

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)

Grant Recipient: Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Federal Tax ID: 92-0030816

Project Title:

Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

Matanuska-Susitna Borough - Willow Fire/EMS Station

State Funding Requested: \$5,000,000
One-Time Need

House District: Mat-Su Areawide (25-30)

Brief Project Description:

Replacement of Public Safety Building Station 12-1 in the core area of the Willow Community along the Parks Highway.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$8,500,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$3,500,000)
FY2025 State Funding Request:	(\$5,000,000)
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

Mat-Su Borough match: \$3,500,000; Willow Fire Service Area (FSA) \$1,203,000: existing property \$192,000 - Parks Frontage Property six acres of 16.2 acre plot shared with community center; existing structure \$811,000 (2704 SF x \$300 SF); existing 65% plans and core drilling - \$100,000; existing preparations (septic, power, dirt work) - \$100,000 (low estimate); FSA will split annual operating costs with Mat-Su Borough.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Willow needs a joint public safety building in the core area of the community along the Parks Highway corridor. The current facility, Station 12-1, consists of antiquated apparatus bays and a small classroom building recently condemned and deemed unsafe to use. This new facility would be a joint complex to house the Willow Fire Department, a full-time Willow-based ambulance, and rescue services. This would also provide an area for law enforcement to utilize as needed. The Borough Assembly has appropriated \$3.5 million for this project. The Borough is requesting a state match to assist the Borough in completing this facility. Otherwise, funding is only adequate to address EMS needs.

The current facility is inadequate for our existing public safety needs and cannot support the services required for the area's projected growth. Currently, there is no EMS support facility in the Willow area, and the fire station lacks support facilities for responders. There is no training room, common living spaces, dorm rooms, or adequate showering facilities to clean up following an incident. An essential component of our cancer risk reduction plan for our fire-rescue responders is immediate decontamination of personnel and equipment following fires and related responses. A key element to reducing emergency response times is having a facility that responders reside in and can respond from immediately. The proposed facilities would fulfill this need well into the future. Rather than building two separate buildings, a single combined facility will save taxpayer funding and improve efficiency.

The proposed location is on the current lot occupied by Fire Station 12-1. The Borough already owns this 16-acre lot with Parks Highway frontage in the heart of Willow. Using this location represents savings, as utilities and site work are already

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\$700,000
Approved

completed.

Project Timeline:

Design is expected to be completed in 2024, with construction estimated to occur in 2024 or 2025.

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

Matanuska-Susitna Borough

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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