

City of Old Harbor - Airport Expansion

FY2013 Request: \$4,500,000
Reference No: 54861

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Transportation
Location: Old Harbor
Impact House District: Kodiak (HD 36)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2012 - 06/30/2017

Project Type: Construction
Recipient: City of Old Harbor
House District: Kodiak (HD 36)
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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project will provide State funds, in a joint effort with the United States Marine Corps' (USMC) Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) program, to plan and permit a project to extend the airstrip at the Old Harbor Airport from its current 2,750 feet to 4,700 feet in length.

Funding:	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$4,500,000						\$4,500,000
Total:	\$4,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,500,000

<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:

No prior funding

Project Description/Justification:

The community of Old Harbor is expanding fish processing and other economic opportunities. The community needs a longer runway to make the expansion economically feasible, and are proposing to use the Department of Defense Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) program to aid in construction. IRT work at the site would be a federal action that would require an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact (FONSI) signed by the commander of the IRT program. The action would also be required to comply with state and federal laws, regulations, and consultation requirements for environmental protection. This appropriation will provide the necessary funding for an environmental assessment and to acquire the permits necessary for limited construction work to begin in 2012. The environmental compliance will be conducted to extend the existing runway by 2,000 feet to a new total length of 4,700 feet. It will address the effects on marine habitats and biological resources, anadromous fish habitat, and other important resources. Additional phases of environmental work will provide a supplemental environmental assessment for the entire airport expansion project. The proposed airstrip expansion will require two large hills located on each side of the runway to be removed and the soils from them to be used as fill for the ends and elevation of the runway. Both of the hills currently allow dangerous winds to form on the runway as well. This will require extensive heavy equipment, transportation, and possibly blasting work to be done as well. This project is within the capabilities of the USMC engineers under the IRT program.