

Amendment to Revised 2022 Operating Budget

AR 2022-98(S)

Dunbar & Quinn-Davidson Amendment #1

Submitted by: Assembly Members Dunbar and Quinn-Davidson

PROPOSED AMENDMENT INCREASE DECREASE NEUTRAL

This amendment appropriates \$1,850,276 to the following departments, specifically appropriated for the items described, within the Alcohol Tax Program budget:

	Amount	Department	Description
1	199,100	Health	Delete line 15, maintain increase to budget for evidence based grants to providers for child abuse, sexual assault, and domestic violence prevention programs, for a total recurring amount of \$2M
2	657,176	Fire	Maintain funding for MCT for a total recurring amount of \$1,575,180
3	872,000	Fire	Increase MCT to be 24-7 starting July 1 (Total program needs to be \$2,447,358)
4	122,000	Fire	1FTE for new, permanent position in MCT – Logistics Coordinator

1,850,276

This amendment restores funding to the Assembly amendments that were approved in AO 2021-96, As Amended, and are unfunded in the 1st Quarter Revised Operating Budget, AR 2022-98(S) and increases funding to the MCT program.

Revenue Source

	Amount	Department	Description
5	1,061,897	Health	Delete line 33, maintain funding 8 AHD positions out of AHD's operating budget; correct any associated labor expense (January through April 2022) for these positions to be paid from AHD's operating budget
6	788,379	Health	Decrease line 34, Operational costs for shelter to balance increase to MCT program

1,850,276

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Dunbar & Quinn-Davidson Amendment #2

Submitted by: Assembly Members Dunbar and Quinn-Davidson

PROPOSED AMENDMENT INCREASE DECREASE NEUTRAL

This amendment appropriates \$4,707,032 to the following departments, specifically appropriated for the items described, within the general government operating budget:

	Amount	Department	Description
1	2,308,894	Police	Fully fund SRO program (additional 9 months), remove revenue receipt from ASD
2	317,368	Development Services	Starting July 1, fund 2 Electrical Inspectors, 1 Mechanical/Plumbing inspector, 1 Structural Inspector positions
3	360,000	Fire	Starting July 1, fund 4 FTE for permanent Firefighter positions
4	1,061,897	Health	Delete line 58, maintain funding 8 AHD positions in AHD's operating budget; correct any associated labor expense (January through April 2022) for these positions to be paid from AHD's operating budget
5	128,873	Mayor	Delete line 65, maintain Mayor's Community Grants Program; allocate \$35K to Arts Grants for a total of \$100K
6	530,000	Legislative	Special election costs, security and legal contract increases, Clerk's Office and Elections staffing, and pay disparity corrections

4,707,032

This amendment restores funding to the Assembly amendments that were approved in AO 2021-96, As Amended, and are unfunded in the 1st Quarter Revised Operating Budget, AR 2022-98(S).

Revenue Source

Amount: \$4,707,032

Specific revenue source to pay amendment's cost:

Areawide general fund tax revenues – still \$1,074,404 under the tax cap

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Zaletel Amendment #1

Submitted by: Assembly Member Zaletel

PROPOSED AMENDMENT <input type="checkbox"/> INCREASE <input type="checkbox"/> DECREASE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEUTRAL

Department: Anchorage Police Department, Alcohol Tax Program

Amount: \$500,000

Description of amendment:

This amendment appropriates \$500,000 to APD, specifically to fund trainings that will focus on the roll-out of new equipment, case law updates, de-escalation, cultural awareness, wellness, and significant policy changes. None of these topics were trained in 2021. This would allow up to 20 hours of in-service training per officer in 2022. APD will provide a report to the Assembly on these efforts no later than October of 2022.

Revenue Source

Amount: \$500,000

Specific revenue source to pay amendment's cost:

One-time, 2021 unspent alcohol tax funds

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Zaletel Amendment #2

Submitted by: Assembly Member Zaletel

PROPOSED AMENDMENT <input type="checkbox"/> INCREASE <input type="checkbox"/> DECREASE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEUTRAL

Department: Legislative Branch, Alcohol Tax Program

Amount: \$50,000

Description of amendment:

This amendment appropriates \$50,000 to fund a study to review and make recommendations regarding the personnel levels, staffing structure, national standards and other contributors to overall costs related to the labor costs within the Anchorage Fire Department.

Revenue Source

Amount: \$50,000

Specific revenue source to pay amendment's cost:

One-time, 2021 unspent alcohol tax funds

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Constant & Zaletel Amendment #1

Submitted by: Assembly Members Constant and Zaletel

PROPOSED AMENDMENT <input type="checkbox"/> INCREASE <input type="checkbox"/> DECREASE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEUTRAL

Department: Anchorage Fire Department, Alcohol Tax Program

Amount: \$122,000

Description of amendment:

This amendment appropriates \$122,000 to fund one (1 FTE) new, permanent position in the Mobile Crisis Team - Logistics Coordinator.

Revenue Source

Amount: \$122,000

Specific revenue source to pay amendment's cost:

Alcohol Tax fund balance

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Rivera & Zaletel Amendment #1

Submitted by: Assembly Members Rivera and Zaletel

PROPOSED AMENDMENT <input type="checkbox"/> INCREASE <input type="checkbox"/> DECREASE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEUTRAL

Department: Anchorage Police Department, Alcohol Tax Program

Amount: \$50,000

Description of amendment:

This amendment appropriates \$50,000 to APD for specific recruiting efforts to increase the number of officers with APD specifically focusing on the recruiting individuals that are reflective of the overall demographics of the community. APD will provide a report to the Assembly on these efforts no later than October of 2022.

Revenue Source

Amount: \$50,000

Specific revenue source to pay amendment's cost:

One-time, 2021 unspent alcohol tax funds

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Rivera Amendment #1**

Submitted by: Assembly Member Rivera

PROPOSED AMENDMENT <input type="checkbox"/> INCREASE <input type="checkbox"/> DECREASE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEUTRAL

Department: Health, Alcohol Tax Program

Amount: \$1,012,000

Description of amendment:

During the process of investigating the success other jurisdictions have with navigation centers, one of the key pieces that helps make navigation centers more successful and less impactful on their surroundings is making a robust and concurrent investment in outreach. These robust outreach efforts would assist in identifying individuals for placement in navigation services throughout the Municipality and assist in supporting their movement through the system.

The Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness (ACEH) assisted in crafting the proposed budget below, which outlines a variety of aspects related to standing up a robust outreach program that will assist our efforts as we continue to unwind mass care operations. These dollars are intended to be spent through a competitive RFP process.

ACEH and providers in our community recognize the important of outreach as a key component of the homelessness response system. The Anchorage Assembly has also recognized this importance and helped to fund outreach efforts in the past. This request goes hand in hand with the goals outlines in the mass care exit strategy and in the Anchored Home plan.

Title	Purpose	FTE	Total
Outreach Personnel	Outreach, coordinated entry assessments, unit acquisition	Approx. 5	\$350,000
Programmatic Supplies	IDs, PII, bus passes, equipment, insurance, HMIS		\$450,000
Transportation and Overhead	Van purchase, gas, insurance, maintenance		\$212,000

Revenue Source

Amount: \$1,012,000

Specific revenue source to pay amendment's cost:

One-time, 2021 unspent alcohol tax funds

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Dunbar, Quinn-Davidson, & Zaletel Amendment #1

Submitted by: Assembly Members Dunbar, Quinn-Davidson, Zaletel, and LaFrance

PROPOSED AMENDMENT <input type="checkbox"/> INCREASE <input type="checkbox"/> DECREASE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEUTRAL

Department: Health Department, Alcohol Tax Program

Amount: \$125,000

Description of amendment:

This amendment appropriates \$125,000 as a direct grant to STAR.

From STAR Executive Director Keeley Olson:

“STAR has collaborated with the Municipality over the course of the last forty years to serve victims/survivors of sexual assault and abuse. We would use the funds for Direct Service personnel expenses (Victim Advocates and Case Managers), trauma therapy contracted expenses and any potential lease increases.”

Revenue Source

Amount: \$125,000

Specific revenue source to pay amendment’s cost:

One-time, 2021 unspent alcohol tax funds

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Dunbar, Quinn-Davidson, & Zaletel Amendment #2

Submitted by: Assembly Members Dunbar, Quinn-Davidson, and Zaletel

PROPOSED AMENDMENT INCREASE DECREASE NEUTRAL

Department: Legislative Branch, Alcohol Tax Program

Amount: \$50,000

Description of amendment:

This amendment appropriates \$50,000 to the Legislative Branch to facilitate an education effort on the Alcohol Tax Program, including an opportunity to collect feedback from the public.

Revenue Source

Amount: \$50,000

Specific revenue source to pay amendment's cost:

One-time, 2021 unspent alcohol tax funds

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Weddleton Amendment #1

Submitted by: Assembly Member Weddleton

PROPOSED AMENDMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INCREASE <input type="checkbox"/> DECREASE <input type="checkbox"/> NEUTRAL

Economic Development Grant to the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation (AEDC)

Amount: \$114,000

Description of amendment:

This amendment appropriates \$114,000 as a grant to AEDC.

AO 2021-96, As Amended allocated \$140,000 as a grant to AEDC. The additional \$114,000 will bring the total grant amount to \$254,000, which continues the grant made to AEDC in 2021 and the commitment made in October 2021.

The mission of AEDC is to grow a prosperous, sustainable, and diverse economy. AEDC was founded by the MOA in 1987 to fill the critical need for dedicated and focused advocacy for Anchorage’s economy. AEDC is now an independent organization pursuing the same goal. No department in the MOA provides this focus. The economic changes due to the ongoing recession and the impacts of Covid-19 bring opportunities that AEDC has been pursuing. The improved ability to work from anywhere increases the importance of the Live, Work, Play initiative. Changes in the global supply chain spurred pursuit of the AKSpeed partnership between the international airport and Tote and Matson.

A notable sign of the long-time partnership with AEDC is the introduction to the 2022 budget’s inclusion of the overview of economic trends and indicators of Anchorage’s economy prepared by AEDC.

The Mayor’s goals for his administration include:

- *Contribute to Achieving the Mayor’s Mission: Economic Recovery – Build a city that attracts and retains a talented workforce, is hospitable to entrepreneurs and business owners, provides a strong environment for economic growth, attract new and innovative industries to Anchorage, and expand the tourism opportunities of Southcentral Alaska*

- *Contribute to Achieving the Mayor’s Mission: Increased Development – Work to streamline the Anchorage development process and provide incentives to bring capital projects to the city.*
- *Administrative Efficiency – Make city government more efficient and decrease departmental spending.*

AEDC works on all of these goals.

The MOA has typically spread its contribution to the AEDC among the enterprises and utilities and one or more departments. Long range fiscal plans for the utilities already include funding for AEDC.

By 2025, Anchorage has invested in priority Live. Work. Play. projects

- We will secure investments in physical infrastructure and community redevelopment
- We will be a strong advocate for affordable health care, housing, education, and community safety
- We will be an advocate for workforce development and sound economic policy
- We will develop, maintain, and improve Anchorage’s quality of life and unique recreational and creative opportunities
- We will establish Live. Work. Play. as the community-wide priority with broad-based support from the public and business community
- We will forge strategic partnerships with organizations to accomplish our vision and priorities

Revenue Source

Amount: \$114,000

Specific revenue source to pay amendment’s cost:

Areawide general fund tax revenues



April 21, 2022

Assembly Member John Weddleton
Anchorage Municipal Assembly
Municipality of Anchorage

Re: 1st Quarter Budget Amendment request

Assembly Member Weddleton,

I write you today to request your support and the support of the members of the Anchorage Assembly for Anchorage Economic Development Corporation's (AEDC) request that \$114,000 be restored to municipal funding support for our organization through the 1st quarter budget revision process. This would restore total municipal support for AEDC to previous levels over the last decade of \$254,000. AEDC annually matches municipal support with a mix of private sector, state, and federal matching funds equal to four to six times the amount provided by the city.

Due to the reduction of municipal funding AEDC reduced our staffing levels from six to four team members in 2022, significantly constraining our abilities to deliver the services and programming that are in even greater demand as the Anchorage economy continues with the long economic recovery our community finds itself in.

If the \$114,000 is restored, AEDC will leverage those funds with matching financial support to add three staff positions as follows:

- Business retention and expansion position dedicated to providing assistance to existing Anchorage businesses with issues that could force a company to fail or close, to prevent companies from leaving Anchorage, and to help companies grow. Success in this position will preserve and increase local jobs, preserve, and grow local tax revenues, and strengthen and further diversify the local economy.
- Workforce development position dedicated to better aligning workforce development efforts and programs with the broad needs of businesses, increase the skills, abilities, and labor force participation of resident working age adults,



and to attract critical workforce to Anchorage that cannot be provided from the local population. Success in this position will include employers better meeting their labor force needs, increased employment and income levels for resident workforce, and improved competitiveness for Anchorage in attracting investment by offering a higher skilled workforce needed by new businesses.

- Research position that will expand AEDC's in-house abilities to provide research on demand for AEDC staff, businesses, partner organizations, municipal government. The position will more effectively utilize AEDC research resources to provide data on the economy, community, labor force, project economic impacts, and business sectors. Success in the position will result in more detailed decision making by businesses, the community, and policy makers as well as greater success in attracting new investments in community that benefit community prosperity and supports growth of the tax base.

AEDC deeply appreciates your support. Please let me know if there is any additional information I can provide to assist you and the assembly as you consider our request.

Sincerely,

Bill Popp

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bill Popp", is written over a white background.

President & CEO

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Weddleton Amendment #2

Submitted by: Assembly Member Weddleton and Chair LaFrance

PROPOSED AMENDMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INCREASE <input type="checkbox"/> DECREASE <input type="checkbox"/> NEUTRAL

Department: Planning

Amount: \$12,000

Description of amendment:

This provides for data collection on Short Term Rentals (STR) in Girdwood to inform land use decisions and possible regulations.

With roughly 1/2 of the homes in Girdwood owned by nonresidents, full time residents and workers are extremely challenged to find housing. Recently a 1,000 sq ft home sold for over \$600,000. Condos that sold for \$220,000 three years ago are now approaching \$400,000. Girdwood businesses are hamstrung by a severe shortage of workforce housing.

There are thoughts that Short Term Rentals consume a significant amount of Girdwood's scarce housing. This needs to be studied to understand the dynamic of the rental market in Girdwood. The number of STRs, their locations, their occupancy, the seasons they are rented and similar market information is needed to understand the role STRs play in Girdwood housing.

There are some who think STRs should be regulated in Girdwood. Regulations of STRs are not uncommon in resort communities. Prior to considering regulations, better data is needed on the STR market in Girdwood. A count of STRs and their year round activity can be gained by monitoring listings in Girdwood. This will cost approximately \$12,000 for a year. A point in time analysis was performed recently for Treasury. Data on the zoning and housing type for STRs and how they vary across the year is needed. This information will inform decisions of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors Land Use Committee, Imagine! Girdwood and others involved with Girdwood planning.

Revenue Source

Amount: \$12,000

Specific revenue source to pay amendment's cost:

Areawide general fund tax revenues. The information gained will assist in proper collection of bed taxes that might offset the cost.

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Weddleton Amendment #3

Submitted by: Assembly Member Weddleton and Chair LaFrance

PROPOSED AMENDMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INCREASE <input type="checkbox"/> DECREASE <input type="checkbox"/> NEUTRAL

Department: Legislative Branch, Assembly

Amount: \$25,000

Description of amendment:

This continues funding approved in 2021.

This amendment appropriates \$25,000 to the Legislative Branch to enter into a contract with WINfluence Strategies, Chuck Kopp and Cherie Curry. This amendment will be Anchorage’s contribution to an effort that includes other municipalities and private businesses.

This is to fund a portion of a public relations and media campaign in defense of property rights along the Railbelt. The Alaska Rail Road Corporation’s claim of exclusive use of 200’ along their tracks is an affront to property rights across the railbelt and has increased MOA costs. We have passed two resolutions in support of efforts in the legislature to correct this.

The MOA intervened as a defendant in the lawsuit ARRC filed against the Flying Crown Homeowners Association. That case had an unfavorable ruling that has complicated the solution to the ARRC overreach. If this media campaign is successful, it may be possible to avoid further litigation.

Revenue Source

Amount: \$25,000

Specific revenue source to pay amendment’s cost:

Areawide general fund tax revenues

April 26, 2022

Assemblyman John Weddleton
Municipality of Anchorage
632 W 6th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501



Dear Assemblyman Weddleton,

Winfluence Strategies would like to thank You, Mayor Bronson, and the Anchorage Assembly for their past support of the Public Relations and Education Campaign regarding the threat to property rights of landowners along the Alaska Railroad right of way.

During the 2021-2022 timeframe Winfluence strategies has engaged in a statewide public relations education and awareness campaign about significant property rights issues of landowners, business entities and utility companies along the right of way. The Municipality of Anchorage and its residents are the most affected entities by the current ARC “exclusive use” property claim made to the 200-foot railroad right of way that transects the Municipality.

At issue for the Municipality is the ability to use portions of the right of way that are not needed for railroad purposes, to include access to public lands, waters, public utilities, and recreation trails within the Municipality. The current Alaska Railroad Corporation policy requires the Municipality property owners to maintain and improve railroad crossings and associated costs.

During this past year, Winfluence Strategies has engaged in the following activities in support of the public campaign to protect the property rights of landowners along the railroad right of way:

- Extensive public relations and media outreach describing the nature of the threat to property rights and a call-to-action through digital and social media platforms.
- Assisted Flying Crown Property Owners Association and Oceanview North Runway Homeowners Association in dialog with the Governor’s office, Mayor Bronson’s office, Assembly members, and Alaska Railroad Corporation Board of Directors and staff to significantly improve the HOA’s current threatened position for ongoing use and access of the Flying Crown Airpark in South Anchorage.
- Provided guidance and counsel to the Flying Crown legal team.
- Communications and outreach to the Municipality of Anchorage legal team to discuss legal strategy and briefings.

- Met with utility companies to discuss strategy on how to protect Municipality ratepayers and utility companies from excessive Railroad fees.
- Assisted Flying Crown legal counsel in motion for reconsideration of case *Alaska Railroad Corporation v. Flying Crown Property Owners Association and Municipality of Anchorage*.
- Successfully worked with Flying Crown Property Owners Association to secure support of the Pacific Legal Foundation, a non-profit property rights law firm, to help with a possible appeal of the recent Federal District Court decision.
- Actively worked with Governor Dunleavy's office and Mayor Bronson's office to get hundreds of thousands of dollars in litigation fees reimbursed from the Alaska Railroad to the Flying Crown Property Owners Association.
- Worked to maintain the private property rights of Anchorage homeowners to not have their land used for revenue generation along the right of way when utilized for non-interfering landscaping beautification purposes such as rose bushes, lawns, perennials, and gardens.
- Met with Local Government Leaders, Chambers of Commerce, and other Associations to advocate for Railroad right of way use policy changes to protect property owners.
- On a Statewide basis, Winfluence Strategies worked with Governor Dunleavy's Administration to file legislation (SB231 / HB400) to improve oversight and accountability of the Alaska Railroad Corporation by the Executive and Legislative branches of state government.

Sincerely,



Chuck Kopp / CEO
(907) 952-0189

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LaFrance Amendment #1

Submitted by: Assembly Chair LaFrance and Member Zaletel

PROPOSED AMENDMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INCREASE <input type="checkbox"/> DECREASE <input type="checkbox"/> NEUTRAL

Department: Fire Department

Amount: \$360,000

Description of amendment:

This amendment appropriates \$360,000 to AFD to create 4 new, permanent Firefighter positions. The total cost for one additional Firefighter is approximately \$180,000 for one year; approximately \$90,000 to start in July 2022.

These additional firefighter PCNs are the first necessary step to get us closer to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards in our community.

These additions will make our community safer. Meeting the NFPA standard is important because there is no bias in them. They set the standard for all things fire, from alarm systems to sprinkler systems and vehicle specification for emergency response apparatus to PPE. The reason the MOA does not follow their staffing recommendation is simply a funding issue, and we all should agree that we will have a safer community if we begin to meet the industry standard staffing levels.

Revenue Source

Amount: \$360,000

Specific revenue source to pay amendment's cost:

Areawide general fund tax revenues

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LaFrance & Constant Amendment #1

Submitted by: Assembly Chair LaFrance and Vice Chair Constant

PROPOSED AMENDMENT INCREASE DECREASE NEUTRAL

Department: Legislative Branch

Amount: \$530,000

Description of amendment:

This amendment appropriates \$530,000 to the Legislative Branch for the following: June 2022 special election costs, security and legal contract increases, Clerk's Office and Elections staff, and pay disparity corrections.

Revenue Source

Amount: \$530,000

Specific revenue source to pay amendment's cost:

Areawide general fund tax revenues