

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 - Railroad Depot Safety Upgrades and Improvements

State Funding Requested: \$370,000**House District: Mat-Su Areawide (7-11)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

This project will upgrade the Palmer Depot electrical system; replace interior and exterior doors; replace flooring; improve sound-proofing; upgrade the public restrooms; improve insulation and weather-proofing in the basement; repaint and repair interior walls; replace two obsolete boilers and heat registers; and reconstruct an entrance.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$435,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$65,000)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$370,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

The City appropriated \$65,000 in 2014, and no State monies have been previously requested.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

PRIORITY #3

Impact: Life, Health and Safety, Quality of Life, Historic Preservation, Economic Development

The Palmer Railroad Depot is owned and operated by the City of Palmer as a community center in downtown Palmer. The Depot is a heavily used community meeting place that hosts weddings, public and group meetings, craft fairs, agency training seminars and many other functions. The Depot is on the National Register of Historic Places, is a contributing building within the Matanuska Colony Historic District and is the centerpiece of Palmer's unique downtown.

The City appropriated \$65,000 in the 2014 City budget to install a fire sprinkler and alarm system in the Depot. This will provide essential fire protection for this historic building, but the building needs other significant upgrades to continue to serve as a central and popular meeting place for the Palmer community.

The City requests \$370,000 in State grant funds to upgrade the building's electrical system; replace interior and exterior doors; replace flooring; improve sound-proofing; upgrade the public restrooms; improve insulation and weather-proofing in the basement; repaint and repair interior walls; replace two obsolete boilers and heat registers; and reconstruct the building's east entrance to meet ADA standards.

Project Timeline:

Design in 2014 and construction in 2015.

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

City of Palmer

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Palmer, Alaska 99645
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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

For use by Co-chair Staff Only:

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CITY OF PALMER
INFORMATION MEMORANDUM NO. 13-048
RESOLUTION NO. 13-032

Subject: Resolution No. 13-032: Requesting the Alaska State Legislature include the City of Palmer Adopted Capital Projects in the 2014 (SFT 2015) State Capital Budget

Agenda of: October 8, 2013

Council Action: Amended and Adopted

Approved for presentation by:

City Manager _____
City Attorney _____
City Clerk _____

Douglas B. Griffin

JR

Certification of Funds:

Total amount of funds listed in legislation:	\$ _____
This legislation (√):	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Has no fiscal impact	
Creates:	
<input type="checkbox"/> A negative fiscal impact in the amount of:	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> A positive fiscal impact in the amount of:	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Funds are budgeted.	
Funds are budgeted from this (these) line item(s):	
a) ➤	\$ _____
b) ➤	\$ _____
a) Funds originally budgeted in line item :	\$ _____
Difference in budgeted funds:	\$ _____
b) Funds originally budgeted in line item :	\$ _____
Difference in budgeted funds:	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Funds are not budgeted.	
Budget amendment required in the total amount of:	\$ _____
Affected line item(s):	
➤	\$ _____
➤	\$ _____
➤	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> General fund unassigned balance (after budget modification)	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Enterprise unrestricted net position (after budget modification)	\$ _____
Director of Finance signature certifying funds:	_____ <i>[Signature]</i>

Attachment(s):

- Resolution No. 13-032

Summary statement:

Following the process adopted in 2010 for developing, considering, and approving capital projects to be submitted to the Alaska State Legislature for funding requests, the designated projects in Resolution 13-032 are proposed as part of the 2014 (SFY 2015) draft budget. The City has followed the process and schedule by conducting a project nomination procedure and holding a widely publicized Project Fair and city open house. City departments have provided details and preliminary cost estimates to the City Council. Refined cost estimates and more detailed narratives will be developed following Council action on the project list. Work continues at the staff level to provide more detailed analysis and description of projects.

Due to a conflict of interest situation involving one of the priority projects, this resolution represents a partial list that may be acted on by the entire city council. An additional and separate project with its priority placement and request for approval is addressed by Resolution no. 13-033 and IM 13-049.

Critical infrastructure projects impacting public health and safety have been given higher prioritization by leadership of this Administration. Projects which improve the quality of life and enhance economic prosperity of the City are prioritized to give the City of Palmer a strong basis for future growth.

Administration recommendation: Adopt resolution no. 13-032.

Introduced by: City Manager Griffin

Date: October 8, 2013

Action: Adopted

Vote: Unanimous

Yes:

No:

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Combs
DeVries
Hanson
Carrington

CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA

Resolution No. 13-032

A Resolution of the Palmer City Council Requesting the Alaska State Legislature Include the City's Adopted Capital Projects in the 2014 (SFY 2015) 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 the efficient expenditure of public funds; and

WHEREAS, the City conducted a substantial public input process in 2013, including a project fair held on May 24, 2013, 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 and residents of the Palmer area who use City services and facilities, and the City has determined that projects listed as priorities 1,2,3,5,6,7,9 and 11 are critical infrastructure projects necessary to improve public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified the projects listed as priorities 4,8,10,12 and 13 as critical infrastructure necessary to improve the quality of life, well-being, 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 2014 (SFY 2015) State Capital Budget.

Project	Total Amount Requested
Priority 1 Sherrod Area Street Safety Improvements	\$ 3,500,000
Priority 2 Airport Pavement Repairs	\$ 550,000
Priority 3 Depot Safety Upgrades and Improvements	\$ 435,000
Priority 4 Railroad Track Restoration	\$ 1,800,000
Priority 5 Placeholder only for #5 Priority Project and Requested Amount to be presented for approval by separate resolution	
Priority 6 Paving Project	\$ 1,160,000
Priority 7 Wastewater Treatment Plant Lab Replacement	\$ 228,000

Priority 8	City Hall Improvements Phase II	\$	260,000
Priority 9	Public Works Storage Building Upgrade	\$	150,000
Priority 10	Wilson Park Phase II (Completion)	\$	100,000
Priority 11	Public Safety Building Repair	\$	450,000
Priority 12	Walk to the Fair Urban Revitalization	\$	400,000
Priority 13	Bogard Water Line Extension Phase II	\$	2,000,000
Priority 14	Wayfinding Phase II	\$	90,000

Passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Palmer, Alaska the eighth day of October, 2013.

Steve Carrington, Deputy Mayor

Janette M. Bower, MMC, City Clerk