

Kotzebue - Swan Lake Small Boat Harbor

FY2015 Request: \$2,500,000
Reference No: 55603

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Transportation
Location: Kotzebue
Impact House District: Arctic (HD 40)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2014 - 06/30/2019

Project Type: Construction
Recipient: Kotzebue
House District: Arctic (HD 40)
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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Kotzebue is the regional transportation hub for the Northwest Arctic Borough. Residents of the region frequently use its two "harbor like" facilities to access subsistence areas. Native subsistence is a very high priority for Kotzebue and borough residents, and a major contributor to its economy. This project will provide adequate mooring and docking facilities for borough residents whose primary transportation during summer months is by small boats.

Funding:	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2020</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$2,500,000						\$2,500,000
Total:	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,500,000

<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

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Sec1 Ch17 SLA2012 P29 L22 160 \$3,000,000

Project Description/Justification:

Kotzebue is the regional transportation hub for the Northwest Arctic Borough, which services approximately 36,000 square miles. Residents of the region frequently use its two "harbor like" facilities, one along Shore Avenue and the other on Swan Lake, as a route to Kotzebue Sound and back to the four major rivers that serve as access to subsistence areas. Subsistence is a very high priority for Kotzebue and Northwest Arctic Borough residents, and a major contributor to its economy. Small boats that are harbored on Swan Lake, a 10-acre boat dock and mooring area, play a large role for subsistence gathering.

The Shore Avenue Erosion project, which began in April 2010 and was completed in October 2011, has restricted and reduced boat access along Kotzebue Sound. Because of the components and complexity of this project, many boat and subsistence users have been displaced from the use of Shore Avenue as a boat mooring and storage area. The city proposes to expand the use of Swan Lake to meet this need by providing adequate mooring and docking facilities for displaced Shore Avenue users and borough residents whose primary transportation during summer months is by small boats. The small boat harbor project will include the dredging of a portion of Swan Lake.

Dredged materials will be used as fill for expanding the Swan Lake facility, and a boat ramp will also

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be built so boats can be stored and secured on the property while this facility is closed during winter months. User fees will be collected for storage and use of the facility.

In 2011 the City of Kotzebue, with funding from the Denali Commission, executed an engineering agreement with URS Alaska for a complete bid-ready construction document. In 2012, the city awarded construction of the first phase which includes dredging, side sloping and fill for boat parking and storage, and installing a boat ramp. This funding will complete the project by installing removable docks for mooring, sheetpile for heavy load area and navigational lighting.