

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Sitka****Federal Tax ID: 92-0041163****Project Title:****Project Type:** Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

Sitka - Commercial Passenger Vessel and Visitors Facilities Improvements

State Funding Requested: \$4,500,000**House District: 2 / A**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

The City and Borough of Sitka requests \$4,500,000 in state funding to complete capital projects to upgrade commercial passenger vessel services and watercraft infrastructure, enhance passenger safety, and support cruise ship visitor activities.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$10,000,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$5,500,000)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$4,500,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:**CBS Commercial Passenger Funds \$500,000***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

City and Borough of Sitka (CBS) requests \$4,500,000 in funding from the State of Alaska to complete capital projects to enhance commercial passenger vessel services, enhance passenger safety, and support cruise ship visitor activities. In the past, Sitka has received up to 280,000 cruise ship visitors annually and needs to upgrade its municipal facilities.

FY2013 Project: Centennial Hall Campus Upgrades to Include Museum (\$3,700,000)

Centennial Hall is Sitka's primary public facility for cruise ship visitors and functions both as a gateway and hub to downtown as visitors disembark from lightering boats and access buses. Centennial Hall is also the designated emergency shelter for cruise ship passengers.

A recently-begun rehabilitation project has developed a "Needs List" from user input. One of the major needs not covered by the existing funding for the Centennial Hall is the Museum. This option includes a 5,000 SF museum building or addition located within the Centennial Hall campus. The current museum has only 2,150 SF with extremely limited exhibit area. The museum's collection is stored at three separate locations, none of which have appropriate environmental controls. The Museum is a heavily visited attraction by the cruise ship visitors as it provides historical color to the experience of the visitors as they tour Sitka. The Sitka Historical Society museum is the only museum in Sitka to focus specifically on Sitka's unique history, especially as it involves the early interactions between the Russians and local Tlingit Natives.

**\$4,500,000
Approved**

The additional funding is requested to construct a combination museum and visitor center with visitor information counter providing needed assistance to cruise ship passengers. This project would either be designed as a 7,000 to 10,000 SF expansion to Centennial Hall or a separate structure immediately adjacent to the Hall. The facility would include additional exhibit space for the Museum and include collection storage with appropriate environmental controls. CBS requests \$3,700,000 to develop the new museum and visitor center facility.

FY2013 Projects: Centennial Hall Museum and Visitor Center parking (\$400,000)

Funding of \$400,000 is requested for the Centennial Hall parking lot to be reconfigured to augment access to the planned visitor center and museum. To accommodate the new expansion to the museum and visitor center, the parking lot layout needs to be reconfigured to better serve users of the facilities.

Project Timeline:

Centennial Hall Upgrades: Design summer 2012; Construction fall 2013 through spring 2014. SeaWalk and Parking lot Upgrades: Design and permitting FY'12; Construction FY'13.

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

City and Borough of Sitka

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

FY2013 CBS LEGISLATIVE CAPITAL PROJECT REQUEST

Project Title: COMMERCIAL PASSENGER VISITOR FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

Total Project Cost:	\$ 10,100,000 (100%)
Funding Already Secured:	\$ 5,500,000 (55%)
CBS Commercial Passenger Funds:	\$ 500,000 (5%)
FY 2013 State Funding Request:	\$ 4,100,000 (40%)
Additional Funding Required:	\$ 0
City and Borough of Sitka Federal Tax ID Number:	92-0041163

City and Borough of Sitka requests \$4,100,000 funding from the State of Alaska to complete capital projects to enhance commercial passenger vessel services, enhance passenger safety, and support cruise ship visitor activities. In the past, Sitka has received up to 280,000 cruise ship visitors annually and needs to upgrade its municipal facilities. CBS appreciates the funding received for FY10, FY11 and FY12.

FY2013 Project: Centennial Hall Campus Upgrades to Include Museum (\$3,700,000)

CBS appreciates the \$4,500,000 in Legislative Capital Project funding to rehabilitate the interior and exterior of Centennial Hall. This Hall is Sitka's primary public facility for cruise ship visitors and functions both as a gateway and hub to downtown as visitors disembark from lightering boats and access buses. Centennial Hall is also the designated emergency shelter for cruise ship passengers.

The rehabilitation project has begun with the development of the "Needs List" from user input. One of the major needs not covered by the existing funding for the Centennial Hall is the Museum. This option includes a 5,000 SF museum building or addition located within the Centennial Hall campus. The current museum has only 2,150 SF with extremely limited exhibit area. The museum's collection is stored at three separate locations, none of which have appropriate environmental controls. The Museum is a heavily visited attraction by the cruise ship visitors as it provides historical color to the experience of the visitors as they tour Sitka.

The additional funding is requested to construct a combination museum and visitor center with visitor information counter providing needed assistance to cruise ship passengers. This project would either be designed as a 7,000 to 10,000 square foot expansion to Centennial Hall or a separate structure immediately adjacent to the Hall. The facility would include additional exhibit space for the Museum and include collection storage with appropriate environmental controls. **CBS requests \$3,700,000 to develop the new museum and visitor center facility.**

FY2013 Projects: Centennial Hall Museum and Visitor Center parking (\$400,000)

CBS appreciates the \$1,500,000 in Legislative Capital Project funding to repave the Crescent Harbor Parking Lot including the Centennial Hall Parking. However, based on the "Needs List", the goal to reconfigure the layout to better serve the cruise ship passengers has grown to accommodate the new expansion to the museum and visitor facilities. **Funding of \$400,000 is requested for the parking lot to be reconfigured to augment access to the planned visitor center and museum.**

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CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION 2011-22

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA (CBS)
SUBMITTING CBS 2013 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
TO STATE OF ALASKA AND 2012 LEGISLATURE**

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka advocates cooperating and sharing resources with the State of Alaska to maximize public infrastructure and services for the citizens of Alaska in the most efficient, cost effective manner; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has inadequately maintained State owned facilities and passed unfunded mandates on to municipalities; and


WHEREAS, municipalities have suffered major budget impacts from State management of the PERS/TRS system, State harbors, State roads and utilities, and other State responsibilities which should be compensated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, adopts the following FY2013 State Legislative Priorities and urges the Alaska State Legislature to support them to the maximum extent possible:


- **State Revenue Sharing/Local Tax Relief** – The City and Borough of Sitka supports the State Revenue Sharing on a sustainable basis to equitably compensate Alaska communities for providing local services.
- **Education** – State funding should be increased to cover escalating transportation expenses, the rising costs of fuel and energy, and reasonable new costs to improve the quality of education.
- **Local Control and Maximum Local Self-Government Guaranteed by the Alaska Constitution** – The Legislature should defeat any legislation that creates new unfunded mandates or takes away existing powers of local governments. The State should fund existing unfunded State mandates.
- **Deferred Maintenance of Harbors** – The State should fully fund the deferred maintenance of State harbors transferred to local governments. In addition, the State should fully fund the 50 percent matching grants legislated by SB 291, the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Fund, to assist with future harbor upgrades.

NOW FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly submits the enclosed FY2013 City and Borough of Sitka Legislative Priorities, CBS Legislative Capital Project Requests and CBS Requests for State Funding for State Facilities in priority order to the 2012 Session of the Alaska State Legislature and State of Alaska.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, on this 27th day of September, 2011.


Cheryl Westover, Mayor

ATTEST:


Colleen Ingman, MMC
Municipal Clerk

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA FORMALLY SUPPORTING THE
IDEA THE ALASKA HISTORICAL COMMISSION SUPPORT AND RECOMMEND THE
STATE OF ALASKA INCLUDE FUNDING FOR THIS TOP CIVIC PROJECT TO INCLUDE
IMPROVEMENTS, EXPANSION AND CONSTRUCTION OF
ALASKA CENTENNIAL CENTER MEMORIALIZING THE
150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALASKA PURCHASE
IN SITKA, ALASKA**

WHEREAS, Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell is looking for ideas on how Alaska should celebrate the upcoming anniversary of where Russia turned Alaska over to the U.S. 150 years ago; and

WHEREAS, Sitka is Home of the Alaska Purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Lt. Governor said "An Alaska Purchase celebration can show that the myth of 'Seward's Folly' is over. As we mark these events, we hope to inspire the study of our history and culture in our schools, spur tourism, and support our parks, museums and libraries."

WHEREAS, the 1967 centennial celebration of the Alaska Purchase was marked by events and exhibits, and construction or refurbishment of numerous civic building projects around the state and included the Alaska State Museum, and the Centennial Hall here in Sitka; and

WHEREAS, the state anniversary celebration effort is headed up by the Alaska Historical Commission, a 9-member state citizens' board chaired by Lt. Gov. Treadwell, which advises the governor and legislature on matters of importance regarding the state's history and archaeology; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Historical Commission Commission has already begun to gather ideas on the 150th anniversary of America's purchase of Alaska from Russia to be held in 2017; and

WHEREAS, since 1967 and as part of the centennial of the Alaska Purchase, Harrigan Centennial Hall was constructed and continues to stand as a community landmark celebrating its' 50th year of service. It is heavily utilized by visitors and by the community of Sitka as a whole, and due to the high rate of use it badly needs to be remodeled and expanded to meet current uses; and

WHEREAS, there are currently extensive renovation plans for the Harrigan Centennial Hall expansion, for the adjacent Kettleton Memorial Library, and the adjoining Sitka

Historical Museum, and associated parking; all centered in or adjacent Harrigan Centennial Hall; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has graciously committed \$6-million towards these independent projects; Centennial Hall and Museum including Parking, and the City and Borough of Sitka has requested an additional \$9.8-million in this year's capital funding requests including the Library. Even with these allocations there will be a significant shortfall for completing the proposed Alaska Centennial Center with an estimated total cost of \$27.4-million, in time for the State's 150th Anniversary Celebration in 2017; and

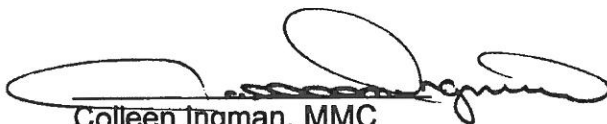
WHEREAS, unfortunately, Sitka has recently learned that much of these plans, though badly needed, may have to be shelved since many of the renovations, improvements and construction were planned in part or in whole utilizing Passenger Fee Fund revenues; for Sitka there is a significant projected decline of these funds beginning in 2012.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH of Sitka, Alaska sees no better tribute than for the State of Alaska to invest in the City where the historical transfer of Alaska from the Russians took place and urges the Alaska Historical Commission to make this their top civic building project - to support and pursue funding for the improvements, enlargement and/or construction of Harrigan Centennial Hall, Sitka Historical Museum, Kettleson Library and surrounding parks and parking places; all of which will inspire history, spur tourism and support our parks, museum, and libraries. A centralized place in Sitka where citizens and visitors alike can celebrate and learn of the historical event that gave birth to the State of Alaska.

Signed and sealed on this 27th day of March, 2012.


Cheryl Westover, Mayor

ATTEST:


Colleen Ingman, MMC
Municipal Clerk