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Chair of the Assembly at Submitted by:

the Request of the Mayor

Planning Department

Prepared by: For Reading: June 5, 2001

CLERK'S OFFICE Date:

Anchorage, Alaska AR No. 2001-167

A RESOLUTION SUPORTING THE MUNICIPALITY'S LIST OF PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL COASTAL IMPACT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CIAP).

WHEREAS, the federal Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) has allocated FY 2001 funds to the State of Alaska for special projects within the Alaska Coastal Zone Boundary; and

WHEREAS, each coastal state that will receive these funds must develop a plan that describes how each state intends to use these funds; and

WHEREAS, as a large political subdivision within Alaska with an extensive coastal boundary, the Municipality of Anchorage has been identified to receive \$603,890 under this year's allocations; and

WHEREAS, following federal criteria for project nominations (see attached), the Municipality, as an Alaska Coastal District, and in conjunction with several departments, nominated the following list of special projects to be included in the State of Alaska's plan for use of these CIAP funds:

- 1. Chester Creek Watershed Plan
- 2. Lower Campbell Creek Sedimentation Treatment Study
- 3. Anchorage Park, Greenbelt and Recreational Facility Plan Revision
- Acquisition Fund for Anchorage Greenbelt and Natural Open Space Sites 4.
- 5 Coastal Resources Field Monitor

WHEREAS, funds allocated for these projects will also cover administrative costs to the Municipality, and project allocations may be adjusted after the funds are received.

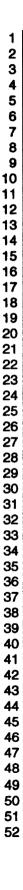
THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

Section 1: That the Assembly endorses the projects being proposed for CIAP funding.

Section 2: That the Planning Department is hereby authorized to facilitate application for and acceptance of CIAP grant funds being provided to the Municipality of Anchorage.

ATTEST:

AM 489-2001



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 489-2001

Meeting Date: June 5, 2001

From: Mayor

Subject: AR 2001-167 Coastal Impact Assistance Grant Projects

The Planning Department recently submitted a list of local projects, as solicited by the State for inclusion in Alaska's plan for the federal Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP). According to a funding allocation equation, Anchorage will receive \$603,890 of FY 2001 appropriations from this federal program that addresses impacts to coastal states from Outer Continental Shelf activities.

We expect to receive these funds by early fall 2001. One of the criterions for receiving these funds is a local governing body's formal concurrence of each Coastal District's project submission.

Attached are the projects that we propose to do with the forthcoming funds. Each affected State must detail how their funds will be spent and such projects must meet a list of criteria relative to coastal resources (attached). These projects will be merged with similar actions from around the State and will collectively make up Alaska's proposal for this year's CIAP program. After working with various municipal agencies, the Planning Department proposed the list of projects, which have become our formal proposal to the State.

Once the State provides a public review of all local projects, this collective list of actions will become Alaska's submission to the federal government (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration). Once accepted by the federal government, the funds will be disbursed to the State Division of Governmental Coordination, which will process funds to each coastal district.

Concurred by

Harry J. Kieling, Jr.

Municipal Manager

Respectfully submitted. must

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Concurred by:

Craig E. Campbell, Executive Director Office of Planning, Development, and Public Works

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Súsan R. Fison, Director Planning Department

AR 2001-167

Project Title: Acquisition Fund for Anchorage Greenbelt and Natural Open Space Sites Total Project Budget: \$123,689 Borough/CRSA: Municipality of Anchorage CIAP Contact: Thede Tobish, Coastal District Coordinator Mailing Address: Planning Department, P. O. Box 196650, Anchorage, AK 99519-6650 Telephone: (907) 343-4261 Fax: (907) 343-4220 E-mail: tobishtg@ci.anchorage.ak.us Date: 04/27/01
Describe the project in a one or two paragraph abstract (you may attach up to two pages of background and additional detail, if necessary):
See attached.
Explain how the project identified above is consistent with at least one of the uses authorized by the CIAP. For information on the types of projects authorized under the CIAP, see page 3. If the project involves infrastructure or public service needs, explain how the project mitigates the environmental effects of Outer Continental Shelf activity:
See attached.
Was this project approved by the local governing body or CRSA board? Yes No_X If yes, how was it approved?
What is the time frame for the project? [X] One year [] Two years []

PROJECT BUDGET

Category	Amount
Personnel	
Travel	i Section 1
Equipment	
Supplies	East S
Contractual	\$123,689
Construction	
Other	
Total	\$123,689

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DEDICATED ACQUISITION FUND FOR ANCHORAGE GREENBELT AND NATURAL OPEN SPACE SITES

Describe the project in a one or two paragraph abstract:

This CIAP project will designate \$123,689 for establishment of a Municipal budget unit dedicated to the acquisition of new greenbelt and natural open space and wetland areas. These sites will come from a list of significant sites around the Municipality that are currently considered integral to maintenance of water quality and flood control, fish and wildlife habitat, and natural buffers in existing and new developed areas. Once the Anchorage Parks Plan is revised (q.v. CIAP project description), the acquisition list will be supplemented with additional sites identified from that Plan. To the extent feasible, this dedicated fund will be used to generate matching funds from other sources, or as leverage to create new matching programs. Of course for this application we cannot specify which sites will be acquired with these funds. But the fund will be restricted to purchase of parcels that are identified as vital to water quality and quantity issues, to fish and wildlife habitat protection, to existing and new greenbelt corridors and to natural buffers from development, all in conjunction with the CIAP authorized list of uses.

Explain how the project identified above is consistent with at least one of the uses authorized by the CIAP:

All of Anchorage's CIAP projects relate directly to most of the CIAP's list of authorized uses and this request for acquisition funds will give the Municipality the ability to immediately preserve key sites. This project is considered consistent with the following CIAP uses:

Conservation, restoration, enhancement or protection of coastal or marine habitats including wetlands, estuaries, coastal fishery resources and coral reefs, including projects to remove abandoned vessels or marine debris that may adversely affect coastal habitats;

 Protection, restoration and enhancement of coastal water quality consistent with the provisions of the Coastal Management Act;

Assistance to local communities to assess, plan for and manage the impacts of growth and development on coastal or marine habitats and natural resources, including coastal community fishery assistance programs that encourage participation in sustainable fisheries;

- Projects and activities for the conservation, protection or restoration of wetlands;
- Mitigating damage to fish, wildlife, or natural resources, including such activities authorized under Subtitle B.

Project Title: Anchorage Park, Greenbelt and Recreational Facility Plan Revision
Total Project Budget: \$150,000
Borough/CRSA: Municipality of Anchorage
CIAP Contact: Thede Tobish, Coastal District Coordinator
Mailing Address: Planning Department, P. O. Box 196650, Anchorage, AK 99519-6650
Telephone: (907) 343-4261 Fax: (907) 343-4220 E-mail: tobishtg@ci.anchorage.ak.us
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PROJECT BUDGET

Category	Amount
Personnel	
Travel	
Equipment	
Supplies	
Contractual	\$145,000
Construction	
Other	5,000
Total	\$150,000

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ANCHORAGE PARK, GREENBELT AND RECREATIONAL FACILITY PLAN REVISION

Describe the project in a one or two paragraph abstract:

Besides a longstanding need to update and revise the 1985 Anchorage Park, Greenbelt and Recreational Facility Plan, other factors have made it necessary for the Municipality to redo and amend this outdated Plan. This project designates \$150,000 that will enable the Municipality to enlist the services of an experienced park/open space planning firm to assist Municipal staff with the full revision of the parks plan. Key to this revision is the formal addition of an open space element to the plan. This open space element will include an entire section dedicated to management guidelines, standards, acquisition priorities and procedures for natural open space sites in Anchorage. During the development and adoption of Anchorage's new Comprehensive Plan, and as required in Anchorage's federal NPDES Permit Conditions, open space has become one of the Municipality's most important land use elements. Open space will become increasingly essential in the management of storm water, flood control and water quality maintenance, as well as in protection and enhancement of remaining fish and wildlife habitats, deemed so important to the community. This open space and park plan revision has been identified as on of the most essential implementation actions for the new Anchorage Bowl Comprehensive Plan.

Explain how the project identified above is consistent with at least one of the uses authorized by the CIAP:

Revision of the Anchorage Park Plan with an natural open space component will formalize its role in water resources planning and management, fish and wildlife habitat protection, as well for general recreation. All of these elements address and relate directly to several authorized CIAP uses:

Conservation, restoration, enhancement or protection of coastal or marine habitats including wetlands, estuaries, coastal fishery resources and coral reefs, including projects to remove abandoned vessels or marine debris that may adversely affect coastal habitats;

Protection, restoration and enhancement of coastal water quality consistent with the provisions of the Coastal Management Act;

Assessment, research, mapping and monitoring of coastal or marine resources and habitats, including, where appropriate, the establishment and monitoring of marine protected areas;

Assistance to local communities to assess, plan for and manage the impacts of growth and development on coastal or marine habitats and natural resources, including coastal community fishery assistance programs that encourage participation in sustainable fisheries;

Projects and activities for the conservation, protection or restoration of wetlands;

Mitigating damage to fish, wildlife, or natural resources, including such activities authorized under Subtitle B.

Project Title:C	pastal Resources Field Monitor
Total Project Budget: \$3	0,000
Borough/CRSA:M	unicipality of Anchorage
CIAP Contact:T	nede Tobish, Coastal District Coordinator
Mailing Address:Pl	anning Department, P. O. Box 196650, Anchorage, AK 99519-6650
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Date: 04/27/01	
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Was this project approved If yes, how was it approve	by the local governing body or CRSA board? Yes No <u>X</u> ed?
What is the time frame fo	or the project? [X] One year [] Two years []

PROJECT BUDGET

Category	Amount
Personnel	
Travel	
Equipment	
Supplies	
Contractual	\$30,000
Construction	
Other	
Total	\$30,000

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COASTAL RESOURCES FIELD MONITOR

Describe the project in a one or two paragraph abstract:

This project will use \$30,000 of Anchorage's CIAP allocation to fund a field monitor position in the Planning Department. This Coastal Resources Field Monitor will assist planning staff in CIAP project planning and administration mainly by providing support services. It is envisioned that the field monitor will assist the Coastal District Coordinator in processing district consistency findings for new and ongoing actions, by reestablishing a consistent Anchorage field presence for monitoring of permit actions and by administering Anchorage's five General Permits. The field monitor will also liaison with contractors at wetland sites and Municipal permit enforcement staff, and provide administrative support essential to the maintenance of the Municipal wetland database, the GIS wetland coverages, and to our interactive environmental features and wetland permit website. As time permits, the monitor will liaison with other Municipal agencies in the planning and management of the other CIAP projects, especially the Chester Creek Watershed Plan and the Lower Campbell Creek Sedimentation Treatment Study

Explain how the project identified above is consistent with at least one of the uses authorized by the CIAP:

This Coastal Resources Field Monitor position will bridge the Municipality's ongoing coastal management programs with these new CIAP projects and allow existing staff to continue at current capacities. This position relates directly to the following authorized CIAP uses:

Conservation, restoration, enhancement or protection of coastal or marine habitats including wetlands, estuaries, coastal fishery resources and coral reefs, including projects to remove abandoned vessels or marine debris that may adversely affect coastal habitats;

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	Lower Campbell Creek Sedimentation Treatment Study
Total Project Budget:	
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PROJECT BUDGET

Category	Amount
Personnel	
Travel	
Equipment	
Supplies	
Contractual	\$200,000
Construction	
Other	
Total	\$200,000

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LOWER CAMPBELL CREEK SEDIMENTATION TREATMENT STUDY

Describe the project in a one or two paragraph abstract:

This two-part project dedicates \$200,000 to address water quality, fish habitat, and public access issues for lower Campbell Creek and Campbell Lake, the result of sedimentation from 25 years of urbanization in the watershed. This section of Campbell Creek and Campbell Lake provide critical overwintering habitat for resident fish and salmonids from throughout one of Anchorage's premier watersheds. The Municipal Engineer or his contractor will evaluate the sources, types, and impacts of historic and contemporary sedimentation on lower Campbell Creek and in Campbell Lake. This analysis will include an evaluation of impacts to fish populations, lifecycles and habitats, and impacts to lake-access by property owners, aircraft and utility maintenance staff. Once this sedimentation profile and impacts analysis is complete, alternative methods for resolution of identified problems will be developed and include cost estimates and preliminary engineered designs. It is estimated that the final product(s) will direct actions to address, treat and reduce chronic sedimentation and to enhance and restore fish habitats.

Explain how the project identified above is consistent with at least one of the uses authorized by the CIAP:

The Campbell Creek project will evaluate and resolve historic water quality and habitat impacts and public access issues to Campbell Creek and Campbell Lake, both of which are in the heart of Anchorage's Coastal Boundary. The Campbell Creek estuary is one of Anchorage's largest and is an important component of marine portions of the *Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge*. This proposal relates directly to the following authorized CIAP uses:

Conservation, restoration, enhancement or protection of coastal or marine habitats including wetlands, estuaries, coastal fishery resources and coral reefs, including projects to remove abandoned vessels or marine debris that may adversely affect coastal habitats;

Protection, restoration and enhancement of coastal water quality consistent with the provisions of the Coastal Management Act;

Assessment, research, mapping and monitoring of coastal or marine resources and habitats, including, where appropriate, the establishment and monitoring of marine protected areas;

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MONTGOMERY WATSON

Anchorage, Alaska

FIGURE 1

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CAMPBELL CREEK SEDIMENT REMOVAL REASIBILITY STUDY

STUDY AREA

Project Title:	Chester Creek Watershed Plan
Total Project Budget:	\$100,000
Borough/CRSA:	Municipality of Anchorage
CIAP Contact:	Thede Tobish, Coastal District Coordinator
Mailing Address:	Planning Department, P. O. Box 196650, Anchorage, AK 99519-6650
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PROJECT BUDGET

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Personnel	
Travel	
Equipment	
Supplies	
Contractual	\$100,000
Construction	
Other	
Total	\$100,000

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CHESTER CREEK WATERSHED PLAN

Describe the project in a one or two paragraph abstract:

In response to requirements in Anchorage's federal NPDES Permit, the Municipality intends to produce watershed plans for all of Anchorage's streams. With that intent, the recently approved Anchorage 2020 - Anchorage Bowl Comprehensive Plan identified strong water quality and habitat goals for watersheds and followed with specific policies and implementation strategies directed at meeting the NPDES Permit conditions. Key to those requirements is the integration of land use and water resources planning via watershed plans. Major tasks of the Chester Creek Watershed Plan include: watershed characterization, stream corridor use standards, identify scenarios for future land use actions, identify watershed and stream impacts resulting from each scenario, identify mitigation methods for identified impacts, and establish priorities and methods for watershed management.

This CIAP proposal will direct \$100,000 for the establishment of Anchorage's first watershed plan for the Chester Creek system. Funding will be used to gather, format, and analyze all known and new data on water quality and quantity, fish and wildlife population and habitat information. These data will be directly linked and integrated with land use, demographic data and water resources management regulations, practices and guidelines to create a single watershed planning element. Future land use, utility and transportation, habitat, restoration, water resources and floodplain management decisions will be based on and related to the entire watershed. This project will also serve as a template for the Municipality, and other Coastal Districts around the State, to establish future watershed plans.

Explain how the project identified above is consistent with at least one of the uses authorized by the CIAP:

The Chester Creek Watershed Plan will for the first time, integrate water resources issues with land use planning on a watershed basis. Addressed in this watershed plan will be all physical and management elements of Chester Creek water, including treatment, floodplain, and in-stream habitat. These water elements will be directly tied to land use decisions. This proposal relates directly to the following authorized CIAP uses:

Conservation, restoration, enhancement or protection of coastal or marine habitats including wetlands, estuaries, coastal fishery resources and coral reefs, including projects to remove abandoned vessels or marine debris that may adversely affect coastal habitats;

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