

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)

Grant Recipient: Old Harbor

Project Title:

Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition

Old Harbor - City Dock Reconstruction

State Funding Requested: \$3,137,260
One-Time Need

House District: 36 / R

Brief Project Description:

The Old Harbor Dock project is a newly designed dock placed to obtain greater depth at its face so Alaska Marine Highway, freight service, floating processing, cruise ship, USCG and NOAA research vessels can tie up.

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$8,137,260

	<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>
State Funds	\$4,000,000	2009				
Denali Commission	\$1,000,000	2010				
Total	\$5,000,000					

Explanation of Other Funds:

The Old Harbor Native Corporation is expected to provide \$200,000 in project management services and the City of Old Harbor is expected to provide \$100,000 in equipment use, abutment construction and support services.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The new Old Harbor Municipal dock will replace a dock that is more than 35 years old, in disrepair, no longer safe -- both for freight transport and fuel unloading and does not provide the needed depth for possible Alaska marine highway use or use by the United States Coast Guard. In addition, the new dock facility will provide fuel unloading facilities that meet current pollution control regulations. The Old Harbor dock is anticipated to be approximately 300' from shore with a narrow 20' wide trestle leading from shore to a 60' x 100' dock face with birthing dolphins extending the dock face 75' to accommodate larger vessels. This design, out of several options explored, is the most cost effective. The dock, if fully funded, will have electricity, lighting, fuel transfer and fishing gear offload facilities. In addition the dock project will require substantial near shore fill and community infrastructure links (electricity, fuel and road).

The project is justified for three reasons:

1. The existing dock is unsafe, especially for fuel offload. Soon, Old Harbor will not have a fuel offload facility or a useable dock. This would accelerate population decline and loss of the economic core for the community.
2. The new dock provides a vital transportation link for the community. Ferry service for vehicle transport and freighters, especially for Seattle, would substantially improve transportation costs to Old Harbor.
3. Economic stability, growth and diversity. The dock will support the existing fishing fleet, it could provide new local processing opportunities and it will enhance tourism businesses with cruise ship dockings.

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\$3,100,000
Approved

Old Harbor is an isolated fisheries-dependent community adjacent to the Pacific ocean on the southeast coast of Kodiak Island. The current dock facility was constructed of creosote pilings and has silted in at its face. It is no longer safe for general vehicle use. Fishermen have limited use of the dock for fishing gear offload and traditional freight vessels will not come to Old Harbor because of the dock's condition. Reconstruction of the existing facility, with creosote piling and dredging is cost prohibitive. Without new construction, the City of Old Harbor will soon be without a usable dock. Such a result would put Old Harbor's fisheries based economy in peril and accelerate the communities' population decline.

All freight to the community that does not fit into small bush planes or is in excess of 2,500 lbs. must be offloaded over a dock. Freight service to Old Harbor was suspended two years ago and the cost of living in the community has increased substantially. A new dock facility would allow the Alaska Marine Highway system to occasionally visit the community and freight services, both within Alaska and from Seattle to offload larger freight items. Also, a dock facility with additional depth will provide docking opportunities to U.S. Coast Guard cutters and NMFS research vessels that frequently transit the area.

A new dock will be the cornerstone for economic development in Old Harbor. The community believes that the dock will serve to attract either a floating or shore based processor to the community -- initial discussion have already started. It is expected that the Alutiiq history and conservation management of Sitkalidak Is. as well as the growing Old Harbor lodge and sportfish charter businesses, with a new dock, will attract several cruise ships -- inquiries have already been made regarding when the community expects to have a dock. In addition, the dock provides the transportation link to the airport for shipment of fresh seafood. Finally, Old Harbor is a community of many artists and traditional craftspeople. The new dock, with increased tourism, will further encourage these types of businesses.

Project Timeline:

The Old Harbor dock project is 100% designed and is now awaiting funding to go to construction. Once funding occurs, the project will go to bid within 3 to 4 weeks. Construction can occur "over winter". If funding is obtained during the 2010 legislative session, construction is likely to start in August or September 2010 with completion by Spring 2011.

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

City of Old Harbor

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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