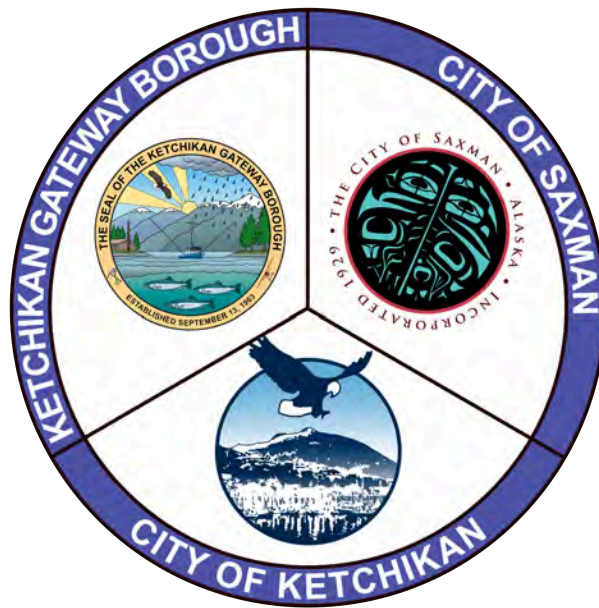


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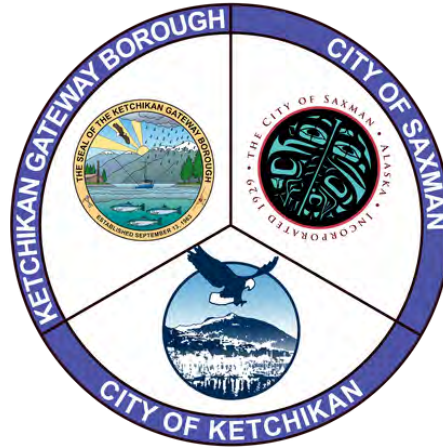
Policy Issue Requests for State Administrative or Legislative Action

Priority & Infrastructure Capital Project Requests for Funding

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT : Senate A - House 1

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Water Street Water Main Replacement	City of Ketchikan	18	4	\$2,000,000	49
Ketchikan International Airport Power Upgrades	City of Ketchikan	19	5	\$750,000	51
Ketchikan Waterfront Promenade Rehabilitation	City of Ketchikan	20	6	\$1,500,000	53
Saxman Public Safety Building	City of Saxman	21	2	\$3,850,000	55
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KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH

**BOROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 3090
CITY OF KETCHIKAN RESOLUTION NO. 24-2940
CITY OF SAXMAN RESOLUTION NO. 09.2024.09**

A Joint Resolution of the Assembly of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Council of the City of Ketchikan, and Council of the City of Saxman, Approving the Community’s Fiscal Year 2026 Top 3 Priority Capital Project Requests for State Funding and Policy Issues for Submission to the Governor and Legislature.

RECITALS

- A. WHEREAS**, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough, the City of Ketchikan, and the City of Saxman have identified several projects of a critical nature that have no immediate funding sources; and
- B. WHEREAS**, each of the projects included on the prioritized list meets at least one of the following criteria:
 - 1. Projects that have already been started and need to be completed;
 - 2. Projects that create jobs;
 - 3. Life, safety and health improvement projects; and
- C. WHEREAS**, each year Community officials advocate for State funding for projects that benefit the residents of the Community; and
- D. WHEREAS**, at the request of the Alaska Legislature, the identified projects are submitted into the Legislature’s Capital Project Submission & Information System (CAPSIS); and
- E. WHEREAS**, the Borough, City of Ketchikan, and City of Saxman are also responsible for providing necessary services to their citizens; and
- F. WHEREAS**, certain actions of the State of Alaska are needed to implement policies which directly affect the municipalities’ ability to carry out those necessary services to their citizens; and
- G. WHEREAS** the Borough Assembly, City of Ketchikan Council, and City of Saxman Council find it is in the best interest of their citizens to urge Governor Dunleavy and the members of the Alaska State Legislature to take legislative and/or administrative actions on the policy issues addressed in this resolution; and
- H. WHEREAS**, the Borough Assembly, City of Ketchikan Council, and City of Saxman

Council wish to submit this list of prioritized capital projects funding requests to Governor Dunleavy and the Alaska State Legislature for consideration of funding in Fiscal Year 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE ABOVE FACTS, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH as follows:

Section 1. The Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly, the City of Ketchikan Council, and City of Saxman Council, hereby identify and prioritize Fiscal Year 2026 capital project requests for State funding as follows:

City of Ketchikan: Wastewater Treatment Permit		
	Compliance Upgrades	\$20,000,000
City of Saxman: Waterline Replacement		\$10,000,000
Ketchikan Gateway Borough: Ketchikan International Airport		
	New Small Passenger Vessel	\$27,000,000

Section 2. The Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly, City of Ketchikan Council, and City of Saxman Council embrace legislative and/or administrative actions to accomplish the following policies:

Urging Continuance of the Commercial Passenger Vessel Tax Program and Continuance of the Current Arrangement for Sharing of the Excise Tax

Urging Continuance of Funding for the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS)

Urging the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to Implement Pedestrian Safety Improvements Along Tongass Avenue

Opposing Actions by the State to Shift Costs of its Constitutional Obligation to Maintain a System of Public Schools Open to All Children of the State

Urging Appropriate State funding for Behavioral Health Services

Urging the State to transfer into Borough ownership certain parcels of land owned by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources per ADLs 109314 and 234300, and to transfer into private ownership any other parcels of land owned by various State agencies that are suitable for development of housing.

Urging Fiscal Impact Analyses of All Proposed Legislation to Assess Potential Costs to Local Governments to Avoid Unfunded Mandates

Section 3. The respective Governing Bodies hereby authorize the Managers and Administrators to submit the capital project priorities as appropriation requests and the

policy issues as requests for administrative and/or legislative actions to the Governor of the State of Alaska and to the Alaska State Legislature

Section 4. The respective Governing Bodies hereby authorize the Managers and Administrators to submit the full list of municipal, school and infrastructure projects into the Legislature's electronic capital project database (CAPSIS).

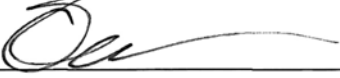
Section 5. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption by the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly, Ketchikan City Council, and Saxman City Council.

ADOPTED by the Borough Assembly the 16th day of September, 2024.

ADOPTED by the Ketchikan City Council the 19th day of September, 2024.

ADOPTED by the Saxman City Council the 25th day of September, 2024.

Ketchikan Gateway Borough Signatures:



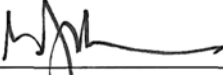
Rodney Dial, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:



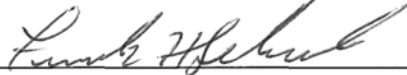
Kacie Paxton, Borough Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:




Glenn Brown, Borough Attorney

City of Saxman Signatures:




Frank Seludo, City Mayor

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Marissa Medford, City Administrator

City of Ketchikan Signatures:



Dave Kiffer, City Mayor

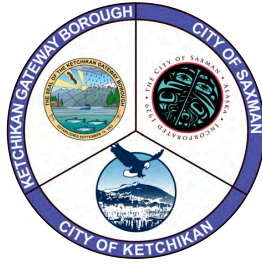
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Kim Stanker, City Clerk

Community of Ketchikan Fiscal Year 2026

Policy Issues for State Administrative or Legislative Action



Community Policy Issue

Urging Continuance of the Commercial Passenger Vessel Tax Program and Continuance of the Current Arrangement for Sharing of the Excise Tax

The community of Ketchikan encourages continuance of the current arrangement for sharing of the State Excise Tax on Commercial Passenger Vessels.

The community of Ketchikan expects to welcome and serve more than 1,400,000 excise-tax-paying cruise passengers each year, more than 100 cruise passengers for every resident of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough. State Commercial Passenger Vessel excise tax proceeds shared with the Borough and City are crucial in funding essential services to those visitors. These funds are used to finance capital improvements and vital services that directly benefit passengers and cruise ships that moor at four berths at the Port of Ketchikan and two berths in Ward Cove.

Continuance of the current arrangement is critical to the City of Ketchikan's need to meet debt service obligations and to provide funding for future waterside and upland improvements. As vessels increase in size, further strain is placed on Port of Ketchikan infrastructure, which much be maintained or enhanced to accommodate larger ships.

Corresponding increases in passengers necessitate solutions to pedestrian and vehicle congestion along the Port and throughout downtown, additional restrooms, improved directional signage, and other uplands improvements to enhance safety and the visitor experience. Continuance of this funding is also critical for the Borough to provide transportation services which allow for the safe movement of passengers to and from the berths and emergency medical services outside the City of Ketchikan municipal limits. Fire and EMS services are provided on a service area basis outside city limits. The Ward Cove docks became operational in 2021, and service is provided by a service area of approximately 3,000 residents. Serving the ships and passengers has necessitated expansion into a second building and doubling the full time response staff.

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Community Policy Issue

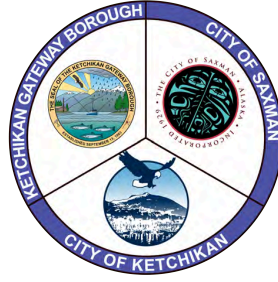
Urging Continuance of Funding for the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS)

The Community of Ketchikan urges the State of Alaska to continue funding for the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS). As noted in the 2024-2027 Alaska Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), “Alaska’s waterways are essential for transportation, especially where road access is limited or nonexistent. Enhancing these services is crucial for the mobility of residents and the transport of goods.” The continuation of the AMHS ferries is crucial for the economic viability of Southeast Alaska communities, and specifically for Ketchikan.

Further, the Community of Ketchikan urges the following:

- a) “All ships, all the time.”
- b) Continued efforts to increase planned service weeks and port calls, eliminate remaining service gaps, and provide consistent service levels to all communities throughout the year.
- c) Additional increases in the AMHS capital budget to minimize interruptions of service as a result of vessels being out of service for unplanned maintenance.
- d) Supporting the expansion of services on the AMHS Bellingham Ferry Route and legislation establishing regional transportation planning organizations as called for in Borough Assembly Resolution 2302.
- e) Promoting the priority of close economic, social, and cultural ties with Prince Rupert by upgrading or designing new ferries to be SOLAS compliant and working with the City of Prince Rupert or other appropriate organizations to repair or replace the Prince Rupert dock.
- f) Urge AMHS to include Hyder, Alaska or other alternative points south as a destination if issues identified as barriers to resumption of Prince Rupert services cannot be mitigated.
- g) Continuing to supply matching funds in the State budget to maximize Federal funding opportunities that will maintain or upgrade the fleet and associated facilities.

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Community Policy Issue

Urging the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to Implement Pedestrian Safety Improvements Along Tongass

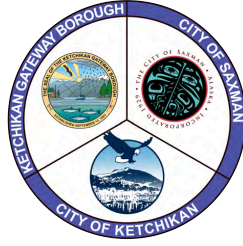
The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) controls and maintains Tongass Highway in Ketchikan. The Tongass Avenue corridor comprises the most heavily trafficked portion of the highway, connecting the downtown core to additional residential, commercial and essential services on the northern and southern ends of the City of Ketchikan limits. ADOT&PF is currently finalizing the construction permitting and bidding documents for the Tongass Avenue Improvements and Tongass Avenue & Water Street Viaducts projects (Project Nos. 0902042 and 0902045), with construction now anticipated to commence in the spring of 2025 and completed in phases by 2027 after first being announced in 2018. The projects will resurface the pavement and make improvements along Tongass Avenue between Hoadley Creek and the Ketchikan tunnel.

In recent years, several pedestrian-vehicle collisions have occurred along Tongass Avenue, two of which resulted in fatalities. The Community of Ketchikan has long expressed to ADOT&PF as well as Legislators and Governors the dangers posed by the lack of adequate pedestrian safety measures along Tongass Avenue. This has resulted in minimal action on the part of ADOT&PF. The City has been left with little choice but to pay, install, and maintain three push-button actuated crossing signs along the State's highway in an effort to provide safer crossings at some of the highway's most problematic and heavily used pedestrian areas.

As ADOT&PF prepares to commence the Tongass Avenue projects, the Community of Ketchikan urges the State of Alaska to make pedestrian safety improvements along its corridor. The current design for the projects remains inadequate for pedestrian safety measures, and despite the investment and effort to improve the highway, crossings may still be dangerous and result in further pedestrian injuries or fatalities. The highway contains 30 established crossings, and additional push-button actuated crossings and other solutions are necessary components to make these projects successful and responsive to community needs.

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Community Policy Issue

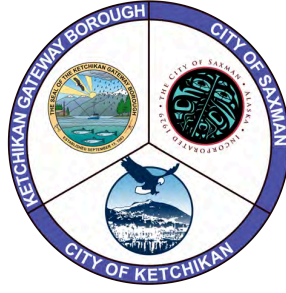
Opposing Actions by the State to Shift Costs of its Constitutional Obligation to Maintain a System of Public Schools Open to All Children of the State

The Community of Ketchikan opposes actions by the State of Alaska to shift the cost of its constitutional obligation to maintain a system of public schools open to all children of the state.

- Calling on the Governor and Legislature to significantly increase the Base Student Allocation to adequately meet its constitutional obligation to provide a system of public schools open to all children of the State per the Ketchikan Gateway Borough's joint Assembly and School Board Resolution Nos. 2929 and 22-02.
- Calling on the Governor and Legislature to inflation-proof the Public School Funding Formula as defined in AS 14.17.410.
- Opposing any effort by the State to shift its responsibilities for education to municipalities by reducing or allowing further erosion of the base student allocation by inflation, or by negatively altering the method of calculation of average daily membership (ADM), or the multipliers set forth in the public school funding formula contained in AS 14.17.410, et seq.
- Opposing any legislation which would increase the burden on PERS and TRS employers beyond the current employer contribution limits of 22 percent for PERS and 12.56 percent for TRS, including reducing on-behalf rates, imposition of termination study costs, and efforts to shift more of the net pension liability for PERS or TRS onto municipalities.
- Opposing the Required Local Contribution (RLC), which unfairly saddles some residents of the State with a requirement to fund a State obligation; and which selective imposition has no rational basis in law, and opposing any effort by the State to increase the RLC.
- Urging continued full funding of the School Bond Debt Reimbursement (SBDR) program, with no further reduction in reimbursement levels.

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Community Policy Issue

Urging Appropriate State Funding for Behavioral Health Services

The Community of Ketchikan faces a critical shortage of accessible and affordable behavioral health services for residents. This shortage has a profound impact on public safety, economic development, and the overall well-being of our communities.

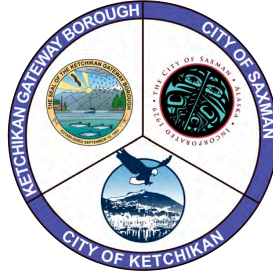
While local efforts have been made to address this crisis, the scale of the problem necessitates robust state support and funding. Currently, available resources are insufficient to meet the growing demand for mental health and substance abuse treatment services. This lack of adequate support has resulted in overcrowded emergency departments, increased homelessness, and a strain on law enforcement resources.

To effectively address the behavioral health crisis in Ketchikan, the State of Alaska must prioritize increased funding for:

- **Prevention and early intervention programs:** Investing in youth mental health services, substance abuse prevention education, and community-based support systems can significantly reduce the long-term impact of behavioral health issues.
- **Expanded access to treatment:** Increasing the availability of mental health and substance abuse treatment services, including inpatient, outpatient, and crisis care, is essential to meeting the needs of Ketchikan residents.
- **Support for recovery and reintegration:** Providing comprehensive support services for individuals in recovery, such as housing, employment assistance, and peer support, is crucial for long-term success.
- **Workforce development:** Investing in the behavioral health workforce through education, training, and loan forgiveness programs is necessary to address the shortage of mental health professionals in Alaska.

By prioritizing behavioral health services in Ketchikan, the State of Alaska can make a significant impact on the lives of our residents and strengthen our community as a whole.

**Community of Ketchikan Fiscal Year 2026
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Community Policy Issue

Urging the State to Transfer into Borough Ownership Certain Real Parcels of Land Owned by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources per ADL's 109314 and 234300, and to Transfer into Private Ownership Any Other Parcels of Land Owned By Various State Agencies that are Suitable for Developing Housing

The Community of Ketchikan urges the State of Alaska to transfer into Borough ownership various parcels of land owned by State agencies to facilitate the development of housing as follows:

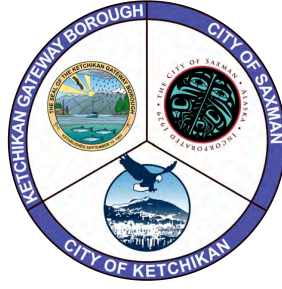
a) Transfer into Borough ownership the green spaces inside the Mud Bight subdivision created in 1980 by the State through Alaska State Land Survey 79-243, Plat No. 80-35, which will enable the Borough to make progress towards completion of the subdivision, per Resolution 2952. The Borough has submitted an .810 conveyance application to the Department of Natural Resources, serialized as ADL 234300.

b) Expedite Department of Natural Resources approval of the Borough's .810 Conveyance application ADL No. 109314, for lot 78 of the Mountain Point Group of Homesites which is the only parcel required for completion of a right of way between Roosevelt Drive and Whitman Drive. Acquisition of this parcel would also enable access to the property owned by Ketchikan Community Land Trust, which is intended for affordable housing.

The Community of Ketchikan further urges the State of Alaska to transfer into private ownership any parcels of land owned by various State agencies that are suitable for development of housing.

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Community Policy Issue

Supporting Fiscal Impact Analyses of all Proposed Legislation to Assess Potential Costs to Local Governments to Avoid Unfunded Mandates

As municipalities striving to provide essential services to our residents, we face increasing challenges in meeting the demands of our communities.

The imposition of unfunded mandates places an undue burden on our local governments, forcing difficult choices between essential services and compliance with state-imposed requirements. Such mandates can divert limited resources away from crucial areas such as public safety, education, and infrastructure.

To mitigate the negative impacts of unfunded mandates, we urge the Alaska State Legislature to:

- Conduct thorough fiscal impact analyses on all proposed legislation and regulations to assess potential costs on local governments.
- Provide adequate funding or reimbursement for any new mandates imposed on municipalities.
- Establish a collaborative process involving local government representatives in the development of new state regulations to ensure consideration of local impacts.

By working together to reduce the burden of unfunded mandates, the State of Alaska can strengthen the capacity of its municipalities to deliver essential services to residents and enhance the overall well-being of our communities.



Greater Ketchikan Community Request for Fiscal Year 2026 State Funding

**Community Capital Project Priority No. 1
Wastewater Treatment Permit Compliance Upgrades
FY2026 Funding Request: \$ 20,000,000**



Applicant:

City of Ketchikan
Delilah Walsh, City Manager
334 Front Street
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

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Federal EIN: 92-6000082

Brief Project Description:

The City of Ketchikan Wastewater Treatment Plant currently discharges under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) with a 301(h) waiver. This permit is currently under review for renewal. In order to meet the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation's requirements under the 401 Water Quality Certification it is expected that a major treatment plant upgrade will be required.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 20,000,000
Funding Already Secured:	0
This Fiscal Year State Funding Request:	\$ 20,000,000

Explanation of Other Funding Available from Other Sources (Funding Already Secured) N/A

Detailed Project Criteria:

This project is a critical part of an ongoing compliance with our wastewater discharge permit and would address public infrastructure deferred maintenance of the wastewater treatment system. This will require the study, design, and construction of a major capital improvement. A project of this magnitude, and resultant huge capital costs will have drastic, severe impact to the residents of Ketchikan. Given that this upgrade is a State of Alaska requirement, it makes sense that the State of Alaska would participate in the funding.

The project is of sufficient size that it would likely exceed the local contractor supply for labor. As such, the creation of additional construction jobs will be needed to complete this project.

Wastewater treatment is a key component of the life, safety, and health of every community. This project improves public safety as it will provide improved wastewater treatment before it is discharged into the environment.

This project is an investment in the future of the greater community of Ketchikan in that it will provide construction jobs, and improve existing infrastructure within the community.

Project Description and Justification:

Deferred Maintenance: This project will address deferred maintenance of the wastewater treatment system.

Infrastructure: This project will address a major public infrastructure need by upgrading the wastewater treatment system.

Public Safety: This project improves public safety in that it provides for improved wastewater treatment before it is discharged into the environment.

Private Sector Tools: This project provides for direct private sector involvement through contract bidding for these capital improvements and/or as subcontractors to larger contracted firms.

Project Timeline:

The total length of the project is a minimum of 5 years after receiving approval for funding inclusive of design and engineering, bidding and award, and construction during the construction season.

Ongoing Operation & Maintenance:

The City of Ketchikan is responsible for ongoing operations and maintenance.



Greater Ketchikan Community Request for Fiscal Year 2026 State Funding

**Community Capital Project Priority No. 2
Saxman Water Line Replacement
FY2026 Funding Request: \$ 10,000,000**



Applicant:

City of Saxman
Marissa Medford, City Administrator
2841 S. Tongass Hwy, Route 2 Box 1
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

Phone: (907) 225-4166
cityadmin@kpunet.net

Federal EIN: 92-0041226

Brief Project Description:

The water line infrastructure within Saxman is very dated and much of it is beyond repair and needs replacement. There are several water line leaks throughout Saxman equating to a 60GPM loss of water from the City's water tank. This has put a serious hardship on the Water Plant in order to keep up with making and storing safe water and poses a significant risk of a water crisis within the community.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 10,000,000
Funding Already Secured:	0
This Fiscal Year State Funding Request:	\$ 10,000,000

Explanation of Other Funding Available from Other Sources (Funding Already Secured) N/A

Detailed Project Criteria:

The project would create jobs as Saxman does not have sufficient staff to handle the undertaking of a project of this magnitude.

The project is absolutely critical to the life, safety, and health of Saxman residents and businesses. There are several water line leaks throughout Saxman equating to a 60GPM loss of water from the water tank. This has put a serious hardship on the Water Plant in order to keep up with making and storing safe water and poses a significant risk of a water crisis within the community.

Project Description and Justification:

Deferred Maintenance: The water line infrastructure is very dated and much of it is beyond repair and needs replacement. Saxman does not have sufficient staff or resources to handle the frequency of breakage and repair.

Infrastructure: The water line infrastructure within Saxman is very dated and much of it is beyond repair and needs replacement. Saxman does not have the staff or resources to handle the frequency of breakage and repair. There are several water line leaks throughout Saxman equating to a 60GPM loss of water from the water tank. This has put a serious hardship on the Water Plant in order to keep up with making and storing safe water and poses a significant risk of a water crisis within the community.

Public Safety: There are several water line leaks throughout Saxman equating to a 60GPM loss of water from our water tank. This has put a serious hardship on the Water Plant in order to keep up with making and storing safe water and poses a significant risk of a water crisis within the community.

Private Sector Tools: Saxman Seaport has many private-sector growth opportunities / development possibilities—many are newly established with more on the horizon. It is imperative that Saxman update the water line infrastructure to be able to continue to promote growth opportunities and development for the community.

Investment in Future: Saxman Seaport has many growth opportunities / development possibilities—many are newly established with more on the horizon. It is imperative that the water line infrastructure is updated in order to continue to promote these growth opportunities and development for the community and investment in the future. Port Infrastructure Development to create an AMHS ferry terminal and to relocate the M/V Lituya run / test electric ferries, a Food Hub to promote food security by KAPA, Three Bears grocery store, and Totem Harbor development.

Support for Essential Services: Water is one of the bare necessities for human survival. This project ensures the community will have access to safe water and drastically decrease the risk of a water crisis.

Culture and Recreation: The Saxman Totem Park is a major attraction for Ketchikan area visitors. The park includes a tribal house, a carving center, and a cultural hall for traditional Tlingit dance exhibitions.

Underserved Community: Organized Village of Saxman has a rural designation. Of the roughly 400 residents within Saxman, 75% are Alaska Native and have been an underserved community and disproportionately disadvantaged since colonization. There is significant risk of a water crisis without the water line infrastructure replacement.

Project Timeline:

The project would most likely be completed in phases, with the water lines in the worst condition being replaced first. From RFP process through completion, estimated to take 12-18 months (taking into account delays for adverse weather conditions / needing to pause for winter months).

Ongoing Operation & Maintenance:

City of Saxman Public Works / ANTHC / ARWA



Greater Ketchikan Community Request for Fiscal Year 2026 State Funding

Community Capital Project Priority No. 3
KIA - Replace Small Passenger Vessel Supporting Link to Gravina
FY2026 Funding Request: \$ 27,000,000



Applicant:

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Federal EIN: 92-0084626

Brief Project Description:

Replacement of the Oral Freeman, a small passenger vessel constructed in 2002 that has surpassed its useful life, to enhance regional connectivity and provide reliable transportation services across Tongass Narrows to residents and businesses on Gravina.

Funding Plan:

Replacement of a small passenger ferry does not qualify for Airport Improvement Project funding, Passenger Facility Funds, or Federal Transportation Dollars. Outside funding is critical in ratifying the current system's capacity issues, which creates significant delays and risks, particularly for emergency medical transportation.

Total Project Cost:	\$ 27,000,000
Funding Already Secured:	0
This Fiscal Year State Funding Request:	\$ 27,000,000

Explanation of Other Funding Available from Other Sources (Funding Already Secured)

The Borough is actively seeking grants, specifically Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding for alternative fuel and low/no emission fuel vessels.

Detailed Project Criteria:

With the recent construction of new ferry berths linking Ketchikan to Gravina Island, there is a critical need for a replacement passenger ferry to operate alongside our existing vessel, ensuring that two ferries can run year-round. This ferry is essential because the Ketchikan International Airport, located on Gravina Island, serves as a critical transportation link for the region. Southeast Alaska is an area with limited transportation options for intercity travel, and the air taxi service is vital for the region's under-served communities. It is the quickest and easiest method of transportation, connecting these remote areas with essential goods, supplies, and medical services.

Impacts and Benefits:

- Enhance the safety, accessibility, and efficiency of regional transportation.
- Support under-served communities by ensuring reliable access to essential services.
- Relieve congestion and reduce wait times for passengers and vehicles.
- Generate jobs and stimulate the economy.
- Reduce delays, particularly for emergency medical transportation.

Project Description and Justification:

Transportation & Public Safety: This grant will enable the Borough to meet the pressing transportation needs of our community while fostering economic growth and environmental stewardship. The additional ferry will play a crucial role in ensuring reliable year-round service, maximizing the benefits of the newly constructed berths, and supporting essential access to the region's primary airport, especially in emergencies.

Waterway transportation is a vital component of the local transit system. The construction of new ferry berths between Ketchikan and Gravina Island has significantly improved capacity to serve more passengers and routes. However, the increased traffic from both airport-related and non-airport activities has strained the current ferry system. The breakdown of one of the ferries would leave the community without access to the airport, creating a serious risk, particularly for emergency medical transportation needs. Replacing a small passenger vessel is essential to accommodate this growing demand, provide reliable transportation, and ensure continued access to essential services.

Project Timeline:

Upon acceptance of funding, design to completion is expected to take approximately 18-24 months.

Ongoing Operation & Maintenance:

Ketchikan Gateway Borough is responsible for ongoing maintenance and operational needs in accordance with the recently executed (2024) Airport Lease.



Greater Ketchikan Community Request for Fiscal Year 2026 State Funding

**Ketchikan Gateway Borough Capital Project Priority No. 2
South Tongass Fire Station Restoration & Upgrades
FY2026 Funding Request: \$ 1,500,000**



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Brief Project Description:

On April 9, 2024, the South Tongass Fire Station was rendered uninhabitable due to a structure fire originating in the apparatus bays, seriously damaging five South Tongass emergency vehicles and rendering the station unusable for the foreseeable future.

The funding requested for this project covers finishing expenses and upgrades to the South Tongass Fire Station, including electrical upgrades necessary to operate modern emergency and firefighting equipment; installation of sprinklers throughout the apparatus bays; exiting improvements throughout; slab re-leveling and sealing; and other improvements needed to ensure compliance with OSHA regulations.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 7,000,000
Funding Already Secured:	\$ 5,500,000
This Fiscal Year State Funding Request:	\$ 1,500,000

Explanation of Other Funding Available from Other Sources (Funding Already Secured)

The Borough has secured \$5,000,000 in insurance claim funds for general restoration to the building, and an additional \$500,000 for building expansion from USDA.

Detailed Project Criteria:

Projects that Have Already Started and Need to be Finished: Slab deformation predating the fire was identified and a re-leveling contract was underway at the time the fire occurred. This restoration & upgrade completes that project.

Life, Safety, Health Improvement Projects: Re-occurrence will be minimized through the installation of sprinklers in the apparatus bays, and isolation of the equipment storage, as well as upgrades to the alarm signaling and electrical distribution in operational areas. This station provides rapid response to emergencies throughout South Tongass for which mutual aid is not capable of providing timely response.

Project Description & Justification:

Deferred Maintenance: This project will address issues predating the fire with differential settlement and control water from getting beneath the slab.

Public Safety: The South Tongass Volunteer Fire Department has been experiencing an upswing in call volume, experiencing both a seasonal increase in calls to Herring Cove of 15%, and a sustained 46% increase in calls from the City of Saxman. Approximately 60 new housing units will be constructed in the next two years in the Service Area, in addition to tourism expansion and aging demography. This project will ensure fire protection for the apparatus bay and turnout storage.

Investment in Future: This project will enable increases to multi-family dwelling developments and commercial tourism activities by providing emergency support.

Support for Essential Services: The South Tongass Volunteer Fire Department is the primary source for firefighting and EMS in the South Tongass Service Area, from the limits of the City of Ketchikan to the end of the road system at Beaver Falls.

Project Timeline:

Proposed timeline assumes funds awarded July 1, 2025, with design starting in advance:

Design & Permitting: September 1, 2024 – June 1, 2025

Bidding: July 1 – September 1, 2025

Construction: September 1, 2025 – July 1, 2026

Ongoing Operation & Maintenance:

The Ketchikan Gateway Borough will operate and maintain this facility under the adopted South Tongass Service Area powers for firefighting and EMS services.



Greater Ketchikan Community Request for Fiscal Year 2026 State Funding

**Ketchikan Gateway Borough Capital Project Priority No. 3
Gateway Recreation Center (GRC) Expansion
FY2026 Funding Request: \$ 3,000,000**



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Brief Project Description:

The Gateway Recreation Center (GRC) is a roughly 40,000 square foot facility housing two gymnasiums, three small multi-use courts, running track, one cardio room, one weight room, and four mix-use rooms. Opening in 1997, annual visitation currently sits at 200,000 sign-ins.

A 2024 conceptual design from Architects Alaska recommends a 6,198-s.f., two-story addition to the building for weights and cardio rooms with supporting services on the first floor, and four classrooms on the second floor. This project will provide designated space for the summer day camp and selectively relocate intrusive activities to less sensitive areas.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 9,816,898
Funding Already Secured:	816,898
This Fiscal Year State Funding Request:	\$ 3,000,000

Explanation of Other Funding Available from Other Sources (Funding Already Secured)

Request assumes successful voter approval of a \$6-million General Obligation Bond issued by the Borough. Recreation CIP funds of \$816,898 are designated for design and bid ready documents for this project in FY2025.

Detailed Project Criteria:

Projects that Have Already Started: Conceptual design is complete for this project.

Projects that Create Jobs: Summer child care is scarce and an inhibiting factor to employment. This project will enable the GRC to increase its summer day camp availability enabling parents to participate in the local workforce/economy.

Project Description & Justification:

Culture and Recreation: The GRC provides recreation for all ages and abilities throughout the year, including track, basketball, soccer, volleyball, tennis, ping pong, air hockey, racquetball, squash, pickleball, cardio, weight training, aerobic/fitness, dance, Mat-Rats wrestling, martial arts, art classes, youth camps, and many seasonal special events. The new area will expand the space for cross-fit and provide opportunities for night-time classes on the second floor, while alleviating strain on the scheduled spaced.

Health and Public Safety: The GRC plays a vital role in both physical and mental health. Ketchikan's extreme annual rainfall (13-feet+ typically) requires an indoor location to recreate for all ages. The new classroom space is designed to be isolated from the main gymnasium: in the event of a flood or pandemic-level event, the new classrooms may be utilized as an emergency shelter, with its own restrooms and a kitchen.

Underserved Community: The GRC is identified in the 2016 Greater Ketchikan Area Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as the community's evacuation shelter in the event of a medium level emergency. The Borough is currently in the process of updating the plan to identify the GRC as one of the primary areawide emergency shelters. The GRC met this need during the COVID-19 pandemic.

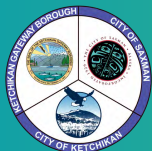
Investment in the Future and Support for Essential Services: Increasing and reconfiguring the current space will alleviate the current congestion and provide expanded services and programs to the community.

Project Timeline:

Winter 2025 - Spring 2026: Conduct Design and Engineering. Upon acceptance of funds, construction is expected to take approximately 18 months.

Ongoing Operation & Maintenance:

Ketchikan Gateway Borough is responsible for ongoing operations and maintenance for the Gateway Recreation Center and Aquatic Center, with operational funding drawn from a combination of user fees, General Funds, and sales-tax generated Recreation CIP funding.



Greater Ketchikan Community Request for Fiscal Year 2026 State Funding

Ketchikan Gateway Borough Capital Project Priority No. 4 Houghtaling Elementary School Transformer Relocation FY2026 Funding Request: \$ 600,000



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Brief Project Description:

This project involves relocating the existing pole mounted transformer from inside Houghtaling Elementary School to a safer, pad-mounted transformer outside the facility. Work will include selective demolition, pavement cutting, trenching, installation of electrical conduits, and patching throughout. Work may also include storm drainage improvement.

The current transformer, located within the school building, was installed in the 1960/1970's and has far surpassed its useful life and poses a significant safety threat to over 350 students, faculty and maintenance staff. Electrical equipment inside a school presents risks of electrical hazards and potential fire hazards, which could have serious consequences in the event of a malfunction. By moving the transformer outside, the project will mitigate these safety risks, comply with current electrical codes, and reduce the maintenance burden placed on staff.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 661,798
Funding Already Secured:	61,798
This Fiscal Year State Funding Request:	\$ 600,000

Explanation of Other Funding Available from Other Sources (Funding Already Secured)

There is a \$61,798 match from the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District to pay for electrical engineering services.

Detailed Project Criteria:

The current indoor placement of the transformer poses significant safety threats to the school occupants. Relocating it outside will address these risks, ensure compliance with modern safety codes, and improve the overall safety and efficiency of the school. As a Title I school serving a low-income population, Houghtaling Elementary plays a crucial role in providing quality education to a diverse student body. This project will resolve deferred maintenance issues, enhance public safety, and support the essential services the school provides, creating a safer and more effective learning environment for all students.

Project Description & Justification:

Public Safety: Relocating the transformer outside will eliminate significant safety risks to over 350 students and staff, reducing hazards associated with having electrical equipment inside the school environment. This will also enhance overall public safety by addressing potential fire hazards and electrical risks.

Code Compliance: The project will ensure that the electrical system meets modern safety standards.

Efficiency: The new location will simplify maintenance and reduce the risk of disruptions to school operations.

Deferred Maintenance: The upgrade will address ongoing maintenance issues and prevent potential future hazards.

Investment in the Future: The new transformer installation will support long-term infrastructure reliability and operational efficiency.

Support for Essential Services: This upgrade is critical for maintaining Houghtaling Elementary's role as a Title I school serving a disadvantaged population, including low income families, special needs students, English as a Second Language learners, and Alaska Native families. It ensures a safe, reliable learning environment for these students.

Project Timeline:

Acquisition and construction is expected to take approximately 12 months to complete.

Ongoing Operation & Maintenance:

The Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District provides daily maintenance and operation service.



Greater Ketchikan Community Request for Fiscal Year 2026 State Funding

**Ketchikan Gateway Borough Capital Project Priority No. 5
Ketchikan International Airport 4th and 5th Floor Exterior Improvements
FY2026 Funding Request: \$ 1,800,000**



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Brief Project Description:

This project would replace the outdated exterior envelope system on the 4th and 5th floors of the airport terminal, originally constructed in 1972. The current aluminum storefront-style framework, featuring a mix of windows and insulated metal panels, is prone to significant water infiltration during the inclement weather common in Southeast Alaska. Additionally, the existing system is not energy efficient, leading to high HVAC costs.

The proposed upgrade will provide a new watertight, and energy-efficient building envelope system, designed to withstand the region's harsh weather conditions, reduce energy consumption, and support the continued operation of essential airport services.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 1,800,000
Funding Already Secured:	0
This Fiscal Year State Funding Request:	\$ 1,800,000

Explanation of Other Funding Available from Other Sources (Funding Already Secured)

The flight service center is not considered an FAA defined Airport Traffic Control Tower and therefore does not qualify for Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Airport Terminal Program funds. Staff is actively pursuing other grant funding.

Detailed Project Criteria:

Weather Resistance: The new system will prevent water infiltration, protecting the terminal's interior from weather-related damage.

Energy Efficiency: Upgrading to a modern, energy-efficient system will reduce heating and cooling costs, contributing to overall sustainability.

Durability: The replacement system will be designed specifically for Southeast Alaska's climate, ensuring long-term durability and reduced maintenance needs.

Project Description & Justification:

Deferred Maintenance, Infrastructure, Public Safety & Support for Essential Services: The existing building envelope on the 4th and 5th floors of the terminal is outdated and unsuitable for Southeast Alaska's climate, leading to ongoing issues with water infiltration and high energy costs. These problems threaten the integrity and operational efficiency of the terminal, which is vital for supporting essential airport services.

By upgrading to a modern, weather-resistant, and energy-efficient system, this project will ensure that the terminal remains a secure and functional hub for passengers and staff. The improvements will also contribute to the airport's sustainability goals by reducing energy consumption and lowering operational costs, ensuring that essential services continue to operate smoothly and without interruption.

This investment is crucial for maintaining the terminal's infrastructure and ensuring the ongoing delivery of essential services to the community.

Project Timeline:

Upon acceptance of funding, bid to completion is expected to take 18 months.

Ongoing Operation & Maintenance:

The Ketchikan Gateway Borough will provide operational and maintenance needs, per the recently executed revised Airport Lease Agreement with the State of Alaska.



Greater Ketchikan Community Request for Fiscal Year 2026 State Funding

**Ketchikan Gateway Borough Capital Project Priority No. 6
Mud Bight Road Construction
FY2026 Funding Request: \$ 5,000,000**



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Brief Project Description:

Road construction and repair in the Mud Bight Service Area, consisting of drainage improvements, road subgrade repair, road bed placement, road widening and margin improvements, and pavement on the approach roads at Rhea Road and Snow Goose Lane, and construction of 11,309 lineal feet of unpaved roadways in platted right-of-ways throughout the remainder of the subdivision, including all overburden removal, drainage, ditching, slope stabilization, road bedding and other work necessary for construction to Borough standards. Work will include electrical installation.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 5,000,000
Funding Already Secured:	0
This Fiscal Year State Funding Request:	\$ 5,000,000

Explanation of Other Funding Available from Other Sources (Funding Already Secured) N/A

Detailed Project Criteria:

Projects that Have Already Started and Need to be Finished: Road design was completed immediately following this State subdivision, with road construction performed at the service area and homeowner expense. Some 11,309-lf of road remain unbuilt, accessing around 70 new building lots (62 privately owned).

Projects that Create Jobs: Per the National Association of Home Builders, approximately 2.97 full time jobs are created per residence constructed: with 90 vacant residential lots zoned for single-family residences, and approximately three miles of roadway construction and upgrades, a 20 year build-out would provide 12 jobs per year in residential and road construction, not counting materials supplies and trucking.

Life, Safety, and Health Improvements: On an annual basis, roadways in the Mud Bight Service Area require work which may inhibit the provision of fire and life safety service to the neighborhood: potholing and road washout, silted and overgrown ditches and undersized culverts with extensive deterioration are at risk of flooding.

Project Description & Justification:

This State of Alaska subdivision was not required to have improvements installed. As a result, the tax base never materialized to support new road construction, and the lot arrangement inhibits development, as extensive roadway networks are bordered by large tracts of green-belt parcels and relatively few building lots.

Deferred Maintenance: Work in this project will resolve longstanding issues with the roadway conditions, including drainage replacement, subgrade repair, and selective paving, in addition to resolving other substandard conditions resulting from the era and manner in which the roads were constructed

Transportation: Roadway conditions frequently inhibit the free movement of pedestrians and vehicles. In addition, the extensive unbuilt sections make many building lots impassable.

Infrastructure: Mud Bight's road system is insufficiently developed to provide viable access throughout the service area. The unbuilt right-of-ways were not required to have cul-de-sac or emergency apparatus turnarounds at the termini, as they were designed to continue to street intersections.

Public Safety: Gravel roadways are subject to potholing during high rainfall events, inhibiting the access for emergency apparatus. The road system is designed around looped roads, though, so movement of emergency apparatus will be greatly improved by full build-out.

Investment in Future: This project will improve opportunities for middle-class home ownership: road construction and lot access are amongst the chief inhibitors to home construction.

Project Timeline:

Design is complete. The construction timeline assumes funds awarded July 1, 2025

Road Improvements: Approximately 15 months, from July 1, 2025 – Sept. 1, 2026

Road Construction: Approximately 24 months, from July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2027

Ongoing Operation & Maintenance:

The Ketchikan Gateway Borough maintains and operates roads in the Mud Bight Service Area as an exercise of the Service Area's road powers.



Greater Ketchikan Community Request for Fiscal Year 2026 State Funding

**Ketchikan Gateway Borough Capital Project Priority No. 7
Old Dairy Road Construction
FY2026 Funding Request: \$800,000**



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Brief Project Description:

Construction of some 600-lf of roadways, including water and sewer, to extend Old Dairy Road into Borough-owned entitlement lands, including road clearing, grubbing, excavation, unclassified waste removal, backfill with shot rock or other engineered material, and D-1 road grading; installation of 8-inch water mains, with no fewer than three fire hydrants, and isolation valves at viable points for future extension; and installation of 8-inch sewer mains to convey sewage to the Lift Station #6; and installation of power lines into the area. The finished project will have a 26-foot wide traveling surface with a graded cul-de-sac.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 950,000
Funding Already Secured:	150,000
This Fiscal Year State Funding Request:	800,000

Explanation of Other Funding Available from Other Sources (Funding Already Secured)

Borough Housing Capital Funds - Lot Acquisition: \$ 150,000

Detailed Project Criteria:

Project that Have Already Started and Need to be Finished: Old Dairy Road has existing water, sewer, and electrical utilities, and, in FY24, the Borough purchased a lot for \$150,000 that had otherwise inhibited access to a 355 acre parcel suitable for housing.

Projects that Create Jobs: Per the National Association of Home Builders, approximately 2.97 full time jobs are created per residence constructed. With up to 60 units desired, this equates to around 20 new full time jobs per year over the 10 year buildout.

Life, Safety, Health Improvements: This project includes extending water and sewer utilities into these districts to improve public sanitation, provision of high quality drinking water, and firefighting capability.

Project Description & Justification:

This project is seeking to resolve a lack of capacity in housing throughout Ketchikan, in order to diminish the cost burden to Ketchikan residents. As of 2023, 47.1-51.6% of renters are severely or cost-burdened, substantially higher than the 41% for Alaska and 46.4% for all Americans; and 43.9% of Ketchikan's home are renter occupied, significantly higher than the US average of 34.3%.

Transportation: Building into the entitlement lands enables the Borough to provide access to the adjacent Fawn Mountain Elementary, which has a turnaround for a municipal bus stop and sidewalks providing egress to the highway. Borough lands could provide a viable pedestrian route to mass transit or safe walking routes.

Infrastructure: High density residential construction will be inhibited until such time as roads provide access to available, favorable land.

Public Safety: All roads will enable apparatus turnaround.

Investment in Future: This project will improve opportunities for low-income and work force housing by addressing road construction and lot access, the chief inhibitors to any home construction in the community.

Support for Essential Services: Insofar as roadways are constructed to provide access to homes, roads will be constructed to Borough road standards, which are based around enabling fire apparatus turnaround.

Culture and Recreation: The intended lot for high density housing lies immediately adjacent Ketchikan's preeminent soccer field – Esther Shea Fawn Mountain Track and Field – and several playgrounds located on the school grounds.

Project Timeline:

The project has a design, permitting and construction timeline of 24 months.

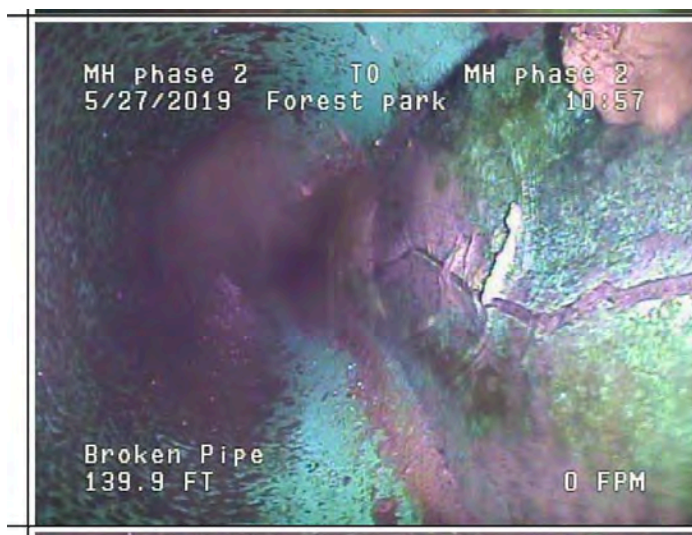
Ongoing Operation & Maintenance:

The Ketchikan Gateway Borough maintains Old Dairy Road under its adopted Service Area Road Powers. This property is a candidate for annexation to the service area.



Greater Ketchikan Community Request for Fiscal Year 2026 State Funding

**Ketchikan Gateway Borough Capital Project Priority No. 8
Forest Park Drive Wastewater and Road Upgrades
FY2026 Funding Request: \$ 3,840,000**



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Brief Project Description:

Replacement of some 5000-lf of 8" PVC sewer mains with 8" C900 in Forest Park Drive, manholes, and cleanouts; selective relocation of sewer services in order to eliminate exposed piping within drainage ditches adjoining the roadway; selective replacement of storm drainage throughout; and construction of a sidewalk to the highway. This project will resolve poorly installed sewer mains serving the 141-lot subdivision, and provide access from the highway to the residential roads.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 4,800,000
Funding Already Secured:	960,000
This Fiscal Year State Funding Request:	\$ 3,840,000

Explanation of Other Funding Available from Other Sources (Funding Already Secured)

ACWF Loan NO. 482021	\$ 960,000
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Detailed Project Criteria:

Projects that Have Already Started and Need to be Finished: Design for this project commenced in 2018 following completion of the Saxman to Oyster Avenue sewer main project. Drawings are in place for replacement of 1,000-lf of piping in the 1000 block of Forest Park Drive, but other system needs took priority over replacement in this segment of roadway. Replacement can proceed quickly on this initial segment, while design and permitting is underway elsewhere in the system.

Life, Safety, Health Improvement Projects: The leaky nature of the system and extensive build-up of fats-oils-grease (FOG) are risk factors for system exfiltration, in which case the wastewater may leach into the adjoining ditches and waterways. The sidewalk installation will provide a safe route for school children traversing the narrow, steep initial segment of the roadway.

Project Description & Justification:

Deferred Maintenance: This system has been known to have leaks as far back as its construction. In 1984, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough used funds received in a lawsuit to address some 312 individual leaks throughout the system: that piping should have been replaced in its entirety at the time.

Transportation: Poorly constructed sewer mains are impacting the condition of the roadway, as evidenced by several sinking manhole lids and potholes erupting within the lens of the roadway. Pavement in work areas will be restored under this project. The sidewalk portion of the project will link up to work in South Tongass Highway intended by the Department of Transportation to access the municipal bus stop.

Infrastructure: While nearly every lot in Forest Park is filled, the area is experiencing occasional infill development, increasing the number of residential units on each lot. This growth is largely due to the subdivision's proximity to both the City of Ketchikan and City of Saxman, and its proximity to the Coast Guard Base. An operating road system is essential to ensuring the proper conveyance of the public and provision of emergency services.

Public Safety: Roadway conditions in Forest Park Drive inhibit the free movement of emergency apparatus. Replacing sewer mains will resolve a significant issue that leads to roadway damage.

Support for Essential Services: This project primarily supports wastewater collection and elimination. A secondary service benefit will be to the provision of emergency services.

Project Timeline:

The total project timeline for this project is approximately 24 months for design, permitting, and construction.

Ongoing Operation & Maintenance:

The Borough operates the sewer main in Forest Park Drive under its non-area-wide wastewater powers. Forest Park Drive itself is contained within the Forest Park Service Area, under which powers the Borough maintains and operates the roadway, drainages, etc.



Greater Ketchikan Community Request for Fiscal Year 2026 State Funding

**Ketchikan Gateway Borough Capital Project Priority No. 9
North Tongass Fire Station 6 Auxiliary Building
FY2026 Funding Request: \$ 3,000,000**



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Brief Project Description:

Construction of a new, two-story, 48'x100' pre-manufactured insulated metal building on a concrete foundation, along with all architectural, structural, mechanical, electrical, and site work related to its construction. This structure will be used for maintaining personnel and emergency apparatus for the North Tongass Fire Station in direct proximity to the Ward Cove Dock, a high call volume area.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 3,050,000
Funding Already Secured:	50,000
This Fiscal Year State Funding Request:	\$ 3,000,000

Explanation of Other Funding Available from Other Sources (Funding Already Secured)

Ketchikan Gateway Borough – North Tongass Service Area has spent \$ 50,000 on design for this shovel-ready project.

Detailed Project Criteria:

Projects that Have Already Started and Need to be Finished: Welsh Whiteley Architects commenced design on this project in 2021. The final drawings have been received and Design is now complete and is shovel ready.

Projects that Create Jobs: The Ward Cove Cruise Ship Terminal is the most extensive economic activity on the north end of Ketchikan since the closure of the Pulp Mill. It is not currently possible for the NTVFD to seasonally allocate their manpower between Station #8, located near South Point Higgins, to Station #6 at Ward Cove, as the facilities are insufficient to accommodate the necessary staff.

Life, Safety, Health Improvement Projects: The recent construction of the Ward Cove Cruise Ship Terminal has resulted in a dramatic increase in call volume to the area during the summer. This facility will allow for near immediate response, as Station #6 is located across the highway from Ward Cove.

Project Description & Justification:

Deferred Maintenance: Apparatus stored in the weather is beginning to show deterioration resulting from the frequency of inclement weather in Ketchikan. This facility is necessary to accommodate both regular vehicle maintenance and storage of standby apparatus.

Public Safety: The North Tongass Volunteer Fire Department currently has insufficient space to maintain and store its apparatus, requiring firefighters to shuffle apparatus around to perform regular demobilization following response.

Investment in Future: Development in the Ward Cove area is in nascent stages: private industry has not fully exploited the potential offered by the Ward Cove Cruise Ship Terminal. The timely provision of Fire and EMS to this district will allow further development of retail and other services in the district.

Support for Essential Services: NTVFD provides fire and EMS service to all neighborhoods located north of Wards Cove Cannery in Ward Cove and island wide REHAB as part of the automatic and mutual aid agreements.

Project Timeline:

Upon receipt of funding, the project can be completed in 24-30 months.

Ongoing Operation & Maintenance:

The North Tongass Volunteer Fire Department provides for operation and maintenance of this facility as an exercise of its Fire and EMS powers.



Greater Ketchikan Community Request for Fiscal Year 2026 State Funding

**Ketchikan Gateway Borough Capital Project Priority No. 10
Airport ARFF and SRE Building Pavement and Fuel Storage Project
FY2026 Funding Request: \$ 2,200,000**



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Brief Project Description:

Paving: This project will pave approximately 150,000 square feet of gravel surface between the Airport Rescue & Firefighting (ARFF) and Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) buildings, located adjacent to the runway and taxiway areas (Active Area) at the Ketchikan International Airport. The gravel surface poses a risk of Foreign Object Debris (FOD) being tracked onto the Active Area by vehicles, which can damage aircraft and airport infrastructure.

The project will involve grading and paving the gravel surface to reduce the risk of foreign object debris, improve vehicle maneuverability, and enhance overall safety and efficiency of operations.

Fuel Tank Decommissioning and Installation: The project involves decommissioning an outdated 5,500-gallon underground fuel tank and replacing it with a new containment area that includes a 1,000-gallon diesel and a 500-gallon gasoline above-ground fuel station.

This will include environmental remediation, if necessary, and the installation of modern fuel storage that complies with current safety and environmental regulations.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 2,200,000
Funding Already Secured:	0
This Fiscal Year State Funding Request:	\$ 2,200,000

Explanation of Other Funding Available from Other Sources (Funding Already Secured) This project does not qualify for Airport Improvement Project funding or Passenger Facility Funds. Therefore, outside funding is critical in mitigating aircraft and airport infrastructure damage which poses risks, including for emergency medical transportation, as well as comply with current safety and environmental regulations.

Detailed Project Criteria:

The project is crucial for mitigating foreign object debris risks at the Ketchikan International Airport, protecting aircraft, and complying with FAA regulations. The paving will improve safety and operational efficiency, while the fuel tank upgrade will ensure environmental compliance and modern fuel management. This investment will provide lasting benefits for the airport and its users.

Project Description & Justification:

Infrastructure: The rebounding economy, along with the continued growth of tourism, is steadily increasing aircraft travel through the area. These projects become critical infrastructure elements to the Airport that serves the greater southern southeast region.

Public Safety: Improvements will enhance the safety of emergency and rescue personnel, travelers and operators accessing the facility. The decommissioning of the underground fuel tank eliminates potential contamination, which could result in remediation work and fines.

Support for Essential Services: It is critical that Ketchikan International Airport provides essential services to visitors and the local aircraft fleet. The project listed provides improvements to the safe operation of the airport which is used by Medevac Flights, Alaska Airlines, Delta Airlines, Military Aircraft, Private Aircraft and other Air Taxi Services.

Project Timeline:

Upon acceptance of funding, the project is expected to take one year.

Ongoing Operation & Maintenance:

Ketchikan Gateway Borough is responsible for ongoing operations and maintenance, per the 2024 Airport Lease.



Greater Ketchikan Community Request for Fiscal Year 2026 State Funding

**Ketchikan Gateway Borough Capital Project Priority No. 11
Airport Brush Cutting Excavator
FY2026 Funding Request: \$ 425,000**



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Federal EIN: 92-0084626

Brief Project Description:

This project aims to provide equipment to clear brush and trees along the airport perimeter to meet FAA standards for wildlife habitat deterrence and to prevent obstructions to navigational aids. The current method of manually clearing these areas using chainsaws and handheld equipment is labor-intensive and inefficient, consuming significant staff time and resources.

To address this, we propose acquiring specialized equipment that can clear the required areas efficiently and can be used for ongoing maintenance to prevent regrowth. The equipment will also serve dual purposes, functioning as a traditional excavator for culvert repair, erosion control, perimeter fence repair, and grading projects on airport property.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 475,000
Funding Already Secured:	50,000
This Fiscal Year State Funding Request:	\$ 425,000

Explanation of Other Funding Available from Other Sources (Funding Already Secured)

Airport Enterprise Fund:	\$ 50,000
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Detailed Project Criteria:

The funding request for the excavator has been on the capital priority request list for the Airport since 2014.

FAA Compliance: The equipment will enable the airport to meet FAA standards for clearing the perimeter of brush and trees, reducing wildlife hazards and ensuring unobstructed navigational aids.

Efficiency: Using the equipment will significantly reduce the time and labor required for perimeter clearing, allowing airport staff to focus on other critical tasks.

Versatility: The equipment's ability to perform multiple functions beyond brush clearing—such as excavation, erosion control, and fence repair—will add long-term value to airport operations.

Project Description & Justification:

Deferred Maintenance, Infrastructure, Public Safety & Support for Essential Service: The FAA mandates that airport perimeters be cleared of brush and trees to minimize wildlife hazards and maintain clear navigational aids. Currently, this task is being performed manually, which is both time-consuming and resource intensive. The proposed equipment will streamline the clearing process, ensuring compliance with FAA standards and freeing up staff for other essential airport operations.

Moreover, the versatility of the equipment will provide the airport with a valuable tool for various maintenance and repair tasks, enhancing overall operational efficiency. Investing in this equipment will not only meet immediate regulatory requirements but also provide long-term benefits to the airport's infrastructure and safety.

It is critical that Ketchikan International Airport provides essential services to visitors and the local aircraft fleet. The project listed provides improvements to the safe operation of the airport which is used by Medevac Flights, Alaska Airlines, Delta Airlines, Military Aircraft, Private Aircraft, and other Air Taxi Services.

Project Timeline:

Depending on availability, acquisition of the brush-cutting excavator is expected to take 6 months.

Ongoing Operation & Maintenance:

Ketchikan Gateway Borough is responsible for ongoing operations and maintenance, per the 2024 Airport Lease.



Greater Ketchikan Community Request for Fiscal Year 2026 State Funding

**Ketchikan Gateway Borough Capital Project Priority No. 12
Point Higgins Elementary School Major Renovations
FY2026 Funding Request: \$ 5,000,000**



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Brief Project Description:

This project will address critical infrastructure needs for Point Higgins Elementary School, including replacing or upgrading outdated mechanical systems, HVAC systems, domestic gray- and black water systems, boilers, and electrical systems which date to the school's construction in 1986. The building will be updated throughout to meet 2010 ADA criteria and ensure the school is accessible to all students, faculty, and visitors. These comprehensive improvements are crucial for ensuring a safe and efficient learning environment.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 10,500,000
Funding Already Secured:	500,000
This Fiscal Year State Funding Request:	\$ 5,000,000

Explanation of Other Funding Available from Other Sources (Funding Already Secured) This request assumes successful voter approval of a \$5-million General Obligation Bond issued by the Borough with payments from local sales tax revenue. \$500,000 to perform design and bid ready documents is appropriated towards this project in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough FY2025 budget.

Detailed Project Criteria:

The mechanical and electrical systems, along with the roof, are outdated and have surpassed their useful life. These deficiencies pose safety risks and result in inefficiencies and increased maintenance costs. Additionally, the lack of ADA compliance limits accessibility. Upgrading these systems is crucial to ensure the school remains a safe, efficient, and accessible environment for students, faculty, and visitors. Investing in these improvements now will prevent more serious issues in the future and support the school's role as an essential community resource.

Project Description & Justification:

Deferred Maintenance: Replacing the outdated mechanical, electrical, and roofing systems will address long-overdue maintenance needs, preventing potential failures and costly emergency repairs.

Public Safety: Upgrading these essential systems and addressing ADA compliance will significantly enhance the safety of students, faculty, and maintenance staff by reducing risks associated with outdated infrastructure.

Investment in the Future: Modernizing the mechanical, electrical, and roofing systems, along with ADA upgrades, will extend the building's lifespan, improve energy efficiency, and reduce long-term maintenance costs.

Support for Essential Services: As an elementary school, this facility plays a critical role in the community. These upgrades will ensure it continues to operate safely and effectively, providing a reliable and accessible environment for all students and faculty, and the public alike.

Project Timeline:

Construction is expected to take approximately 12 months.

Ongoing Operation & Maintenance:

The Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District provides daily maintenance and operation services.



Greater Ketchikan Community Request for Fiscal Year 2026 State Funding

**Ketchikan Gateway Borough Capital Project Priority No. 13
Weiss Field Lighting Replacement
FY2026 Funding Request: \$ 900,000**



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Brief Project Description:

The Ketchikan Gateway Borough is requesting funding to replace lighting throughout the Weiss Fields Sports Fields complex. Located adjacent Point Higgins Elementary, these fields primarily support adult-league softball through Ketchikan Softball Association.

Lighting for these fields was installed at the time of field construction circa-1995, and the Musco Lighting has exceeded its useful life. The lights are difficult to repair, with aging power boxes, worn wiring, and other components frequently failing.

Work will include replacing mounting new Musco LED lights with remote ballasts and controller, new overhead electrical runs or underground conduit runs, and site restoration throughout. Work may also require pole replacement.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 900,000
Funding Already Secured:	0
This Fiscal Year State Funding Request:	\$ 900,000

Explanation of Other Funding Available from Other Sources (Funding Already Secured) N/A

Detailed Project Criteria:

Projects that Have Already Started and Need to be Finished: This project is consistent with other projects recently completed at its Sports Fields: in particular, all field lights are being transitioned to Musco Lighting for ease of maintenance and redundancy with other fields.

Projects that Create Jobs: The size of Weiss Field will enable play by all age ranges from 11 years of age through adult. The ability to host a tournament to Sitka's Mud Ball hosting hundreds of players from throughout southeast, all of whom will utilize the community's entertainment opportunities during their stay, will improve the economy.

Life, Safety and Health Improvements: Outdoor recreation is vital to each individual's physical and mental well-being; and vital social skills like teamwork, active listening, and cooperation are taught through active recreation programs conducted by the local sports teams. High rates of obesity and heart disease can be alleviated through physical activity by adults. The poor condition of the lighting leads to unsafe working conditions in the event that a light is inoperable and requires servicing.

Project Description & Justification:

Deferred Maintenance: With the completion of new artificial turf surfacing at both Walker and Dudley Field, and the installation of artificial turf surfacing at Esther Shea Field, youth baseball, softball and soccer play on superior, modern fields. With completion of this project, the adult leagues will have access to a superior field dedicated to their use.

Culture and Recreation: Ketchikan's livability relies on its diversity of recreation resources spread throughout the community. Given its location on Ketchikan's north end and dedication for use as an adult softball field, it represents one of the few opportunities for organized sports outside of City limits, and fosters sportsmanship in youth and adults alike.

Project Timeline:

This project will take approximately 8 months from the date of award.

Ongoing Operation & Maintenance:

The Ketchikan Gateway Borough is responsible for all maintenance and operations at the Borough athletic fields as an exercise of its areawide Parks and Recreation powers, and will maintain and operate these facilities project upon completion.



Greater Ketchikan Community Request for Fiscal Year 2026 State Funding

**City of Ketchikan Capital Project Priority No. 2
Park Avenue and Harris Street Road, Sewer and Water Main
FY2026 Funding Request: \$ 14,000,000**



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Brief Project Description:

The purpose of the project is to preserve the functionality of infrastructure on Park Avenue and Harris Street by rebuilding from the deepest utility to the surface of the road. This includes replacing heavily deteriorated sewer mains, water main, storm sewer, roadway subgrade, surfacing, sidewalks, and a retaining wall of Park Avenue between Bawden Street and Freeman Street and along the entire length of Harris Street between the Harris Street Bridge and Park Avenue. This area surrounds Ketchikan Creek. Recent studies by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation have found increased bacteria levels both in Thomas Basin, and in Ketchikan Creek elevating the need to protect our environment from potential bacteria sources. Replacement of the deteriorated corrugated metal sewer mains with modern plastic materials will keep sewage from entering the renowned salmon stream, Ketchikan Creek. Old metal sewer mains along these streets are not able to contain the sewage they were meant to convey. The rate of failure of these pipes and the proximity to Ketchikan Creek, along with increased bacterial levels along Ketchikan Creek according to recent studies, makes the need for replacement a high priority. These roadways are critical in that Park Avenue provides access to numerous community assets, a broad spectrum of housing, and recreational facilities and opportunities, and interconnects several densely populated residential neighborhoods.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 14,000,000
Funding Already Secured:	0
This Fiscal Year State Funding Request:	\$ 14,000,000

Explanation of Other Funding Available from Other Sources (Funding Already Secured) N/A

Detailed Project Criteria:

Projects that Have Already Started and Need to be Finished: This project is a critical part of an ongoing replacement program of City of Ketchikan sewer, water and roadway infrastructure.

Projects that Create Jobs: This project is of sufficient size that it would likely exceed the local contractor supply for labor. As such, the creation of additional construction jobs will be needed to complete this project.

Life, Safety, Health Improvement Projects: The sewer mains within the project area transport sanitary sewer flow to the City of Ketchikan Wastewater Treatment facility. Any interruption to service causes an immediate health concern for the community because of the potential for public exposure to raw sewage. Currently the rotted out corrugated metal sewer lines are contributing to water quality degradation in Ketchikan Creek, an iconic salmon stream. This includes exposure to residents and visitors walking and driving to/from their homes, businesses, and cruise ships. This area is a visitor destination and is on the route of the newly developed Salmon Walk. There is high pedestrian traffic in this area, and the old cantilevered sidewalk and retaining wall are pose future safety issues.

Project Description & Justification:

Deferred Maintenance: This project will address deferred maintenance of the sewer, water, and roadway system.

Transportation: This project will address failing road surfaces that connect isolated neighborhoods and cultural and historic destinations to downtown and critical services and are the only means of accessing certain residential properties.

Infrastructure: This project will address numerous public infrastructure needs including improvements to or replacement of water and waste water utilities, storm water conveyance, road subsurface and surface improvements, road and sidewalk structures and retaining walls.

Public Safety: This project improves public safety in that it provides for improved sanitary sewer collection, improved drinking water distribution, and will reconstruct a structurally deficient retaining wall and cantilevered sidewalk along Ketchikan Creek.

Private Sector Tools: This project provides for direct private sector involvement through contract bidding for these capital improvements and/or as subcontractors to larger contracted firms.

Investment in Future: This project is an investment in the future of the greater community of Ketchikan in that it will provide construction jobs, and improve existing infrastructure within the community.

Support for Essential Services: This project will aid in the delivery of essential public services, including sanitary sewer collection, water distribution, and roadway access.

Culture and Recreation: This project provides for recreation and cultural opportunities through serving as the means to access viewing the Ketchikan Creek salmon ladder attraction, the newly developed Salmon Walk attraction, access to upper Ketchikan Creek for fishing and viewing opportunities, and also access to the Deer Mountain Hatchery and Totem Heritage Center, which both serve as cultural and recreational centers.

Project Timeline:

The total length of the project is likely 4-6 years after receiving approval for funding inclusive of design and engineering, bidding and award and construction during the construction season.

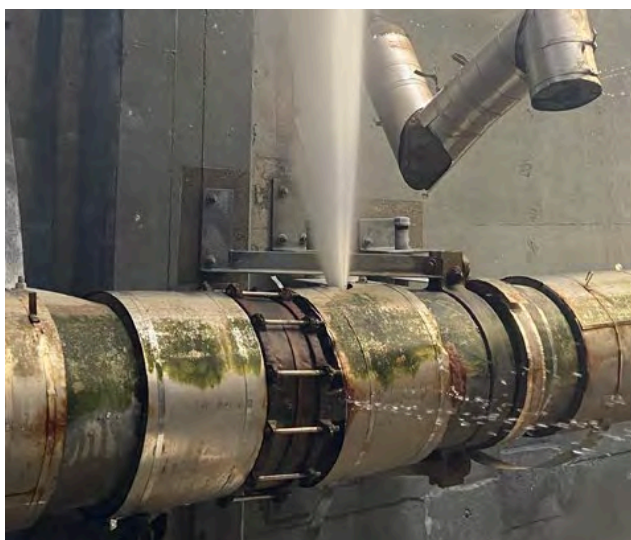
Ongoing Operation & Maintenance:

City of Ketchikan is responsible for the ongoing operation and maintenance of this project.



Greater Ketchikan Community Request for Fiscal Year 2026 State Funding

**City of Ketchikan Capital Project Priority No. 3
Tongass Avenue Water Main Replacement
FY2026 Funding Request: \$ 3,500,000**



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Brief Project Description:

Design and replace 2,250 feet of failing exposed 20" ductile iron pipe hanging underneath the State of Alaska Tongass Highway viaduct with new 26" high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe. For over 30 years during high tides, this ductile iron water main is submerged in salt water twice a day. It is severely corroded and the mechanical fastenings are failing.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 3,500,000
Funding Already Secured:	0
This Fiscal Year State Funding Request:	\$ 3,500,000

Explanation of Other Funding Available from Other Sources (Funding Already Secured) N/A

Detailed Project Criteria:

Projects that Have Already Started and Need to be Finished: This project is a critical part of an ongoing replacement program of the City of Ketchikan water transmission infrastructure.

Projects that Create Jobs: This project is of sufficient size that the local contractor supply of labor will be adequate for the project's completion and a successful bid award will support existing jobs.

Life, Safety, Health Improvement Projects: This project is critical for life, safety and health within Ketchikan and serves as the primary water transmission main for Ketchikan's West End area of the community by supplying potable water and fire protection storage in three reservoirs totaling 2.75 million gallons for the Ketchikan General Hospital, Ketchikan International Airport on Gravina Island, high-rise apartment buildings, several schools and churches, extensive commercial development along the waterfront, and the many upland residences including Ketchikan Indian Community housing.

Project Description & Justification:

Deferred Maintenance: All manner of galvanized nuts, bolts, and hangers which together are supporting this critical pipeline are badly corroded due to continued tidal saltwater immersion for over 30 years and must be replaced along with the ductile iron mains to address deferred maintenance.

Infrastructure: This is the primary water transmission main for Ketchikan's West End area of the community by supplying potable water and fire protection storage in three reservoirs totaling 2.75 million gallons for the Ketchikan General Hospital, the Ketchikan International Airport on Gravina Island, high-rise apartment buildings, several schools and churches, extensive commercial development along the waterfront, and the many upland residences including Ketchikan Indian Community housing.

Public Safety: Provides fire protection storage in three reservoirs totaling 2.75 million gallons for the Ketchikan General Hospital, the Ketchikan International Airport, high-rise apartment buildings, several schools and churches, extensive commercial development along the waterfront, and the many upland residences.

Investment in Future: Provides existing water and wastewater services to Gravina Island's Ketchikan International Airport also provides for future additional industrial and residential development on Gravina Island as well as increased air travel volume and services.

Support for Essential Services: This is the primary water transmission main for Ketchikan's West End area of the community supplying potable water and fire protection storage in three reservoirs totaling 2.75-million gallons.

Underserved Community: This project supplies potable water and fire protection for Ketchikan's West End area of the community including upland residences and the Ketchikan Indian Community housing development.

Project Timeline:

The total length of the project is likely 2 years after receiving approval for funding including design, approval by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, bidding and award and construction during the 2028 construction season.

Ongoing Operation & Maintenance:

City of Ketchikan/Ketchikan Public Utilities is responsible for the ongoing operation and maintenance of this project.



Greater Ketchikan Community Request for Fiscal Year 2026 State Funding

**City of Ketchikan Capital Project Priority No. 4
Water Street Water Main Replacement
FY2026 Funding Request: \$ 2,000,000**



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Brief Project Description:

Necessary design and construction to replace 1675 feet of failing exposed 12” ductile iron pipe hanging underneath DOT viaduct with new 16” high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe starting at the Grant/Main St. intersection and extending to 1010 Water St. (intersection with Schoenbar Road).

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 2,000,000
State Funding Already Secured:	0
State Funding Request for this Fiscal Year:	\$ 2,000,000

Explanation of Other Funding Available from Other Sources (Funding Already Secured)

Detailed Project Criteria:

Installed in 1993 beneath the DOT's Water Street viaduct, during high tides, this ductile iron water main has already been submerged in salt water twice a day for over 30 years. It is severely corroded, its mechanical fastenings are failing. It serves as the primary water transmission main for Ketchikan's West End area of the community by supplying potable water and fire protection storage in three reservoirs totaling 2.75-million gallons for the Ketchikan General Hospital, Ketchikan International Airport, high-rise apartment buildings, several schools and churches, extensive commercial development along the waterfront, and the many upland residences including Ketchikan Indian Community housing.

Project Description & Justification:

Deferred Maintenance: All manner of galvanized nuts, bolts, and hangers which together are supporting this critical pipeline are badly corroded due to continued tidal saltwater immersion for over 30 years.

Infrastructure: This is the primary water transmission main for Ketchikan's West End area of the community by supplying potable water and fire protection storage in three reservoirs totaling 2.75-million gallons for the Ketchikan General Hospital, the Ketchikan International Airport, high-rise apartment buildings, several schools and churches, extensive commercial development along the waterfront, and the many upland residences including Ketchikan Indian Community housing.

Public Safety: Provides fire protection storage in three reservoirs totaling 2.75-million gallons for the Ketchikan General Hospital, the Ketchikan International Airport, high-rise apartment buildings, several schools and churches, extensive commercial development along the waterfront, and the many upland residences

Investment in Future: Existing water and wastewater services to Gravina Island's Ketchikan International Airport also provides for future additional industrial and residential development on Gravina island.

Support for Essential Services: This is the primary water transmission main for Ketchikan's West End area of the community supplying potable water and fire protection storage in three reservoirs totaling 2.75-million gallons

Underserved Community: Supplies potable water and fire protection for Ketchikan's West End area of the community including upland residences and the Ketchikan Indian Community housing.

Project Timeline:

Total length of project is probably 2 years after receiving approval for funding. In conjunction with the ADOT roadway and viaduct project that is already in progress, beginning in 2024, Steph Engineering is updating the 30-year old original water main design to include modern HDPE plastic piping. After approval of the design by ADEC that fall, prepare the documents for bid and award of the contract for construction in 2027. Begin construction the following spring of 2028 and complete in a single season.

Ongoing Operation & Maintenance:

Ketchikan Public Utilities is responsible for ongoing operations and maintenance.



Greater Ketchikan Community Request for Fiscal Year 2026 State Funding

City of Ketchikan Capital Project Priority No. 5 Ketchikan International Airport Power Upgrades FY2026 Funding Request: \$ 750,000



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Brief Project Description:

The purpose of this project is to upgrade the only utility power source for the Ketchikan International Airport (KIA), located on Gravina Island and the only airport to serve the greater Ketchikan community including isolated neighboring communities. The existing armored submarine electrical cable that serves the airport is nearing end-of-life (installed mid-1970s). The cable armor has begun to corrode, leading to the installation of slip-on armoring on its Gravina beach landing. The cable originates behind Ketchikan Public Utilities (KPU) Bailey Powerhouse fuel tank storage and runs through the area of the Ketchikan Shipyard, Taquan Air, Carlanna Creek and the Bailey fuel barge delivery point. Dredging in the early 1970's damaged the original KIA cable. Submarine cable Plans and Specifications have been developed, in coordination with the State of Alaska and the Ketchikan Gateway Borough, to install a new armored cable beginning at a location near the airport ferry terminal. Preliminary uplands work has been completed. This funding is needed for the purchase of the new submarine cable, cable installation, and completing upland connection points.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 1,300,000
Funding Already Secured:	0
State Funding Request for this Fiscal Year:	\$ 750,000

Explanation of Other Funding Available from Other Sources (Funding Already Secured) All funding has been provided by Ketchikan Public Utilities and any additional cost will be covered by KPU.

Detailed Project Criteria:

Projects that Have Already Started and Need to be Finished: The project has been in different phases of development since 2012; it is critical that this project be completed to ensure reliable power to the Ketchikan International Airport.

Projects that Create Jobs: This project is of sufficient size that the local contractor supply of labor will be adequate for the project's completion. Reliable power to KIA will ensure consistent operation of KIA and will contribute to economic vitality including possible job creation.

Life, Safety, Health Improvement Projects: This project will provide critical utility power to Ketchikan's primary air transportation facility which serves not only local recreational travel needs, but air cargo, emergency air transport, and serves all manner of aircraft including personal, commercial and military for emergency landing and fueling.

Project Description & Justification:

Transportation: This project will provide critical utility power to Ketchikan's primary air transportation facility.

Public Safety: Reliable power to the Ketchikan International Airport is required to maintain public safety for commercial air travel, emergency air transport, cargo and emergency use.

Private Sector Tools: A functioning airport, including reliable utility power, is required to support private-sector growth and development in Ketchikan, which relies on KIA as the primary means of travel in and out of the community as well as how certain goods and services are made available.

Investment in Future: Ensuring reliable utility power to the airport is an investment in the future of the greater community of Ketchikan.

Support for Essential Services: Completion of the KIA power upgrade will aid in the delivery of essential public services as the Ketchikan International Airport is one of the community's only reliable transportation connections and also supplies emergency medical transport to more specialized medical facilities.

Culture and Recreation: The Ketchikan International Airport is utilized by residents and visitors who often depart or arrive for recreational opportunities locally and throughout the state including fishing, hunting, cultural events, tourism, general outdoor recreation, and youth sports.

Project Timeline:

The remaining elements of the project are procurement of the power cable in 2025 and complete installation in late 2025 or 2026.

Ongoing Operation & Maintenance:

City of Ketchikan/Ketchikan Public Utilities is responsible for the ongoing operation and maintenance of this project.



Greater Ketchikan Community Request for Fiscal Year 2026 State Funding

City of Ketchikan Capital Project Priority No. 6 Ketchikan Waterfront Promenade Rehabilitation FY2026 Funding Request: \$ 1,500,000



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Brief Project Description:

The purpose of this project is to repair damaged portions of the Ketchikan Waterfront Promenade. Completed in 2007, the Ketchikan Waterfront Promenade is an elevated 1,150-foot pedestrian boardwalk supported by galvanized steel pilings set along Ketchikan’s waterfront and Port of Ketchikan. It connects Berths III and IV at the Port of Ketchikan and is the primary means by which these cruise passengers access the downtown core for retail, dining, tour and excursion opportunities.

In the summer of 2023, the Promenade was observed to be swaying and a portion was immediately closed to pedestrian traffic. Pedestrians were diverted onto nearby narrow sidewalks and crossings along Tongass Avenue. A dive inspection was conducted, with a survey performed by the City of Ketchikan and an inspection by the original project engineer. It was determined that a slide on the north embankment released armor rock that came to rest on the pilings supporting the Promenade and the overburden surrounding the pilings had slowly been washed away over a period of years.

The armor rock needs to be removed and new overburden needs to be placed for the compromised section of the promenade to regain full stability for safe use. Lacking sufficient rehabilitation, this portion of the promenade may again need to be taken out of service during the busy summer months and pedestrians diverted onto less safe and more congested walkways and impacting the economic benefits of tourism for downtown businesses by making the route to these opportunities cumbersome, uninviting and unsafe.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 3,030,000
Funding Already Secured:	1,530,000
This Fiscal Year State Funding Request:	\$ 1,500,000

Explanation of Other Funding Available from Other Sources (Funding Already Secured) City of Ketchikan Port Enterprise Fund \$1,530,000

Detailed Project Criteria:

Projects that Have Already Started and Need to be Finished: This project started in the summer of 2023. It is important to fully repair the Promenade as soon as possible so it can be utilized to move over half a million visitors between Berth IV and the main area of downtown Ketchikan.

Projects that Create Jobs: This project is of sufficient size that the local contractor supply of labor could be adequate for the project's completion. This project will be put out for bid in 2024.

Life, Safety, Health Improvement Projects: This project will ensure a safe ADA accessible walking route away from the congested highway between Berth IV and the downtown area of Ketchikan.

Project Description & Justification:

Transportation: The Promenade provides an essential ADA accessible walking path away from the main highway of Ketchikan. Visitors using the Promenade reduce congestion at crosswalks which keeps traffic moving along the highway.

Infrastructure: The Promenade is an important part of the City of Ketchikan infrastructure providing a safe walking path away from motor vehicle traffic.

Public Safety: Repairs to the Promenade are essential for it to remain safely open and allowing visitors to Ketchikan and locals a much needed walking path away from the congestion of State Route 7.

Private Sector Tools: The Promenade provides an ADA accessible walkway connecting Berth IV and the main shopping area of Ketchikan. Cruise tourism is Ketchikan's primary economy, and providing a safe, welcoming and easy to transit pathway into the downtown core ensures a robust local economy.

Investment in Future: This project will allow the Promenade to remain open year round for local residents and visitors to Ketchikan. As cruise visitation continues to increase, the Promenade will continue to be an vital element of this economy.

Culture and Recreation: The Promenade is used every day of the year by local residents to walk, run and ride bikes. Local parades, demonstrations, and ceremonies take place annually on the Promenade, which has become an important gathering spot and venue.

Underserved Community: The Promenade provides a flat, even surface for users that is compliant with ADA requirements. This allows for the use of walkers, wheelchairs, scooters and strollers that would otherwise use uneven or damaged sidewalks, curbs and driveways.

Project Timeline:

Winter/Spring 2024: Complete proposed schedule for Promenade repairs.

Fall/Winter 2024: City request bids for repairs to the Promenade.

Winter/Spring 2025: Repairs made to Promenade; project complete in advance of the 2025 visitor season.

Ongoing Operation & Maintenance:

City of Ketchikan is responsible for the ongoing operation and maintenance of this project.



Greater Ketchikan Community Request for Fiscal Year 2026 State Funding

City of Saxman Capital Project Priority No. 2
Saxman Public Safety Building - Planning/Design/Construction
FY2026 Funding Request: \$ 3,850,000



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Brief Project Description:

The public safety building/fire station within Saxman was built in the 1970's and in addition to not being equip to handle current needs, the building itself has a rotten foundation and a leaking roof resulting in a mold issue. Renovation of the current facility doesn't make sense as the costs would exceed the value of the current building and more room is needed for emergency apparatus storage (the current location cannot accommodate the space needed).

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 3,850,000
Funding Already Secured:	
This Fiscal Year State Funding Request:	\$ 3,850,000

Explanation of Other Funding Available from Other Sources (Funding Already Secured)

Land Acquisition \$80,000. Federal funding options available, however, the grants need to be applied for by the Tribe.

Detailed Project Criteria:

The project would create construction jobs and provide a safe facility for essential first responders and staff (VPSO, STVFD, EMS). The project is absolutely critical to the life, safety, and health of all Ketchikan Gateway Borough residents and businesses, not just Saxman. The recent fire that destroyed the South Tongass Fire Station, emergency apparatuses, and medical equipment highlights the need for additional emergency response resources on the South end, much like the North end has two locations. Continued increases in housing, including low income housing as well as economic development within Saxman and the Ketchikan Gateway Borough necessitate another location for the South Tongass Service Area. An additional facility would aid in decreasing response time, which is imperative for survival and to mitigate damages.

Project Description & Justification:

Deferred Maintenance: The public safety building is a key facility and necessary renovation and repairs have been needed for a long time. It has been deferred as the current location and facility do not fit current needs. A new location has been secured.

Infrastructure: The recent fire that destroyed the South Tongass Fire Station, emergency apparatuses, and medical equipment highlights the need for additional emergency response resources on the South end. Continued increase in housing and economic development within Saxman and the Ketchikan Gateway Borough necessitate another location for the South Tongass Service Area.

Public Safety: The recent fire that destroyed the South Tongass Fire Station, emergency apparatuses, and medical equipment highlights the need for additional emergency response resources on the South end. Continued increase in housing and economic development within Saxman and the Ketchikan Gateway Borough necessitate another location for the South Tongass Service Area. An additional facility would aid in decreasing response time, which is imperative for survival and to mitigate damages.

Private Sector Tools: Saxman Seaport has many private-sector growth opportunities / development possibilities—many are newly established with more on the horizon. It would be of significant benefit to have the additional emergency response resources as the community continues to expand and develop.

Investment in Future: Saxman has many growth opportunities / development possibilities—many are newly established with more on the horizon. It would be of significant benefit to have the additional emergency response resources as the community continues to expand and develop. Several housing development projects, Port Infrastructure Development to create an AMHS ferry terminal and to relocate the M/V Lituya run / test electric ferries, a Food Hub to promote food security by KAPA, Three Bears grocery store, and Totem Harbor development.

Support for Essential Services: This project ensures the community will have necessary emergency services support, decrease response times for threats to life and property, and increase public safety.

Culture and Recreation: The Saxman Totem Park is a major attraction for Ketchikan area visitors. The park includes a tribal house, a carving center, and a cultural hall for traditional Tlingit dance exhibitions.

Underserved Community: Organized Village of Saxman has a rural designation. Of the roughly 400 residents within Saxman, 75% are Alaska Native and have been an underserved community and disproportionately disadvantaged since colonization. The community is currently without a VPSO presence and having an appropriate public safety building would help to attract and retain this necessary presence within our community.

Project Timeline:

The project would likely need 18-24 months for completion.

Ongoing Operation & Maintenance:

City of Saxman & Public Works / VPSO / STVFD & EMS



Greater Ketchikan Community Request for Fiscal Year 2026 State Funding

**City of Saxman Capital Project Priority No. 3
Totem Harbor - Planning
FY2026 Funding Request: \$ 6,230,522**



Applicant:

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Federal EIN: 92-0041226

Brief Project Description:

Saxman does not currently have a developed harbor facility. A new harbor would meet the recreation needs of residents, the commercial fleet, provide opportunities for charters to operate out of Saxman, provide seaplane service to Saxman, and provide moorage for vessels visiting Saxman. Visiting vessels include small cruise ships and the desire to make Saxman a turn-around port, and also provide moorage for yachts. With Ketchikan harbors beyond capacity, Saxman can meet some of the local demand while providing economic opportunities for the community. More details outlined in the 2021 Master Plan. This is just for the planning phase.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 6,230,522
Funding Already Secured:	
This Fiscal Year State Funding Request:	\$ 6,230,522

Explanation of Other Funding Available from Other Sources (Funding Already Secured)

Land Acquisition: \$1,000,000

Detailed Project Criteria:

The project would create construction jobs and multiple year-round and seasonal job opportunities. The project supports the life, safety, and health of Ketchikan residents by providing additional vessel moorage, improving quality of life by providing more recreation opportunities, allowing rescue boats/seaplanes a closer dock to provide lifesaving care to residents and to our neighbors in Metlakatla.

Project Description & Justification:

Transportation: Increases needed moorage capacity for the community. Would be able to accommodate several vessels from under 20 feet up to small cruise ships, yachts, and seaplanes. Would allow residents living on Pennock, Metlakatla residents, and commercial fishing vessels to dock and stock up on essentials and a place for rescue boats/seaplanes to dock and have emergency services provide lifesaving care sooner.

Infrastructure: Saxman does not currently have a developed harbor facility. A new harbor would meet the recreation needs of residents, the commercial fleet, provide opportunities for charters to operate out of Saxman, provide seaplane service to Saxman, and provide moorage for vessels visiting Saxman. Visiting vessels include small cruise ships and the desire to make Saxman a turn-around port, and also provide moorage for yachts. With Ketchikan harbors beyond capacity, Saxman can meet some of the local demand while providing economic opportunities for the community.

Public Safety: Would allow rescue boats/seaplanes a closer dock to provide lifesaving care to residents and to our neighbors in Metlakatla.

Private Sector Tools: Harbor development would increase tourism opportunities, provide more developed land for businesses, and create a location for the study and development of renewable tidal energy.

Investment in Future: Saxman does not currently have a developed harbor facility. A new harbor would meet the recreation needs of residents, the commercial fleet, provide opportunities for charters to operate out of Saxman, provide seaplane service to Saxman, and provide moorage for vessels visiting Saxman. Visiting vessels include small cruise ships and the desire to make Saxman a turn-around port, and also provide moorage for yachts. With Ketchikan harbors beyond capacity, Saxman can meet some of the local demand while providing economic opportunities for the community.

Support for Essential Services: Increases needed moorage capacity for the community. Would be able to accommodate several vessels from under 20 feet up to small cruise ships, yachts, and seaplanes. Would allow residents living on Pennock, Metlakatla residents, and commercial fishing vessels to dock and stock up on essentials and a place for rescue boats/seaplanes to dock and have emergency services provide lifesaving care sooner. Creates a location for the study and development of renewable tidal energy.

Culture and Recreation: The Saxman Totem Park is a major attraction for Ketchikan area visitors. The park includes a tribal house, a carving center, and a cultural hall for traditional Tlingit dance exhibitions.

Underserved Community: Organized Village of Saxman has a rural designation. Of the roughly 400 residents within Saxman, 75% are Alaska Native and have been an underserved community and disproportionately disadvantaged since colonization. Saxman has the land available to facilitate economic growth and development for the entire community.

Project Timeline:

The project planing phase would likely need 12-18 months for completion.

Ongoing Operation & Maintenance:

City of Saxman & Public Works



Greater Ketchikan Community Request for Fiscal Year 2026 State Funding

Pioneers of Alaska Capital Project Priority No. 1 Ketchikan Pioneers Hall Restoration FY2026 Funding Request: \$ 500,000



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Brief Project Description:

Pioneer Hall is the oldest building in Ketchikan. The Hall is a contributing building to the Downtown Ketchikan Historic District listing on the National Register of Historic Places. It currently serves as a community gathering space and home for Pioneers of Alaska events and activities. However, at 123 years old, the Hall is showing its age. Pioneers of Alaska is spearheading efforts to complete identified repairs and upgrades to address safety concerns, including code, structural, wiring, plumbing issues as well as ADA compliance to restore and preserve the structure. This is a multi-phase, multi-year project that is progressing as the necessary funding becomes available.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 2,270,000
Funding Already Secured:	385,000
This Fiscal Year State Funding Request:	\$ 500,000

Explanation of Other Funding Available from Other Sources (Funding Already Secure) To date, the Pioneers of Alaska have secured and expended \$160,000 in grant funds from the Alaska Office of History Archaeology (pass through funds from the National Parks Service) and the Rasmuson Foundation. Over \$75,000 in donations have been raised. These funds were used to complete three initial phases- planning & development, floor & site concept design, and crawlspace abatement. The project is now entering Phase 4- the building exterior, with work commencing late this summer/early fall to stabilize the foundation with funds raised from grants and donations totaling \$150,000. An estimated \$700,000 is necessary to complete Phase 4. We have \$60,000 in the bank waiting for the additional funding necessary to complete this phase.

We are currently embarking on a major donor campaign that will launch September 15, 2024 with the goal of raising \$400,000 by June 30, 2025. The requested \$500,000 in state funds will be used for grant match to leverage the funds necessary to complete Phase 4 plus provide seed funds for Phase 5, work on the interior. Our plan is to keep persisting in raising the total \$2.27 million through our efforts of a combination of appropriate grant funds, state, federal and local, and private donations from a myriad of identified sources.

Detailed Project Criteria:

The project is already underway, entering Phase 4. It is critical to continue and complete the restoration work in order for the Hall to be fully functional and available for community and member usage. Otherwise, deterioration will continue and the structure will ultimately fail.

There are definite safety issues of utmost urgency, including electrical wiring, plumbing, ADA compliant access to the building's both first and second floor. Structural issues with the foundation need immediate attention and stabilization is happening this summer/fall. Also, of note, the Hall currently provides much-needed housing for the community of Ketchikan, however, the condition of the available unit, while clean, is showing its age. Plans call for the possibility for additional housing with a flex-space studio on the upper floor. The life improvement of the project includes the benefit the building offers as a small meeting and event gathering place in the community for a nominal, if any, fee. There is also the economic community benefit as the Hall is part of the growing interest in Ketchikan as a heritage tourism destination. And, the upgrades of the Hall will benefit the entire area of Pioneer Way (alley) and fuel a revitalization to the sub-downtown historic district that includes the City Hall, Gilmore Hotel, Arts Council, Redman Hall, Alaska Distillery, Performing Arts Center and KIC building.

Project Description & Justification:

The 200+ members of Ketchikan Pioneers of Alaska is committed to continuing its service to the community of Ketchikan with its activities and strives to preserve Alaska's history. We are active supporters of the Pioneer Home, students seeking continuing education funds, and the community at large through events and providing a local for community gatherings. The Pioneer Hall is a valuable asset to the community that can continue and contribute in even greater ways into the future.

Deferred Maintenance: While the Hall has had basic maintenance over the years, a major facelift is necessary to rehabilitate the Hall to meet health and safety standards. The building needs immediate attention to its foundation and structural deficiencies as well as extensive upgrades to its mechanical and electrical systems. The Existing Conditions Survey conducted during the planning phase shows serious deficiencies with the electrical, mechanical structure and presence of hazardous materials.

Infrastructure: According to a Survey conducted by Pioneers within the community in 2022, the lack of available, no to minimal cost gathering and meeting space to accommodate 100 people or less was painfully evident. The Hall is the ideal building to address this infrastructure deficiency. However, it needs the work done in order to facilitate this usage, including the ADA compliance upgrades and the installation of a commercial kitchen available for community use- both planned for in the restoration process.

Public Safety and Culture and Recreation: We have met with our neighbors, many of which operate historic properties, including the Gilmore Hotel, Ketchikan's City Hall, Performing Arts Center (former Elks building), and the Ketchikan Arts Council. We are pursuing the potential for the area being recognized as an artists' historic district, emphasizing the Pioneer Way (alley) access between Front and Main Streets. Organizations such as the Arts Council, are interested in collaboration activities with the Pioneers, particularly focusing on Ketchikan history.

Investment in the Future: The Alaska Historic Preservation Association has designated the Pioneer Hall as one of the 10 most endangered properties in Alaska for the past 3 years. It is critical that this building be restored and preserved to maintain the Ketchikan Historic District integrity and be of even greater service to the community.

Project Timeline:

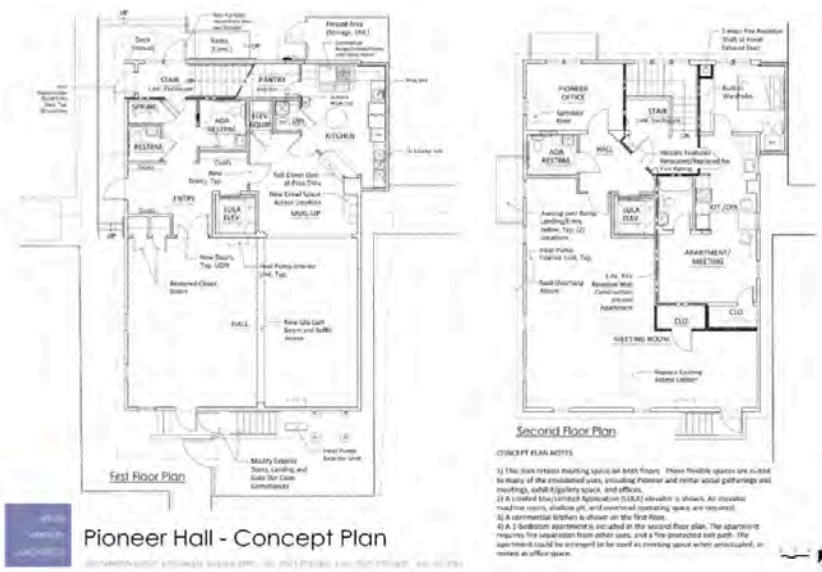
The project began in 2020 and will continue over the next 6-7 years based on fund raising efforts and grant application cycles.

Ongoing Operation & Maintenance:

Pioneers of Alaska, Men's Igloo #16 and Pioneers of Alaska, Women's Igloo #7 with additional assistance in fund raising from the 501C3, fund raising arm of the Igloos, Ketchikan Pioneer Way Association are responsible for the ongoing operation and maintenance costs for the Hall. Currently, M&O costs are funded through fund raising (bake sales, garage sales) sponsored by the membership, rental fee from a small apartment and rental of parking spaces adjacent to the Hall.



Ketchikan Pioneer Hall, circa 1910





Greater Ketchikan Community Request for Fiscal Year 2026 State Funding

American Legion Post 3 Capital Project Priority No. 1 American Legion Post Rebuild FY2026 Funding Request: \$ 690,000



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A Veteran Non-Profit 501(c)19 Organization. Federal EIN:23-7026066

Brief Project Description:

On September 10, 2023, Ketchikan experienced a profound setback when the historic Joseph T. Craig Post 3 of the American Legion fell victim to arson. This loss reverberates beyond the physical structure, impacting our community's spirit and heritage. While insurance will provide some relief, the escalating costs associated with barge services, building materials, labor, and construction are set to surpass the maximum coverage limits. Our project aims to restore more than just a building; it seeks to rebuild a cornerstone of community pride and history. The proposed undertaking involves meticulously designing and constructing a new facility at the original site, ensuring it encapsulates both the functionality and the legacy of the lost Post. The budget for this project encompasses all aspects of this endeavor, from initial design to the final construction phase, reflecting our commitment to honoring the past while building for the future.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 1,500,000
Funding Already Secured:	610,000
This Fiscal Year State Funding Request:	\$ 690,000

Explanation of Other Funding Available from Other Sources (Funding Already Secured) \$610,000 from insurance claim, donations, and professional labor.

Detailed Project Criteria:

Projects that Have Already Started and Need to be Finished: The demolition has been completed. Remaining work includes design and construction of a new building.

Projects that Create Jobs: The reconstruction of the American Legion Post 3 is not only a venture in preserving a historical landmark but also a catalyst for local economic revitalization. This project promises substantial employment opportunities for the Ketchikan community. By engaging local contractors, construction workers, and suppliers, we aim to inject vitality into the local economy. The construction phase will directly create numerous jobs, spanning from skilled labor positions to project management roles, offering career development and economic stability to many residents. Additionally, the project will indirectly support the community by boosting demand for local businesses, such as building material suppliers and service providers. Beyond the construction phase, the new Post will continue to serve as a hub for community activities, potentially creating permanent positions for its administration and maintenance. This project is not just about bricks and mortar; it's about laying the foundation for ongoing economic and social growth in Ketchikan.

Life, Safety, Health Improvement Projects: American Legion Business: Post 3 serves as the operational heart for local American Legion activities. It facilitates essential services like veterans' advocacy, benefits assistance, and community outreach programs, playing a pivotal role in supporting veterans and their families.

Services to Other Veterans' Organizations: The Post acts as a collaborative platform for various veterans' organizations, enabling them to conduct meetings, plan joint initiatives, and combine resources for larger community impacts.

Community Meetings and Events: As a versatile venue, Post 3 is instrumental in hosting community meetings and events, fostering civic engagement and providing a space for local voices to be heard and community bonds to be strengthened.

Reception Hall: The facility serves as a reception hall for a range of events, from weddings to community celebrations, making it a central gathering place that enhances social cohesion.

Veteran and Military Ceremonies: The Post is a dignified setting for veteran and military ceremonies, such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day commemorations, honoring those who have served and providing a space for communal remembrance and respect.

Saturday Markets and Fairs: By hosting markets and fairs, the Post 3 becomes a hub for local artisans and entrepreneurs, boosting the local economy and providing residents with access to unique goods and services.

Special Events: The facility is versatile enough to accommodate a variety of special events, from cultural festivals to educational seminars, thus enriching the cultural fabric of the community.

Veteran Gatherings: The Post provides a safe and welcoming space for veterans to gather, share experiences, and support each other, enhancing their well-being and sense of community belonging.

Youth Activities and Education: Through hosting youth activities and educational programs, Post 3 plays a crucial role in fostering the next generation's development, offering them opportunities for learning, leadership, and civic engagement.

Project Description & Justification:

Infrastructure: The reconstruction of the American Legion Post 3 is a significant infrastructure project. As a facility dedicated to serving veterans and their families, it plays a vital role in the community's support system. This project goes beyond merely constructing a building; it's about reinstating a crucial community hub that offers a range of services to one of the highest per capita veteran populations in the country. Its presence is integral to maintaining the social and support infrastructure that benefits veterans and the wider community.

Public Safety: The new American Legion Post will be a safe haven for veterans in need, offering a secure environment where they can access assistance, support, and guidance. The Post will facilitate connections to medical and veterans' services, playing a critical role in ensuring the safety and well-being of our veterans. Its presence enhances public safety by providing a dedicated space for veterans to receive support and guidance, contributing to the overall health and stability of the community.

Support for Essential Services: This project underpins essential services for the community, particularly for our veterans. It will host a variety of activities and programs that cater to the needs of veterans and their families, from social gatherings to educational workshops and support groups. The Post's services are wide-ranging, impacting not just veterans but also their families and the broader community, fostering a supportive and resilient community network.

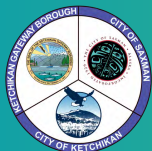
Cultural and Recreational: Rebuilding the American Legion Post is also about preserving and promoting the rich military heritage of Ketchikan and Alaska. It will be a place where veterans from all backgrounds and cultures can come together, sharing their experiences and traditions. The Post will host cultural and recreational events that celebrate our military history and the diverse experiences of our veterans, reinforcing the community's appreciation and understanding of their sacrifices and contributions.

Project Timeline:

Goal: Complete reconstruction by July 2026, contingent upon securing funding.

Ongoing Operation & Maintenance:

The day-to-day operation and upkeep of the American Legion Post 3 will be diligently managed by its members. This dedicated group, deeply invested in the Post's success and longevity, will take charge of all aspects of maintenance, ensuring that the facility remains in prime condition for its various functions and activities. As a testament to their commitment, the operational costs, including utilities, routine maintenance, and any necessary repairs, will be fully funded by the members of American Legion Post 3 and the broader American Legion family. This self-sustaining model not only demonstrates the members' dedication to the Post but also ensures its operational efficiency and financial viability for years to come. The proactive involvement of the American Legion family in maintaining the Post underscores the strong community ties and collective responsibility shared among its members.



Greater Ketchikan Community Request for Fiscal Year 2026 State Funding

**City of Ketchikan Capital Project Priority No. 7
Port Electrification Project Feasibility Study
FY2026 Funding Request: \$ 250,000**



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Brief Project Description:

Request funding to perform a feasibility study and initial design for the City of Ketchikan Port Electrification project.

This feasibility study is necessary to develop and realize the entirety of this multi-year project.

In addition, this feasibility study will be used to determine the sequence and timeline of the construction phase of this project.

*The vision and goal of this project is to reduce diesel consumption and associated emissions, by electrifying the City of Ketchikan's Port berths with green electric (Hydro) power. These ports are used extensively by the Cruise Industry and ever increasingly larger cruise ships.

See Enclosure 1: Proposed Upland Infrastructure

See Enclosure 2: Proposed Berth Electrification

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 250,000
Funding Already Secured:	0
This Fiscal Year State Funding Request:	\$ 250,000

Explanation of Other Funding Available from Other Sources (Funding Already Secured) N/A

Detailed Project Criteria:

Projects that have already started and need to be finished. Initial research has been initiated for this particular project. Further feasibility study will be required.

Projects that create jobs. This project is of sufficient size and would more than likely require professional engineering and additional labor to work and complete this project. The creation of additional construction jobs will be required to complete this project.

Life, safety, health improvement projects. The electrification of the Ketchikan Port will utilize clean Hydro power generated electricity. Diesel Generators aboard the vessels will not be required while in port. Therefore, no harmful emission will be released in the area for those vessels/cruise ships connecting to the new shore tie electrical hook ups. Making overall life, safety and health improvements for the residents, visitors, and wildlife in the area.

Project Description and Justification:

Transportation: Ketchikan is a maritime community. The electrification of the Ketchikan port will greatly improve the maritime transportation industry. This electrification will not only greatly improve the services provided to the cruise ship industry it will also improve the services to other vessels utilizing the port throughout the year. i.e. Ferries, Fishing Vessels, Barges etc.

Infrastructure: This project does enhance the Port of Ketchikan's maritime infrastructure and will provide a greater service to all vessels that utilize the various port berths.

Investment in Future: The use of clean hydropower being offered to the cruise ships and vessels that berth at the City of Ketchikan's port is an investment in the future. The use of green energy use in the Ketchikan port can be marketed as a direct response to climate change. Electrification of the port will be more appealing to future cruise ships and year-round vessel use.

Essential Services: Electricity is an essential service and by delivering this clean energy to the port berths it will be another move forward to port modernization.

Culture and Recreation: This project will greatly assist cruise tourism (recreation), in particular, clean energy will be utilized aboard the vessel by passengers and crew alike during port calls in Ketchikan.

Project Timeline:

This is a multi-year project that if funded would start in FY2026 and end in FY 2029.

FY2026: Feasibility Study and Initial Plans.

FY2027: Plans, Specification and Estimates (PS&E)

FY2028: Phase I construction: Upland Infrastructure improvements.

FY2029: Phase 2 construction: Port Electrification and associated equipment and materials.

Ongoing Operation & Maintenance:

The City of Ketchikan is responsible for ongoing operations and maintenance.

** The City of Ketchikan requests that this project be considered for State Commercial Passenger Vessel (CPV) tax funding as this project greatly benefits the Cruise Industry, Port and the Environment.

Additional Information:

Is the request a one-time project or is additional State funding expected to be requested in the future?

FY2026: Port Electrification Feasibility Study and initial design. (See description below.)

Additional Funding will be required for the implementation of the additional phases of this project: \$250,000

FY2027: Engineering Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PS&E) For the City of Ketchikan Port Electrification project. Rough Order of Magnitude costing (ROM) \$750,000

FY2028: Construction Phase 1: Upland infrastructure improvements such as transmission and distribution improvements will be required, 20 MW SEAPA transformer on local government-controlled property to eliminate transmission bottleneck, New Distribution lines from upland to the Port such as Baily to 3rd Ave Bypass underground, 3rd Ave Bypass underground to Schoenbar Bypass and Schoenbar Bypass down to the Port. Rough Order of Magnitude costing (ROM) \$18,000,000

FY2029: Construction Phase 2: Berth Electrification installation of new lines and associated equipment and materials for project finalization and implementation. Rough Order of Magnitude costing (ROM) \$13,000,000