth of the ASF is stymied until the sanitation issue is addressed and resolved. Total cost for the project is \$1,489,950; the ASF has secured \$347,125. This general fund request of \$1,142,825 will allow ASF to upgrade the sewer system.

<b>Funding:</b>	<b>FY2013</b>	<b>FY2014</b>	<b>FY2015</b>	<b>FY2016</b>	<b>FY2017</b>	<b>FY2018</b>	<b>Total</b>
Gen Fund	\$1,142,875						\$1,142,875
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,142,875</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,142,875</b>

<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	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

New Project - no prior funding history

**Project Description/Justification:**

The Alaska State Fair’s (ASF) existing system is a four inch sewer line designed and installed in 1980. At that time the installation included 50 toilets, and today more than 165 permanent toilets and 77 portable rental toilets are used on the fairgrounds during the Fair. Operation and maintenance of the sewer system creates a considerable expense to ASF. Rental and pumping the portable toilets cost the ASF an average of \$30,000 annually.

Funding for this project will also improve ASF’s existing sewer capacity by installing a new line along the southern boundary to connect the Fairgrounds system to the City of Palmer’s sewer collection system. The city recently constructed a one million dollar sewer lift station at the northeast corner of the Fairgrounds.

**Why is this Project Needed Now?:**

The design for the upgraded and expanded sewer system does not require pumps (gravity feed), which eliminates considerable operating and maintenance expense and the possibility of sewer overflow. This project would add an eight inch force main alongside the existing four inch main line.

**Specific Spending Detail:**

<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>DOLLAR AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
Grants	1,142,875	Sewer System Upgrade

**State Match Required:**

- NO**  
 **YES**

**Project Support:**

Alaska State Fair Board of Directors  
Alaska State Fair Attendees