

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grant Recipient: Seward****Federal Tax ID: 92-6000086****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

# Seward - Harbor Restrooms Improvements

**State Funding Requested: \$130,000**  
One-Time Need**House District: 35 / R****Brief Project Description:**

Improving and expanding public restrooms in the Seward Small Boat Harbor area that are used extensively by cruise ship crew members and cruise ship passengers.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$225,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$130,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$95,000

*Funding Details:*

*The initial construction of the public restrooms in the small boat harbor area was done in the 1960s by the City of Seward. This is the first renovation and upgrade of those facilities. This is an appropriate use of cruise ship head tax funding.*

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Seward Harbor provides public restroom facilities for cruise ship passengers and other visitors to the small boat harbor area. The current Harbormaster building has the most easily accessible, public restrooms for cruise ship passengers who are visiting the Seward Harbor district. These facilities receive extensive use by cruise ship passengers and crew while cruise ships are in port. The restrooms are in substandard condition and often have a line out the door during cruise ship port days.

The restrooms have deteriorated plumbing from 1965 when the building was originally constructed after the 1964 earthquake. The facility does not meet ADA requirements and does not provide adequate space for the volume of traffic during cruise ship days. The requested \$225 thousand renovation would replace failing plumbing and pipes, update the facility to meet ADA requirements, and add additional capacity. Lighting and ventilation would also be improved. A preliminary design of the restroom upgrade was completed in 2010. The Seward City Council, Cruise Lines and Seward Port and Advisory Board have all met to discuss this project and clearly identified this as a priority for the cruise ship head tax funding.

**Project Timeline:**

The expenditures and completion of the work will occur in FY2012.

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

City of Seward



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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEWARD,  
ALASKA, AMENDING THE CITY OF SEWARD'S CALENDAR YEAR  
2011 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the City annually compiles a list of projects or issues that are identified as top state legislative priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, the list of projects is compiled and distributed to the State of Alaska Legislature, Kenai Peninsula Borough, and City of Seward lobbyist; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution validates projects, prioritizes needs, and focuses the efforts of City Administration in its lobbying efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the passage of this resolution occurs through a public process; and

**WHEREAS**, all projects on this list are consistent with the City Comprehensive and Strategic Plans; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution is an amendment of the City of Seward 2011 State Legislative Priorities established in Resolution 2010-102.

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

**Section 1.** The following list of legislative projects is hereby declared to be the official amended legislative priority list of the City of Seward for the 2011 State of Alaska legislative session:

**1. STATE FUNDED PROJECTS**

**A. PUBLIC FACILITIES**

- (1) \$125 thousand for kitchen expansion and renovations in the Seward Senior Center (the Senior Center will provide a matching \$90 thousand to complete this project)
- (2) \$2.5 million for constructing a 100' x 80' metal building to replace and relocate our existing public works shop (the City will provide land for the new building)
- (3) \$2 million for expanding the Providence Seward Hospital Medical Clinic, moving the CT scanner into the facility, increasing backup generator capacity, and improving space for primary health care (the City provides \$500 thousand annually for hospital financing of capital improvements)

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**B. PORT, HARBOR, AND INDUSTRIAL AREA**

- (1) \$400 thousand to conduct a preliminary engineering study and economic analysis for building and establishing the home port infrastructure that will support relocation of the fishing fleets owned and operated by the six Community Development Quota Groups (CDQ Groups) from the State of Washington to Alaska
- (2) \$16 million for extending the Seward Marine Industrial Center basin breakwater to improve and increase ship moorage and loading capacity, ship repair capabilities, seafood processing operations, and barge landings
- (3) \$100.5 thousand for engineering and design to replace failing infrastructure in the Seward Small Boat Harbor including A, B, C, and S Floats
- (4) \$800 thousand for the Municipal Harbor Matching Grant Program to support replacing "D" Float in the Seward Small Boat Harbor (the City of Seward will provide an \$800 thousand match to complete this \$1.6 million project)
- (5) \$575 thousand for building a Handicap Accessible Fish Cleaning Station in the Northeast Launch Ramp Area of the Seward Small Boat Harbor
- (6) \$250 thousand for paving and improving drainage in the northeast parking lot of the Seward Small Boat Harbor
- (7) \$1.5 million for storm water discharge infrastructure that includes a security fence around the city vessel storage area at the Seward Marine Industrial Center
- (8) \$1.7 million for doubling the capacity of the ship lift (syncrolift) and improving dock capabilities at the Seward Marine Industrial Center
- (9) \$25 thousand to upgrade the Harbor Security Camera System
- (10) \$4.5 million for completing sheet piling and adding moorage along the north side of the Seward Small Boat Harbor

**C. ELECTRIC**

- (1) \$4 million for completing the standby generator complex for the Seward Electric Utility as a match for \$6 million in City revenue bond funding (this will allow the City of Seward to contribute power generation remotely to the Alaska Railbelt Cooperative Transmission and Electric Company – ARCTEC – system for emergencies and back-up; this project includes moving 2 each 2.5 MW generators into the newly constructed generator plant building; completing the installation of automated generator controls through a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition – SCADA – system; and constructing an emergency operations building for immediate response, maintenance, and warehousing)
- (2) \$1.5 million to repair and replace one mile of transmission line into the Fort Raymond Substation with 115kV compatible equipment (this is a project supported by the Alaska Railbelt Cooperative Transmission and Electric Company – ARCTEC – because the current condition of the transmission line exceeds the estimated life expectancy of 50-years)

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- (3) \$17 million for upgrading the transmission line to 115KV in Seward (and upgrading transformers and other equipment for the higher voltage) to reduce line loss while improving efficiency and reliability of power distribution throughout the service area
- (4) \$300 thousand for installing automatic electrical metering equipment to improve customer service, outage management, and load management (the City will provide a 100% match of \$300 thousand to complete the project)
- (5) \$85 thousand for establishing improvements to redundant capabilities for providing electrical power during emergencies, such as a tsunami, to the downtown and hospital area of Seward (the City will provide a 100% match of \$85 thousand for the project)
- (6) \$5 million from the Rail-belt inter-tie funds for upgrading transmission lines between Anchorage and Seward
- (7) \$60 thousand for studying the feasibility of a hydro electric plant to produce renewable energy in Seward

**D. ROADS, STREETS, AND ADA ACCESSIBILITY**

- (1) \$100 thousand for improving City ADA accessibility
- (2) \$2.25 million for Seward Community Roads for repaving road surfaces, reconstructing sidewalks, and improving roadway drainage systems
- (3) \$2.496 million for design, engineering, construction, and protection from coastal erosion for the Lowell Point Road in the City of Seward (this road provides the sole land access to critical public infrastructure, state parks, and a Kenai Peninsula Borough residential housing area)

**2. CRUISE SHIP HEAD TAX OR CRUISE SHIP GAMBLING TAX**

- (1) Reappropriate \$1.992 million from Designated Legislative Grant # 10-DC-024, Dredging Cruise Ship Berthing Basin Approaches, for building a new water storage tank and distribution system that will establish the excess capacity to provide water and improved fire protection to cruise ships (this \$1.992 million of funding is a 44% match for the \$4.5 million water storage project -- the \$2.508 million in additional funding for the project is from low interest loans that will be obtained by the City -- the City has already spent approximately \$130 thousand in a 35% design of the project and \$394 thousand in ARRA stimulus funding on expansion of the water distribution system that will accommodate the new storage tank)
- (2) \$225 thousand to improve public restrooms in the Seward Small Boat Harbor (these restrooms are used extensively by cruise ship crew members and passengers)

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- (3) \$25 thousand to extend the ADA accessible boardwalk from Port Avenue to the Holiday Inn Express (this is a primary pedestrian route for cruise ship members and passengers)
- (4) \$500 thousand for improving the cruise ship pedestrian corridor between the Alaska Railroad Terminal and Cruise Ship Terminal
- (5) \$215 thousand to construct an ADA accessible boardwalk for cruise ship passengers in the new upland area of the Seward Small Boat Harbor (the City will provide \$50 thousand to this project)
- (6) \$1.6 million for dock appurtenances at the Cruise Ship Terminal of the Alaska Railroad (these appurtenances include berthing camels for \$390 thousand, baggage conveyor slot for \$350 thousand, seasonal covered walkway for \$360 thousand, installation of a second mooring bollard to accommodate a second cruise ship for \$100 thousand, extension of dock security lighting for \$200 thousand, repair of piles with severe corrosion for \$100 thousand, and repair of the cathodic protection system for \$100 thousand)
- (7) \$275 thousand to prevent erosion that threatens a U.S. Coast Guard communication tower for transmitting emergency communications to cruise ships and other vessels
- (8) \$2 million for constructing a 100' by 80' metal building to house emergency response equipment and shelter supplies at the Fort Raymond Satellite Fire Station (this location will allow or speed response to emergencies at the Cruise Ship Dock during those periods when other response is prevented by earthquakes or tsunamis)

**3. STATEWIDE PROJECTS**

- (1) \$2 million for dock improvements and dredging at the Seward Marine Center to prepare for the R/V Sikuliaq
- (2) \$150 thousand to continue renovating the Alutiiq Pride Shellfish Hatchery and expand shellfish aquaculture in Alaska.
- (3) \$265 thousand for a new Fire Alarm Control Panel for the Alaska SeaLife Center
- (4) \$250 thousand for engineering and architectural design of an Arctic marine research and public education habitat at the Alaska SeaLife Center
- (5) \$470 thousand for construction of a new courtyard sail cover at the Alaska SeaLife Center to protect cruise ship passengers and other visitors from inclement weather
- (6) \$155 thousand in the Department of Corrections Operating Budget to add an emergency wastewater bypass (with valves and piping) to keep the Spring Creek Correctional Facility sewage system operational in the event of a system failure
- (7) Full funding of the Governor's Capital Budget for AVTEC that includes \$1 million for deferred maintenance and \$210 thousand for the Maritime Simulator
- (8) Full funding of the Governor's Operating Budget for AVTEC that includes \$250 thousand for deferred maintenance, \$48 thousand for the Maritime Designated Duty Engineer Training Program, and \$226.8 thousand for the RN Program

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**4. BENEFICIAL LEGISLATION**

- (1) Extension of the Education Tax Credit to the Alaska SeaLife Center
- (2) Legislative support for increased cash infusion into PERS/TRS retirement system in order to offset unfunded retirement system liabilities, to make future contribution rates more affordable for the State and local governments
- (3) Appropriation for upgrading Seward Highway (MP18-25.5) in the STIP
- (4) Appropriation for upgrading Seward Highway (MP 25.5-36) in the STIP
- (5) Appropriation for upgrading the Sterling Highway (MP 45-60) in the STIP
- (6) Construction of a highway exit off the Seward Highway in the vicinity of MP 6 for better and safer vehicle access to Camelot and Salmon Creek subdivisions
- (7) Support for continuing Medicaid programs and capital cost reimbursement at not less than current year funding levels
- (8) Return of service to Seward by the State Ferry Tustumena
- (9) Alternative Energy Programs that encourage and fund participation by the City and its electrical utility customers
- (10) Support of legislation forming an Alaska Invasive Species Council to help coordinate proactive action that prevents detrimental invasive species from being introduced into Alaska

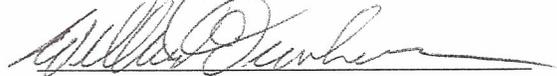
**Section 2.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of Seward, Alaska, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011.

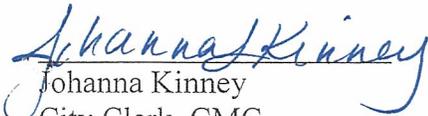
**THE CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA**



**Willard E. Dunham, Mayor**

AYES: Valdatta, Bardarson, Smith, Keil, Shafer, Casagranda, Dunham  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**ATTEST:**



Johanna Kinney  
City Clerk, CMC

