

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)

Grant Recipient: Soldotna

Federal Tax ID: 92-0030328

Project Title:

Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition

Soldotna - Street Maintenance Winter Sand Cover Structure

State Funding Requested: \$300,000

House District: Kenai Areawide (6-8)

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

The City of Soldotna purchases large quantities of sand for spreading on City Streets in the winter. This project would fund a permanent cover for the sand pile, improving the quality of the sand and reducing efforts covering it with a tarp and sandbags.

Funding Plan:

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

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The City of Soldotna Streets and Maintenance Department's primary objective is to provide a plan for the safe and orderly movement of emergency equipment, vehicle traffic, and pedestrians through the City. The department utilizes between 1,000 and 1,500 yards of sand each winter to add traction to snowy and icy roads, and allow for safe travel on City streets. The sand is currently stored outdoors, making it challenging for maintenance crews to access during times of heavy snowfall and freezing temperatures. Crews blend salt into the pile to help keep the sand workable, and to prevent massive chunks of frozen sand that cannot be loaded into sanders. Occasionally truckloads of sand are stored indoors over the weekend to thaw. The City seeks to construct a metal and fabric structure to cover the sand used for winter road maintenance. This structure will be located next to the Funny River Maintenance Shop, and will increase the efficiency of sanding city streets during the winter months. The estimated cost to construct a metal and fabric structure is \$300,000.

Project Timeline:

FY2025

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

City of Soldotna

For use by Co-chair Staff Only:

\$300,000
Approved

12:20 PM 6/14/2024

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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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

Introduced by: City Manager
Date: December 13, 2023
Action: Adopted
Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No

CITY OF SOLDOTNA
RESOLUTION 2023-067

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF SOLDOTNA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

WHEREAS, the City of Soldotna, driven by a commitment to enhance the community's foundation, presented a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) addressing essential infrastructure needs, as detailed in Resolution 2023-043; and

WHEREAS, from the CIP, projects have been identified as legislative priorities, showcasing their seamless alignment with state and federal legislative funding opportunities; and

WHEREAS, this alignment is substantiated by a widespread regional user base, emphasizing the significant impact these projects have on both the city of Soldotna and the Kenai Peninsula Borough; and

WHEREAS, the legislative priorities, with minor modifications and cost updates, reflects the City's nimble approach to ensuring relevance; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager is authorized to adjust funding requests based on evolving circumstances, subject to Council approval at subsequent meetings; and

WHEREAS, these priorities will be communicated to our state and federal delegation, as well as the Governor's office, signifying our steadfast commitment to collaborative efforts with our legislators and community stakeholders.

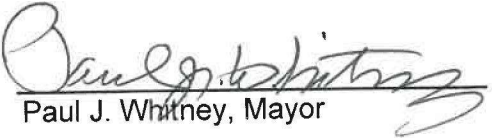
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLDOTNA, ALASKA, that:

Section 1. The following legislative priorities are established:

- Kalifornsky Beach Road and Arena Avenue Signalization Study - \$961,000
- Sterling Highway and Birch Street Safety Improvements - \$185,000
- Marydale Avenue Improvements - \$3,900,000
- Mechanic's Shop Roof Replacement - \$1,000,000
- Well 'C' Treatment Upgrade - \$900,000
- Soldotna Regional Sports Complex Conference Room Expansion Design - \$690,000
- Street Maintenance Winter Sand Cover Structure - \$300,000
- Memorial Park Improvements - \$250,000 (New)
- Police Building Exterior Repair - \$100,000

Section 2. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023.


Paul J. Whitney, Mayor

ATTEST:


John Blankenship, MMC, City Clerk

Yes: Carey, Chilson, Hutchings, Nelson, Parker, Wackler
No: None

TO: Mayor Whitney and Council Members
THROUGH: Janette Bower, City Manager
FROM: Kyle Kornelis, Public Works Director
DATE: December 13, 2023
SUBJECT: A Resolution Establishing the City of Soldotna Legislative Priorities

Attached for review and consideration is a list of legislative priorities. The projects, with light modifications and cost updates, are selected from the five-year Capital Improvement Plan, which was adopted by Council through Resolution 2023-043 on July 12, 2023.

CIP page 20	\$	961,000	Kalifornsky Beach Road and Arena Avenue Signalization Study
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CIP page 16	\$	3,900,000	Marydale Avenue Improvements
CIP page 19	\$	1,000,000	Mechanic's shop roof replacement
CIP page 25	\$	900,000	Well 'C' treatment upgrade
CIP page 14	\$	690,000	Soldotna Regional Sports Complex Conference room expansion design
CIP page 12	\$	300,000	Street Maintenance Winter Sand Cover Structure
<i>new</i>	\$	250,000	Memorial Park Improvements
CIP page 11	\$	100,000	Police Building exterior repair

Selection criteria included urgency (roof repair) and an emphasis on regional improvements-projects that have a broad user base where cost sharing and collaborating with the State is practical. The list includes a wide range of costs and project types.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or comments.

STREET MAINTENANCE WINTER SAND COVER STRUCTURE

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Sand pile at Funny River Maintenance Shop

Project Cost: \$300,000
Project Type: Maintenance Facility

Example of sand storage facility

