

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**

**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)**

**Grant Recipient: Anchorage**

**Federal Tax ID: 92-0059987**

**Project Title:**

**Project Type: Planning and Research**

# Anchorage - Disaster Evacuation Routes, Anchorage Hillside

**State Funding Requested: \$300,000**

**House District: Anchorage Areawide (9-24)**

Future Funding May Be Requested

**Brief Project Description:**

Prioritize and progress planning for establishment of low cost connections and secondary egress for disaster evacuation routes in limited access Hillside neighborhoods. Prioritize areas with high fuel loads and potential choke points for egress and access to isolated neighborhoods.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$300,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2025 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$300,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:*  
 Preliminary research, planning, and prioritization on Low Cost Connections has been completed in the development of the Hillside District Plan. Further Research has been completed by the University of Alaska which mapped high fire-risk areas on the Hillside. This capital request is for design and construction planning.

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

**Need:** Many neighborhoods on the Hillside have limited access, steep roads, and unpaved roads making access difficult for emergency vehicles or for residents to leave in an emergency. Improved connections for emergency access and egress, would also be of benefit to reduce impacts, including saving lives, from other potential disasters.

**Project Scope:** Finish prioritization, planning, and begin establishing low cost connections and secondary egress for disaster evacuation routes in limited access Hillside neighborhoods. Prioritize areas with high fuel loads and potential choke points for egress and access to isolated neighborhoods. Develop and install safety and access signage.

- Refer to Pages 4-2 and 4-3 of the Current Hillside District Plan: "Connectivity and Emergency Access" (Goal 9-A of the Current Hillside District Plan)

- Refer to the "proposed egress solutions" in University of Alaska's ArcGis tool: <https://uaa-geomatics.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/interactivelegend/index.html?appid=1cf783e0c7d14205978267e93c964d6a>

**Project Timeline:**

Planning will continue upon receipt of funding

\$300,000  
 Approved

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

Municipality of Anchorage

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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