

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Kotzebue Electric Association****Federal Tax ID: 920021979****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

Kotzebue Electric Association - Purchase of New Manlift

State Funding Requested: \$40,000
One-Time Need**House District: 40 / T****Brief Project Description:**

A manlift is needed to safely make repairs inside and outside Kotzebue Electric Association's facilities.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$40,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2025 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$40,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:**There is no funding history***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Manlifts are designed to be stable and safe for jobs that require accessing or working in high areas. These lifts are commonly referred to as vertical lifts ideally and are made for jobs that require a more stable and compact platform needed to access elevated work spaces. Simply put, scissor lifts use a criss-cross foundation that expands to lift people up on a platform. They are a sub-type of aerial work platforms that can be used by a single operator. These lifts come in various sizes and shapes, but all share the same benefits. Since some lifts can go up to 32 feet in height, this is a tool that allows workers to reach spots that would have otherwise been very hard to reach. While other aerial work platforms require a lot of floor space to operate, scissor lifts are among the most compact lifting equipment. The total area required is virtually equivalent to the area of the lift-able platform, making these lifts easy to store.

Vertical/aerial lifts are preferred for tasks like maintenance and installations as workers have a solid base and their hands are free to work. It is much easier and safer to work on a lift than a ladder or scaffolding. The KEA facilities have inaccessible areas inside and outside the power plant and areas that are high up and very hard to reach. A lift will assist in maintaining the facility, provide the ability to reach all areas safely, and reduce the time needed to make repairs and maintain the building both inside and out. This equipment is needed to perform routine maintenance.

Project Timeline:

The manlift would be purchased in the Spring and delivered to Kotzebue on the Fall barge.

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

Kotzebue Electric Association

**\$40,000
Approved**

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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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