

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Southeast Alaska Independent Living, Inc. (SAIL)****Federal Tax ID: 92-0144370****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

## **Southeast Alaska Independent Living, Inc. (SAIL) - Purchase of Ramp-Equipped ADA Taxi**

**State Funding Requested: \$10,400**  
One-Time Need**House District: Juneau Areawide (31-32)****Brief Project Description:**

20% match required for federal funds administrated by ADOT&PF for a replacement ADA taxi to serve the Juneau road system.
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**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$52,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$41,600)
FY2014 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$10,400)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:*

*SAIL is seeking to replace a 2008 ramp-equipped taxi with a 2012 or 2013 model. Eighty percent of funding will come from ADOT&PF. We are requesting the 20% match required.*

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

A ramp-equipped ADA taxi is available in Juneau through a partnership formed with Southeast Alaska Independent Living, Inc. (SAIL), the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF), and Juneau Taxi.

Being able to reliably depend on at least one ramp-equipped (ADA) taxi being available at all times (24:7/365 days a year) on the Juneau road system is an integral component of the City and Borough of Juneau approved Transit Development Plan. To accomplish this worthy goal, at least two ramp-equipped taxis must be available to accommodate routine maintenance, required inspections, and major repairs. Currently SAIL leases a 2010 and a 2008 ramp-equipped cab to Juneau Taxi and Tours. SAIL is seeking to replace the 2008 ramp-equipped taxi as it currently has 160,000 miles; is creaking and rattling; some of the panels on the floor are missing; and ultimately the vehicle has become less than reliable. ADOT&PF considers the vehicle well beyond its useful life.

Last minute trips, as well as trips outside of public transit's service area and hours, are more affordable with our Taxi Voucher Program. SAIL and Juneau Taxi have joined forces through government grants for this very popular program allowing people 60 or older, or those with disabilities, to use the lift-equipped taxi at a reduced fare.

This project--replacing the 2008 ramp-equipped taxi--has been vetted through the Juneau Coordinated Transportation Coalition (JCTC) and subsequently ranked the #1 equipment priority for the upcoming ADOT&PF Coordinated

Transportation grant cycle. This recommendation was endorsed by the CBJ Public Works and Facilities committee and then approved by the full CBJ Assembly.

**Project Timeline:**

ADOT&PF is expected to make its funding recommendations in the spring of 2013 with formal grant awards by July 1. Currently DOT is allowing this vehicle to be ordered on the Washington State contract for fiscal efficiency. Delivery is estimated at 90 days from order date. On this schedule we estimate delivery by barge into Juneau by Dec. 31, 2013.

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

Taxi vendor per contract agreement is responsible for all maintenance and operating costs.

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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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