

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Federal Tax ID: 92-0059987****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

# Anchorage - Hightower Road Upgrade Alyeska Highway to Community Center

**State Funding Requested: \$800,000****House District: Anchorage Areawide (16-32)**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

This project will upgrade the gravel access road to the new Girdwood Library and Community Center.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$2,900,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	(\$800,000)
Project Deficit:	\$2,100,000

*Funding Details:**Construction funding will be pursued through a future state grant.***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

This project will upgrade the local road that serves the Girdwood Community Center and Library. Improvements are expected to include a new road base, pavement, storm drainage, pedestrian facilities, traffic calming, and street lighting. The scope will be developed during the design process which includes significant public involvement.

The project has not started. State grant funding is proposed. This project is one of Girdwood's highest priority transportation projects. This road has never been built to current standards. The recently completed public facilities will create an increase in traffic volume for this road.

The grant funding may be used for utility work, obtaining rights of way and easements, and any work associated with upgrading the roadway and its amenities. A summary of the project budget is provided below:

Design	\$ 700,000
ROW/Utilities	\$ 100,000
Construction	\$2,100,000

**Project Timeline:**

Design, easement and utility expenditures are expected to occur in 2013 and 2014. Construction expenditures will occur in 2014 and/or 2015 if additional funding is acquired.

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

Girdwood Road Board

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

Name: Gary Jones  
Title: Capital Program Coordinator  
Address: PO Box 196650  
Anchorage, Alaska 99519  
Phone Number: (907)343-8446  
Email: jonesgb@muni.org

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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**Girdwood, Alaska 99587**  
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April 27, 2012

Hon. Governor Sean Parnell  
State of Alaska  
P. O. Box 110001  
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Governor Parnell:

Today we write in support of FY 2013 State Funding Request for \$800,000 which will pay for design and right of way/utility for a local road to access the Girdwood Fire Station, Girdwood Community Center and Girdwood Gerrish Library.

Funding for construction of road access to these vital community buildings has been on the Girdwood request list for a number of years, and the Girdwood Board of Supervisors request is supported by the Municipality of Anchorage.

The Girdwood Fire Station has been in its location in the Girdwood South Townsite for a number of years. The Girdwood Community Center and Girdwood Gerrish Library were constructed and opened in 2008. These facilities are currently accessed by crude roadways that were put in place during construction and have not been improved since then. We are well past due for this access road development.

Other community facilities accessed by this road are the Little Bears Day Care Center and the children's playground. Also on the roadway are the community tennis courts and the community baseball field, along with Forest Fair Park and two pavilions that provide day use and amenities for campers. There is a frequently used disk golf course in the area and access to the Iditarod Trail system.

The Girdwood South Townsite is being master planned for further development at this time, to include community facilities, commercial facilities and community recreational facilities. Adequate and well designed road access will be essential to this further community development.

We urgently ask you to approve this \$800,000 appropriation so our community can continue to provide needed services to our residents and visitors. We thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Diana Stone Livingston  
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April 30, 2012

Hon. Governor Sean Parnell  
State of Alaska  
P. O. Box 110001  
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Governor Parnell:

Alyeska Resort is writing in support of FY 2013 State Funding Request for \$800,000 which will pay for design and right of way/utility for a local road to access the Girdwood Fire Station, Girdwood Community Center and Girdwood Library.

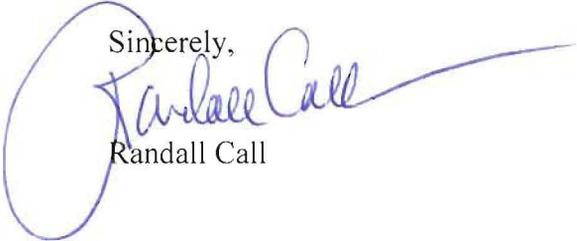
These important community buildings are accessed by roadways that have not been improved since construction of the buildings. Road development to access the buildings is long overdue. Funding for construction of road access to these community buildings has been on the Girdwood request list for a number of years; the Girdwood Board of Supervisors' request is supported by the Municipality of Anchorage.

The tennis courts, baseball field, Forest Fair Park, access to the Iditarod Trail system, and two pavilions are on the roadway. Other community facilities accessed by this road are the Little Bears Day Care Center and the children's playground.

The Girdwood South Townsite is currently being master planned for future development of community and commercial facilities. Adequate and well designed and maintained road access is essential to this further community development.

We ask for your support of this \$800,000 appropriation so Girdwood can continue to provide needed services to its residents and visitors. We thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Randall Call

April 27, 2012

Lynné Langevin-Doran  
P.O. Box 1064  
Girdwood, AK 99587

Hon. Governor Sean Parnell  
State of Alaska  
P. O. Box 110001  
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Governor Parnell:

As a member of the Girdwood community for the past 17 years I write in support of FY 2013 State Funding Request for \$800,000 which will pay for design and right of way/utility for a local road to access the Girdwood Fire Station, Girdwood Community Center and Girdwood Gerrish Library.

Girdwood has requested funding for construction of road access to these vital and heavily used areas for several years. The Girdwood Fire State, Gerrish Library, Little Bears Childcare, and Forest Fair Park have all been located in South Townsite and citizens have accessed them via dirt roads that are in poor condition and difficult to maneuver several months out of the year due to heavy snow fall or rains making it a muck pile. It is important that our Fire Station with its' heavy equipment exit a road that is in good condition and is paved to maintain the quality of the road. It is also important that one of the main arteries of traffic in our small town have a road that will keep up with its' heavy use.

The Girdwood South Townsite is being master planned for further development at this time, to include community facilities, commercial facilities and community recreational facilities. Adequate and well designed road access will be essential to this further community development.

I urgently ask you to approve this \$800,000 appropriation so our community can continue to provide needed services to our residents and visitors. We thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

*Lynné L Doran*

Lynné Langevin-Doran  
Four Valleys Community School Board Secretary  
Girdwood Recreation Center Chair

April 28, 2012

Governor Sean Parnell  
State of Alaska  
P. O. Box 110001  
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Parnell,

As a member of the Girdwood community since 1993 and Alyeska Resort Ski Area GM, I write in support of FY 2013 State Funding Request for \$800,000. This funding will pay for design and right of way/utility for a local road to access The Girdwood Fire Station, The Gerrish Library, The Girdwood Community Center, Little Bears Playhouse (our only day care center in Girdwood), The Community Playground, and Forest Fair Park which includes an 18 hole disc golf course, Iditarod Trail access, a volley ball court, two tennis courts, two pavilions, a soft ball field and an overnight campground. The South Townsite area is the heart of Girdwood and sees a heavy amount of traffic year round.

Girdwood has requested funding for construction of road access to these heavily used areas for several years. This Girdwood Board of Supervisors Request is supported by the community of Girdwood and the Municipality of Anchorage. The road is in very bad shape and desperately needs improvement. It is also very important that our Girdwood Fire Station have good access in order to respond to emergencies in a timely manner. An adequate and well-designed road is vital to the future development of The South Townsite.

I ask you to approve this \$800,000 appropriation so our community can continue to provide needed services to our residents and visitors. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,



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April 27, 2012

Hon. Governor Sean Parnell  
State of Alaska  
P. O. Box 110001  
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Governor Parnell:

I am writing in support of FY 2013 State Funding Request for \$800,000 which will pay for design and right of way/utility for a local road to access the Girdwood Fire Station, Girdwood Community Center and Girdwood Gerrish Library.

I respectfully ask you to approve this \$800,000 appropriation so our community can continue to provide needed services to our residents and visitors. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Hank Hosford,  
Owner Alaska Stone Care

P.O. Box 789  
Girdwood, AK 99587  
April 29, 2012

Governor Sean Parnell  
State of Alaska  
P.O. Box 110001  
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Re: FY 2013 State Funding Request

Dear Governor:

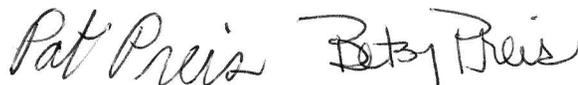
With this letter we are asking you to sign the FY 2013 State Funding Request for the Girdwood South Townsite Road and Utility Project.

This road and utility project will benefit many existing and future facilities and services for the Girdwood Community. Primarily the project will improve year-round access to and from the Girdwood Fire Station, Gerrish Municipal Library, Girdwood Community Center and Community Offices, Little Bears Childcare Center and the Girdwood Community Club/Radio Station building. In addition, this road project will improve access to the Forest Fair Park, community picnic pavilions, baseball/softball field, disc golf course and campground. Future facilities are being master planned for this area as well.

It should be noted that the Girdwood Fire and EMS crews serve not only the Girdwood community but also the other communities along Turnagain Arm. In addition, these crews serve all Seward Highway travelers and Turnagain Arm visitors in cases of emergencies. Fire and EMS equipment is maintained at the Girdwood Fire Station and the subject road improvement project would enhance access for this equipment.

Please approve the funding for this infrastructure improvement project both as an improvement for the Girdwood community and as a health and safety project for the Seward Highway and all Turnagain Arm communities.

Sincerely,



Pat and Betsy Preis  
38 year Girdwood Residents

April 29, 2012

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State of Alaska  
P. O. Box 110001  
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Funding for construction of road access to these vital community buildings has been on the Girdwood Board of Supervisors request list for a number of years and is supported by the Municipality of Anchorage.

Currently, the Girdwood Fire Station, Girdwood Community Room, Girdwood Gerrish Library are accessed by unpaved and rutted roads built during the construction of these facilities years ago. In addition, these unimproved roads provide access for Little Bears Playhouse, Forest Fair Park, ball field, camping area and several pavilions. It is important to maintain and build the infrastructure for these facilities and future development in the Girdwood South Townsite. Adequate and well-designed road access is essential to support the current community facilities and to further future community development.

I request your support and approval of this \$800,000 appropriation so our community can continue to provide needed services to our residents and visitors.

Thank you for your service to our state and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

*Rebecca Reichlin*

Rebecca Reichlin  
Girdwood Community Member

April 28, 2012

Hon. Governor Sean Parnell  
State of Alaska  
P. O. Box 110001  
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

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I write in support of FY 2013 State Funding Request for \$800,000, which will pay for design and right of way/utility for a local road to access the Girdwood Fire Station, Girdwood Community Center and Girdwood Gerrish Library.

This funding for construction of road access to these community buildings is vital as the Firehouse and Community Center located here. The request has been on the Girdwood list for a number of years, and the Municipality of Anchorage supports these funds.

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This road will be the entrance to the planned Girdwood South Townsite, so adequate and well-designed road access will be essential to this further community development.

I urgently ask you to approve this \$800,000 appropriation so our community can continue to provide needed services to our residents. We thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Kate Sandberg, Girdwood Resident

April 29, 2012

Elizabeth A. Sirles  
Box 633  
Girdwood, AK 99587

Hon. Governor Sean Parnell  
State of Alaska  
P. O. Box 110001  
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

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Sincerely,

David Wilson