

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Wasilla****Federal Tax ID: 92-6010143****Project Title:****Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

Wasilla - New Public Library

State Funding Requested: \$8,200,000**House District: Mat-Su Areawide (7-11)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Construct a new public library for Wasilla.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$16,400,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$175,000)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$8,200,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$8,025,000

*Funding Details:**FY2013 Legislative Grant \$175,000**FY2013 In-Kind Land \$877,734**FY2013 Foraker Pre-Development In-Kind \$55,000**FY2014 Proposed City Sales Tax \$6 million***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Wasilla Public Library serves a large geographic area and one of the larger service populations, approximately 28,300, in the state. The need for a replacement library was recognized over twenty years ago. A land transfer process was undertaken several years ago and recently culminated with the successful transfer of a four-acre site adjacent to the Wasilla Middle School at the corner of Swanson and Crusey streets.

A Project Development Plan, completed through the Foraker Pre-Development Program, summarizes the steps that the City of Wasilla has undertaken to replace the Wasilla Public Library. The Pre-Development process determined the need for a 23,500-square-foot facility.

This space requirement was based upon the size of the population served; a 20-year growth projection; current collections sizes and predicted growth; use statistics; and current programs balanced against Alaska and national library standards. With the completion of this Project Development Plan, the project graduated from the Foraker Group Pre-Development Program.

With input from the city-appointed Library Needs Committee, City and library staff, and the community at large, a concept design study was undertaken. The concept design study confirmed the viability of the site and the space plan. A construction cost was estimated based upon the concept design. The project cost estimate is \$15,012,000, which does not include in-kind contributions by the City.

Community support for the project is strong and land has been recently secured. The community, Friends of the Library, and City of Wasilla administration, staff, and Council, have all demonstrated strong, on-going support of the project. Commitment to the project is reflected in the Friends' many years' efforts of fund-raising; multiple citizens surveys; the City's successful pursuit of land acquisition; securing planning funds; and vigorous participation in the Pre-Development process.

Project Timeline:

Architecture and Engineering May 2013 - April 2014
Construction May 2014 - September 2015

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

City of Wasilla

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

Statewide Public Library Construction Projects Status Updates / FY2015 State Assistance Funding Requests

FY 2011			FY 2012				FY 2013		
Community			Community				Community		
✓	Barrow	\$350K	✓	Skagway	\$667K	✓	Talkeetna	\$2.8M	
✓	Kenai	\$1.5M	✓	Soldotna	\$3.4M	✓	Sitka	\$5.7	
✓	Sutton	\$1.5M	✓	Ketchikan	\$6M	✓	North Pole	\$6.8M	
✓	Cordova	\$2M	✓	Kodiak	\$6.9M	✓	Juneau	\$7M	
✓	Petersburg	\$3.25M							
✓	Seward	\$4.75							
State Matching Funds Appropriated		\$13.3M	State Matching Funds Appropriated		\$16.967M	State Matching Funds Appropriated		\$22.3M	
Community	Project Type	Site Ownership	Space Program	Design Concept	Legislative Priority	Cost Estimate	Local Funding	State Funding Request	Timing For State Funding
Wasilla	New Facility	Yes-City	23,500 SF	Yes	Yes	\$16.3M	Sales Tax + Grants + Local Fundraising + FOL Funds + In kind	\$8.2M	FY2015
Coffman Cove	New Facility	Yes-City	3,100 SF	Yes	Yes	\$2.3M	City Funding + Grants + Local Fundraising	\$1.2M	FY2015
Nome	New Facility	Yes-City	4,300 SF	Yes	Yes	\$3.999M	AP B Funds + In kind Donations + Grants + Local Fundraising	\$1.9M	FY2015
Thorne Bay	New Facility	Yes-City	2,815 SF	Yes	Yes	\$2.8M	City Funding + FOL Funds + Grants + Local Fundraising	\$1.4M	FY2015
<p><i>Note: The community of Anchorage is seeking State FY2015 funding support for the Z. J. Loussac Public Library Entrance Renovation Project to address immediate building safety, energy and accessibility issues. Though this project is not eligible for Library Construction and Major Renovation Matching Grant Program as current grant regulations address new library construction and expansion only, the Alaska Library Association (AkLA) supports this funding request.</i></p>									
<p>The following communities have public library projects in various stages of planning. Further Information will be provided as these projects evolve.</p>									
<p>Anchor Point and Tok (new facilities) will seek FY2016 state matching construction funding.</p> <p>The following communities will seek state funding in the state fiscal year their projects become eligible:</p> <p>Craig – Expansion • Palmer – Expansion • Togiak – New Facility • Haines – Expansion • Kotzebue – Expansion • Unalaska – Expansion</p>									

\$52.567M Appropriated to Date

\$12.7M

SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF STATEWIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FY2015 STATUS UPDATES/STATE ASSISTANCE FUNDING REQUESTS

Senate Bill 119 (Chapter 55 SLA 08) was signed into law on June 4, 2008. Section 2 of the bill (AS 14.56.355) established the Public Library Construction and Major Expansion Grant Program. Fourteen community library projects have received State 50% Matching Construction Funds through this program since FY2011.

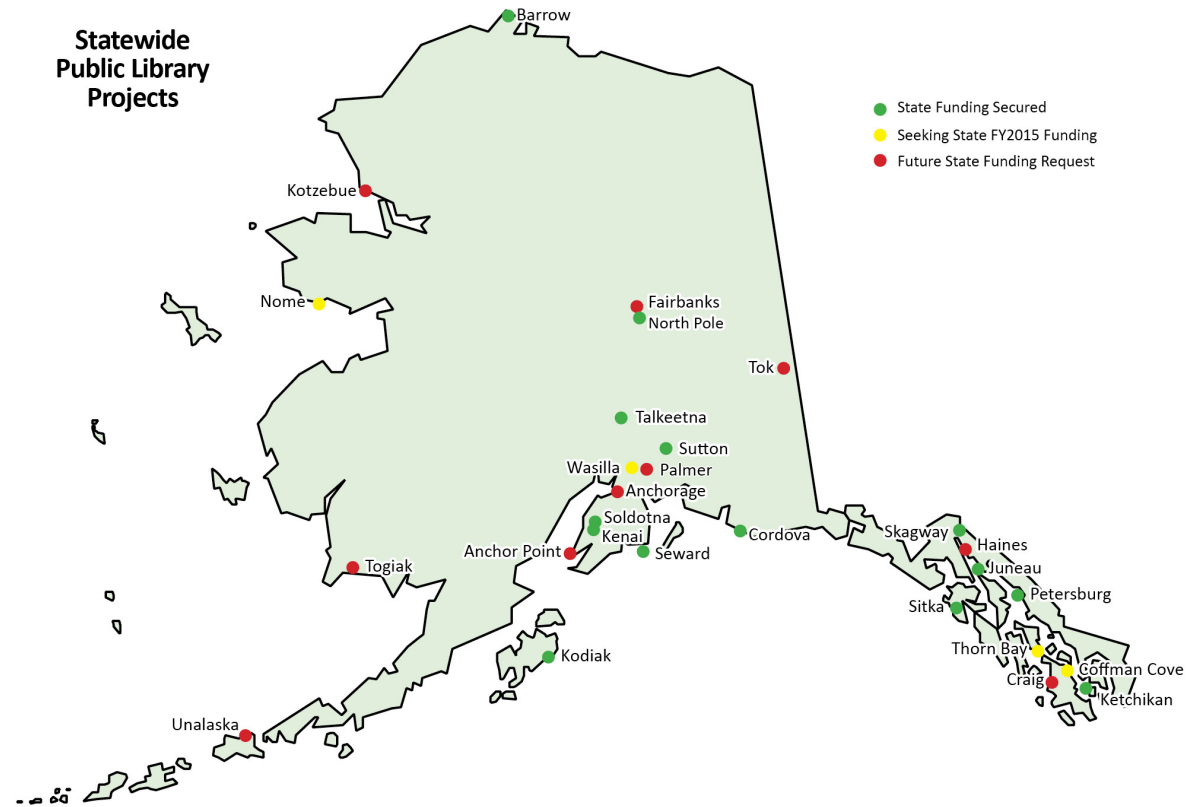
This matrix represents the collaborative initiative of statewide library directors, community leadership, Friends of the Library organizations and volunteer steering committees leading new construction or renovation of public libraries in their communities. The intent of this effort is to continue to provide a comprehensive statewide view of all known public library construction/renovation projects. The matrix highlights the community library projects that meet today's commonly accepted criteria for applications to funders for capital funding.

The following ranking and criteria process has been developed to confirm library projects:

- Meet a documented need
- Are consistent with strategic/community plans
- Have explored funding opportunities with collaborators
- Have appropriate facility and site plans and realistic project budgets that are financially sustainable
- Will not negatively impact the sustainability of the proposing organization
- Have a fully developed and vetted business plan
- Identify timing of need for state funding critical for each community's ability to leverage additional capital funding from agencies and private funders agencies
- Identify local matching funds as required

This information formed the basis for building the consensus among communities and AkLA that the cities of Wasilla, Coffman Cove, Nome and Thorne Bay meet the criteria established to seek state funding for FY2015.

The following links are offered for your reference: [AS Statute Reference; AS 14.56.355.356](#) enacted into law September 2, 2008. [Enacted Regulations Library Construction and Major Expansion Matching Grant Program](#) Alaska Library Association President, Stacey Glaser slglaser@alaska.edu. Multiple Library Projects have received the support of The Foraker Group Pre-Development Program. To learn more about this program visit: <http://www.forakergroup.org/index.cfm/Shared-Services/Pre-Development> or contact: Chris Kowalczewski at ckowalczewski@forakergroup.org or 907-743-1200.



City of Wasilla

Legislative Capital Budget Account Summary

Priority	Project	State Funding Requested	Total Project Cost	TPS Number	Viewable By District
1.	Wasilla - Mat-Su Youth Court Funding	\$75,000	\$175,000	62044	All Mat-Su Legislators
2.	Wasilla - Police Station Dispatch Upgrades	\$934,000	\$955,200	62045	All Mat-Su Legislators
3.	Wasilla - Airport Runway Extension to 5,000 feet Phase 1	\$5,000,000	\$15,000,000	62054	All Mat-Su Legislators
4.	Wasilla - New Public Library	\$8,200,000	\$16,400,000	62057	All Mat-Su Legislators
5.	Wasilla - Water Utility Improvements	\$900,000	\$900,000	62059	All Mat-Su Legislators
6.	Wasilla - Menard Center Events Marquee Sign	\$50,000	\$50,000	62062	All Mat-Su Legislators
7.	Wasilla - Historic Townsite Restroom Building	\$300,000	\$300,000	62063	All Mat-Su Legislators
8.	Wasilla - Cottonwood Creek Covered Bridge and Trails	\$425,000	\$425,000	62065	All Mat-Su Legislators
9.	Wasilla - Iditapark Trail and Lighting Improvements	\$225,000	\$225,000	62066	All Mat-Su Legislators
10.	Transportation & Public Fac - Parks Highway Alternative Corridor Advanced Right-of-Way Acquisition	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	62068	All Mat-Su Legislators