

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)

Grant Recipient: Northwest Arctic Borough

Federal Tax ID: 92-0116661

Project Title:

Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition

Northwest Arctic Borough - Public Safety Facilities and Equipment

State Funding Requested: \$4,000,000

House District: 40 / T

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Updating and renovating public safety facilities in the Borough, such as warm storage buildings for critical Fire and Search and Rescue equipment.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$4,000,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2025 State Funding Request:	(\$4,000,000)
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

2022- Received a Legislative grant for \$1.5m to update facilities and shelter cabins, mainly in the village of Selawik.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

We are requesting \$3,500,000 to construct public safety/heavy equipment storage facilities in the communities of Deering, Kivalina, Shungnak, Kobuk, Noorvik.

Search and rescue facilities in each village of the Borough are greatly lacking. Having a place to store fire and rescue equipment, snow machines, boats and heavy equipment such as graders, snowplows etc. is paramount to having a functioning search and rescue program in each village. Just an important is having the necessary equipment, such as functioning snow machines, GPS units, and underwater gear is critical to the efforts of search and rescue in the region.

Due to the extreme cold temperatures that this region experiences, it is necessary to store heavy equipment in a heated facility, in order for it to properly function. Without functional heavy equipment, necessary functions (such as snow removal) are severely hindered and can be detrimental to the daily lives and health of the residents of each village.

\$500,00 of this funding of this funding will be provided to the village of Noorvik for a fire truck and associated equipment in response to the recent tragedy that occurred in this village in January of 2024.

Project Timeline:

Upon award- FY24- In villages we do not have site control yet, obtain site control and put project out to bid.

FY25- Begin construction

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

Northwest Arctic 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

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