

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Kenai Peninsula Borough****Federal Tax ID: 92-0030894****Project Title:****Project Type: Maintenance and Repairs**

Kenai Peninsula Borough - Homer High School Athletic Facilities

State Funding Requested: \$1,100,000**House District: Kenai Areawide (33-35)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Repairs and upgrades to school athletic facilities. KPB Tier 1 Priority.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$5,100,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	(\$1,100,000)
Project Deficit:	\$4,000,000

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Partial funding is designated for Homer High School Track: \$1,100,000.

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In addition to the running tracks, the fields at these facilities would benefit greatly by being upgraded to artificial turf fields. Artificial turf fields would allow our communities to use these facilities for a much greater portion of the year by allowing use much earlier in the spring and much later in the fall. Additionally, artificial turf fields are able to handle a much greater amount of use than natural turf fields without risking damage or costly maintenance.

These facilities are used by students of all ages during school-sponsored events and by the community for walking, running, and many other activities. Quality athletic facilities are vital for a community to encourage healthier lifestyles, promote exercise, hold athletic competitions, and as a location for many community events. Well maintained and functional athletic facilities make for a healthy community.

Project Timeline:

Construction would be scheduled for Summer 2012-2013.

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

Kenai Peninsula Borough

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



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

Year 2012 State Capital Improvement Projects

CAPITAL PROJECT: SCHOOL ATHLETIC FACILITIES

Funding Recipient: Kenai Peninsula Borough

Project Name: School Athletic Facilities

Project Priority:

Tier 1

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The running tracks at Kenai, Soldotna, and Homer High Schools are in very poor condition. The track at Homer High School has been closed for safety reasons, and no one from the public is allowed to utilize the facility. The tracks at Kenai and Soldotna High Schools are in such poor condition that they are unable to host competitive track and field meets. Walking or running on either the Soldotna or Kenai tracks is considered unsafe by many users.

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Funding Request:	\$	5,100,000	Election District:	Senate:	Q & R
				House:	33, 34 & 35

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Homer High School Track Renovation

A Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Project

PROJECT DESCRIPTION & BENEFIT: The track at Homer High School is in need of total renovation. Its current poor condition means that the school is not able to host any meets; the track has been declared unsafe by High School administration. The track is plagued by many potholes and some sink holes. Most of the painted lines have vanished. If the track is not fixed, the High School principal has expressed his intention to cancel the 2013 Track and Field season.

Once the track is resurfaced, it will allow the Middle School and High School to host a minimum of two meets a year along with the Region and Borough Championships every other year. This will bring up to 400 athletes to town bringing in significant income (\$2,500 - \$10,000) to the community. Many members of the Homer community walk on the track and enjoy the health benefits of exercise. The students, athletes, and staff of the local schools would benefit by using a track that is in good condition. Statistics show that students who exercise at a young age will continue as an adult. The community as a whole would benefit from a solid track where many people feel comfortable exercising. Other significant users include the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, Neuro Fibromatosis' (NF Endurance) Run for Leo, and the Community Track Program.

PLANS & PROGRESS: The track was built in 1985 and suffered through a major flood in the fall of 2002. Other than very minimal maintenance, there has not been any attention paid to this facility. A committee of interested people is now working to secure state funding to support this cause, with the goal of obtaining city, borough, and state recognition on Capital Improvement Project priority lists in the hope of obtaining a legislative appropriation from the State of Alaska. Many other tracks in the state have been funded and built based on this model.

Cost: \$1,100,000

Schedule: 2012-13

FY 2013 STATE REQUEST: \$1,100,000



Left: The area of the track that was patched after the 2002 floods is not level.

Below: Example of where pieces of the track surface are flaking apart.



**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

Mayor/City Council

RESOLUTION 11-096(A)

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING THE 2012-2017 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND ESTABLISHING CAPITAL PROJECT LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013.

WHEREAS, A duly published hearing was held on September 26, 2011 in order to obtain public comments on capital improvement projects and legislative priorities; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the City Council to provide the Governor, the State Legislature, State agencies, the Alaska Congressional Delegation, and other potential funding sources with adequate information regarding the City's capital project funding needs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Homer, Alaska, that the "City of Homer Capital Improvement Plan 2012-2017" is hereby adopted as the official 6-year capital improvement plan for the City of Homer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following capital improvement projects are identified as priorities for the FY 2013 State Legislative Request:

1. Sewer Treatment Plant Bio-solids Treatment Improvements
2. Homer Area Natural Gas Pipeline, Phase 2
3. Harbor Improvement Revenue Bond Projects (Bundled Projects)
4. Skyline Fire Station
5. Fishing Lagoon Improvements
6. Karen Hornaday Park Improvements, Phase I
7. Tanker 2 Refurbishment and Fire Engine 4 Refurbishment HVFD
8. Homer High School Track Renovation
9. Alternative Water Source
10. Deep Water/Cruise Ship Dock Expansion, Phase I
11. Homer Intersection Improvements
12. Ocean Drive Reconstruction with Turn Lane
13. Mariner Park Restroom
14. Kachemak Drive Rehabilitation/Pathway
15. Truck Loading Facility Upgrades at Fish Dock

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that projects for the FY 2013 Federal Legislative Request will be selected from this list.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby instructed to advise appropriate State and Federal representatives and personnel of the City's FY 2013 capital project priorities and take appropriate steps to provide necessary background information.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council for the City of Homer on this 10th day of October, 2011.



ATTEST:

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JO JOHNSON, CMC, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HOMER

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JAMES C. HORNADAY, MAYOR

Fiscal Note: N/A