



**DATE** July 24, 2023  
**TO** Anchorage Assembly Legislative Committee  
**FROM** Clare Ross, Legislative Services Director  
**THRU** Assembly Member Anna Brawley, Chair of the Legislative Committee  
**SUBJECT** **Summary of 2023 Legislative Program**

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## 2023 Legislative Program – Funding Requests

<b>Title</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
Port of Alaska	Repair, design, and modernization of Terminal 2 cargo facilities	\$100,000,000
Housing and homelessness, capital	\$14M for hotel or other building conversions to housing; \$6M toward low-barrier shelter development	\$20,000,000
Housing and homelessness, operations	Operations to support hotel conversions low barrier shelter	\$5,000,000
Performing Arts Center	Life and safety retrofits	\$3,900,000
Merrill Field	6.25% local match to leverage federal funds to repave runways and taxiways, build T-hangars to rent, etc.	\$10,000,000
Wildfire protection plan	A substantial investment in wildfire protection, hazard mitigation, and education	\$9,000,000
Support road safety corridors	Create a policy and project to designate safety corridors in Anchorage; fund data collection and enforcement	\$500,000
Investment in Alaska Housing Trust	Continued support of existing program to create sustainable housing stock	Not specified
Increase funding for schools	Forward-fund and inflation-proof the BSA	Not specified
Investment in substance misuse treatment and	Invest in mental and behavioral health services, conduct a legislative review and improve the implementation of the 1115	Not specified



mental/behavioral health services	Behavioral Health Demonstration Waiver, and extend the 1115 Waiver past its 12/31/2023 expiration	
Increase funding for Chugach State Park	Increase funding for infrastructure, personnel and access in Chugach State Park	Not specified
Local Road Rehabilitation	Resurface local roads and upgrade pedestrian facilities to current ADA standards; 2020 Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) survey revealed that 19.7% (137.6 miles) of local roads were in "serious" or "substandard" condition. \$3M per Senate district	\$24,000,000

## 2023 Legislative Program – Policy and Statutory Requests

<b>Title</b>	<b>Description</b>
Amend Alaska Statute 15 to strengthen maintenance of the Alaska voter registration rolls	Shorten the period to cancel the registration of a voter whose mail is returned undeliverable and who is not responding to contact; utilize service to cancel voter registrations when they register in another state; and automatic cancellation of voter registration for voters who register in another state
Improve funding and support for Alaska's foster care system	Prioritize retention of frontline workers, increased training and development for staff, increased recruitment of foster families, increased stability of placements, and expansion of services
Micro-mobility Statutory Definition Amendments	Add or amend current definitions in AS 28.90.990 to include electric scooters and electric bicycles to allow the exercise of local control and regulation of micro-mobility devices
Local control of 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Avenues	Transfer ownership of 5th and 6th Avenues through downtown, and associated funding for maintenance, from the State to the Municipality



## 2023 Legislative Program – District-Specific Funding Requests

<b>Title</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
Senate E/House 9 & 10	Girdwood RSA road and drainage system rehabilitation	\$250,000
	140 <sup>th</sup> Ave/Buffalo St culvert replacement	\$2,000,000
	Eldon Subdivision water access project	\$2,750,000
Senate F/House 11 & 12	Lake Otis Pkwy surface rehab	\$4,000,000
	Meadow Street Park	\$250,000
Senate G/House 13 & 14	E 56 <sup>th</sup> and Cordova water access project	\$600,000
	Branche Circle water access project	\$300,000
Senate H/House 15 & 16	Sand Lake Regional water access project	\$7,500,000
Senate I/House 17 & 18	West Bluff/Ocean Dock Rd area storm drain improvements	\$3,500,000
	Peratrovich Park	\$400,000
Senate J/House 19 & 20	Debarr Rd surface rehab	\$1,500,000
	Russian Jack Spring Park Chalet upgrades	\$400,000
Senate K/House 21 & 22	Pine St/McCarrey St surface rehab	\$3,500,000
	State St water and sewer access project	\$1,600,000
	Halligan St fire protection	\$640,000
Senate L/House 23 & 24	Starner St bridge replacement	\$1,500,000
	Eagle River Chugiak road and drainage system rehab	\$3,500,000
	Eagle River emergency water fill station	\$625,000