

FY 2009 Capital Budget TPS Report 47596

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)

Grant Recipient: Anchorage

Project Title:

Anchorage - Goose Lake Park Building and Boathouse

State Funding Requested: \$90,000

Brief Project Description:

Remodel existing and original 'Boathouse,' improve safety and maximize public utilization of the existing structure.

Funding Plan:

<i>Total Cost of Project: \$200,000</i>						
	<i>Funding Secured</i>		<i>Other Pending Requests</i>		<i>Anticipated Future Need</i>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
<i>Other</i>	\$90,000	09				
<i>Total</i>	\$90,000					
<i>Explanation of Other Funds:</i>						
<i>\$90,000 in FY09 Local Funds reflects the Municipality of Anchorage's 50/50 local match if the requested \$90,000 for the project is funded in the FY09 Capital Budget.</i>						

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Note: The total figure of \$90,000 represents two separate State appropriations from different fiscal years (\$40,000 FY 08 and \$50,000 FY09), reflecting the rapidly increasing use of the “Boathouse.” The full \$90,000 amount will be supplemented by a 50/50 local match from the Municipality of Anchorage.

The current 'Boathouse' has deficient electrical and sewer systems, poor interior space design, insufficient and unsanitary public restrooms and a low aesthetic character.

Goose Lake Park provides a wide range of recreation opportunities including one of Anchorage's most popular lakes for winter recreation and summer swimming. This facility serves families from dense housing areas as well as many employees and students taking a reprieve from the busy University-Medical District. It is the site of many community events, including concerts and the annual UMED-Fest. In addition to recreation, the “Boathouse” has recently become the site for the Goose Lake Free Lunch program, which provided free lunches to 5,200 youth last year (serving up to 300 kids in a day). This summer, the “Boathouse” expects to feed 27,000 youth, alongside administering a number of anti-gang programs.

Project Timeline:

July-September 2008: Facility Upgrades

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

Jeff Dillon, Anchorage Parks and Recreation

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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