

City of Palmer - Reconstruction of Public Library

FY2024 Request: \$5,000,000
Reference No: AMD 65088

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Transportation
Location: Palmer (Palmer)
Impact House District: Mat-Su Areawide (HD 25-30)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2023 - 06/30/2028

Project Type: Life / Health / Safety
Recipient: City of Palmer
House District: Mat-Su Areawide (HD 25-30)
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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:
 Senate Special Session Add for the House.

The Palmer Public Library suffered a catastrophic roof collapse on February 15, 2023, and is nearly a total loss. This project is for the reconstruction and replacement of that facility.

Funding:	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	Total
1004 Gen Fund	\$5,000,000						\$5,000,000
Total:	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ongoing
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input checked="" 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:

Project Description/Justification:

The Palmer Public Library suffered a catastrophic roof collapse on February 15, 2023.

Prior to the structure failure, the library served over 39,500 residents in the greater Palmer area and provided the only regional access for many members of the public to file PFD applications and taxes with the IRS, seek assistance with Medicare, as well as access court documents, social services, job skills, and more. The Palmer Public Library has served as the de facto government center for the nearby State Court House, the Department of Corrections, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, and many other state and federal agencies. Finally, the facility has been a community hub for family-based education and appointments and has provided the only internet access for many local residents and visitors. The timing of the collapse with the budgetary cycle is less than ideal but funding is urgently needed to restore this critical center back to operational status.

The building is nearly a total loss and architectural estimates indicate that constructing a new facility on location would be as cost effective as attempting to repair the broken structure. The total project

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cost is estimated at \$12,285,000 (\$10,500,000 for construction, \$1,260,000 for design, and \$525,000 for furnishings, fixtures, equipment, and legal fees). The City of Palmer had insurance on the library in the amount of \$5,000,000. Although no insurance settlement has been reached at this time, \$5,000,000 is being deducted from the request for state funding on the assumption it will be secured.

The total FY24 ask, and the expected amount needed for project completion is: \$7,285,000