

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Project Title:**

# Anchorage - Pedestrian Safety and Rehab Improvements Matching Program

**State Funding Requested: \$ 1,000,000****House District: Anchorage Areawide (17-32)**

Future Funding May Be Requested

**Brief Project Description:**

Refurbish broken sidewalks that have been identified as a threat to public safety.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$2,000,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Local Funds	\$1,000,000	2008-2009				
Total	\$1,000,000					

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Many sidewalks and trails throughout Anchorage have deteriorated to the point that pedestrian safety is a concern. This program would identify and fix those sites where rehabilitation would most improve public safety.

This program utilizes a 50/50 matching program with the Municipality of Anchorage. It is also a priority program of the Municipality.

**Project Timeline:**

Work on projects could begin when funds are available.

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

Municipality of Anchorage

**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

2008 STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

MUNICIPAL PRIORITY ISSUES

Capital Budget

Highest Priority Transportation Projects

**PROJECT NAME:** PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND REHAB IMPROVEMENTS MATCHING PROGRAM

**PROJECT TYPE:** Pedestrian Safety and Rehab

**GRANT REQUEST:** \$1,000,000

**PRIORITY:** 13

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

This funding will be used to construct small "missing links" in the existing sidewalk system. Rehabilitation of existing sidewalks will also be included. Pedestrian safety is a primary consideration in selecting projects. Design and construction funding is proposed annually as a 50/50 funding partnership with the State.

**COMMENTS:**

This 50/50 program has been supported by the legislature the last three years and construction has been completed on over 30 projects.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

Missing pedestrian connections exist throughout Anchorage and construction improves pedestrian safety. Additionally, many sidewalks and trails have deteriorated to the point that safety is a growing concern.

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<b>FUNDING FORECAST</b>	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	<b>Total</b>
9721 - Bond Proceeds	500	500	0	0	0	0	1,000
9825 - State Grant Revenue - Direct	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,000
<b>Project Total</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,000</b>

**Legislative District(s)**

**House:** District 50-Anchorage Areawide

**Community Council(s):** ARDSA Councils

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March 7, 2008

Senator Johnny Ellis  
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Dear Senator Ellis:

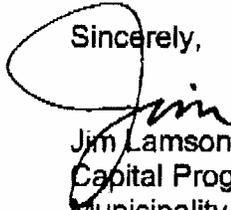
Re: Pedestrian Safety and Rehab Matching Program

In its 2008 Legislative Program, the Municipality of Anchorage requested a \$1 million matching state grant for pedestrian safety and rehab improvements throughout Anchorage. The Municipality proposes to match any state grant funding dollar for dollar. This funding will be used for pedestrian improvements on neighborhood, collector, and arterial streets, as well as on trails throughout Anchorage. A focus will be on pedestrian facilities around schools.

Over the last three years, the Legislature has provided matching funds for this program and over 30 projects have been funded. If funding is provided in 2008, another 10-15 projects will be funded and construction should occur in 2008 and 2009. The project list is being finalized now with feedback from the community councils, street maintenance, traffic, and elected officials.

Thank you for your interest in this matching grant program. If you have further questions, please give me a call at 343-8120.

Sincerely,

  
Jim Lamson  
Capital Program Development Manager  
Municipality of Anchorage

cc:  
Representative Kevin Meyer