

OFFICE OF ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Economic/Community Development, Library, and Eagle River/Chugiak Parks & Recreation

Goals

The goals of the Economic/Community Development, Library, and Eagle River/Chugiak Parks & Recreation sections of the Office of Economic and Community Development for the 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Budget/Program are to:

- Promote the economic and community development of Anchorage through developing, expanding, and strengthening downtown business and cultural centers; neighborhood planning; and redeveloping and revitalizing community areas at risk.
- Provide improved cultural, educational and recreational opportunities for the benefit of the community; and increase recreational options, particularly for youth, through design, construction, and renovation of sports and recreation facilities.
- Sustain and enhance parks and trail systems in the Eagle River/Chugiak and Girdwood areas, with emphasis on deferred maintenance needs, rehabilitation of existing facilities, development of close to home recreation opportunities for under-served areas, and protection of our water quality through greenbelt acquisition.

The Department's capital budget/program represents input from individual citizens, neighborhood associations, community councils, the Chugiak/Eagle River Parks and Recreation and Girdwood Valley Service Area Boards of Supervisors, and the Library Advisory Board.

Economic/Community Development

The 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Budget/Program features several major initiatives to promote development, diversify the economy, and strengthen Anchorage's communities, including: development of a world-class convention district with construction of a new Civic and Convention Center and integration with the Performing Arts and Egan Centers; revitalization of the downtown core through the E Street corridor enhancements plan, downtown street improvement program, and Ship Creek and Delaney Park improvements; and rejuvenation of Mountain View including creation of a vibrant arts district, beginning with construction of the Mountain View Art and Culture Center. Other priorities are development of the Eagle River Town Center as a key element in the Eagle River business district revitalization plan; and implementation of the Glacier-Winner Creek year-round recreational area.

Anchorage Facilities

Many of Anchorage's premier cultural facilities were built during the Project 80's era and are now in need of capital renovations to protect the original investment. This portion of the 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Budget/Program focuses on the major renovation needs of these aging structures. High priorities include Sullivan Arena roof replacement as well as essential renovations or upgrades at the Egan Center, Performing Arts Center, Ben Boeke and Dempsey Anderson ice rinks, and the Anchorage Golf Course.

Library

The 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Budget/Program for the Library focuses on projects to support and enhance the delivery of library and information services while enriching the educational and cultural climate of the community.

Eagle River/Chugiak Parks and Trails

The 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Budget/Program includes requests for matching State and Federal funds for trail crossings. All other capital projects are selected and funded through the Eagle River/Chugiak Parks and Recreation Board of Supervisors and local mill levy revenue.

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Capital Improvement Program
PROJECT LIST BY DEPARTMENT

Office of Economic & Community Development

PROJECT TITLE	YEAR	G.O. BONDS	STATE	FEDERAL	OTHER	TOTAL
Anchorage Facilities						
ANCHORAGE GOLF COURSE	2008	0	2,000	0	0	2,000
	2009	0	2,000	0	0	2,000
	2010	0	1,000	0	0	1,000
Project CIP Total		0	5,000	0	0	5,000
Anchorage Facilities CIP Total		0	5,000	0	0	5,000
Eagle River Parks & Recreation						
BIRCHWOOD SEPARATED CROSSING	2008	0	0	1,000	0	1,000
Project CIP Total		0	0	1,000	0	1,000
EAGLE RIVER SOUTHFORK CONFLUENCE BRIDGE	2008	0	150	0	100	250
Project CIP Total		0	150	0	100	250
Eagle River Parks & Recreation CIP Total		0	150	1,000	100	1,250
Economic/Community Development						
GLACIER-WINNER CREEK DEVELOPMENT	2008	0	3,000	0	0	3,000
	2009	0	3,000	0	0	3,000
	2010	0	3,000	0	0	3,000
Project CIP Total		0	9,000	0	0	9,000
MOUNTAIN VIEW ART AND CULTURE CENTER	2008	0	1,800	0	0	1,800
Project CIP Total		0	1,800	0	0	1,800
SHIP CREEK ANGLER ACCESS AND STREAM BANK REHABILITATION	2008	0	750	0	0	750
Project CIP Total		0	750	0	0	750
SHIP CREEK SALMON LEARNING CENTER	2008	0	5,000	0	2,000	7,000
	2009	0	5,000	0	1,000	6,000
	2010	0	5,000	0	0	5,000
Project CIP Total		0	15,000	0	3,000	18,000
WATER QUALITY AND CREEK RESTORATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT	2008	500	0	0	0	500
	2009	0	500	0	0	500
Project CIP Total		500	500	0	0	1,000
Economic/Community Development CIP Total		500	27,050	0	3,000	30,550
Libraries						
DOWNTOWN LIBRARY	2008	0	500	0	500	1,000
Project CIP Total		0	500	0	500	1,000
LOUSSAC LIBRARY	2008	2,500	3,000	0	3,000	8,500
	2009	0	1,000	0	1,000	2,000
Project CIP Total		2,500	4,000	0	4,000	10,500
MOUNTAIN VIEW LIBRARY	2008	0	300	0	415	715
Project CIP Total		0	300	0	415	715
Libraries CIP Total		2,500	4,800	0	4,915	12,215
Office of Economic & Community Development CIP Total		3,000	37,000	1,000	8,015	49,015

Anchorage Facilities

ANCHORAGE GOLF COURSE

Project ID: ECD07009

Project Type: Improvement

Start Date: May 2008

Location: Assembly: Areawide, House: Areawide, Community: Areawide

End Date:

Description:

Construction of decking, expansion of the practice facility, and other course improvements needed to bring the Anchorage golf course to USGA standards.

Comments:

Justification:

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Revenue							
State Grant Revenue	2,000	2,000	1,000	0	0	0	5,000
Project Total:	2,000	2,000	1,000	0	0	0	5,000

O & M Costs

Eagle River Parks & Recreation

BIRCHWOOD SEPARATED CROSSING

Project ID: ECD11035

Project Type: Improvement

Start Date: October 2008

Location: Assembly: Section 2, Seats A & C, House: House District 16,
House: House District 17, House: House District 18, House:
House District 32, Community: Birchwood

End Date: October 2010

Description:

Construct a grade separated crossing at North Birchwood adjacent to Birchwood airport. Funding requested would be a pass through Federal grant to Alaska Railroad.

Comments:

Justification:

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Revenue							
Federal Revenue -	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,000
Project Total:	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,000

O & M Costs

Eagle River Parks & Recreation

EAGLE RIVER SOUTHFORK CONFLUENCE BRIDGE

Project ID: ECD07030
Project Type: Improvement **Start Date:** August 2008
Location: Assembly: Section 2, Seats A & C, House: House District 16, **End Date:** August 2010
 House: House District 17, House: House District 32,
 Community: Eagle River Valley, Community: South Fork
 (E.R.)

Description:

Completion of the replacement of pedestrian bridge at South Fork Confluence providing connection to proposed Eagle River Greenbelt Trail and preliminary trail work connecting Eagle River Valley to Alpenglow. This project will provide enhanced ADA access and connection for local residents and public at large.

Comments:

Chugiak-Eagle River Parks, Recreation & Community Development is requesting \$150,000 in 2008 State Legislative Grant funding and a matching commitment has been made by the Chugiak-Eagle River Parks & Rec Board of Supervisors for \$100,000 of community development funds.

Justification:

The requested funding will support both Chugach State Parks and Parks & Recreation in their efforts to cooperate and provide better access to public facilities and services.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Revenue							
Other Sources	100	0	0	0	0	0	100
State Grant Revenue	150	0	0	0	0	0	150
Project Total:	250	0	0	0	0	0	250

O & M Costs

Economic/Community Development

GLACIER-WINNER CREEK DEVELOPMENT

Project ID: ECD07051

Project Type: Improvement

Start Date: May 2008

Location: Assembly: Areawide, House: Areawide, Community: Areawide

End Date:

Description:

Girdwood's Glacier-Winner Creek, less than one hour's drive from Anchorage, is considered some of the best undeveloped ski terrain in North America and offers significant potential to enhance Anchorage as a winter tourism destination. This project involves development of land currently owned by the Municipality of Anchorage and the State of Alaska and would include residential and commercial infrastructure and downhill and Nordic ski facilities. The project is currently in the beginning phase of the master planning process. 2008 funding is sought for road and utility construction.

Comments:

Justification:

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Revenue							
State Grant Revenue	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0	0	9,000
Project Total:	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0	0	9,000

O & M Costs

Economic/Community Development

MOUNTAIN VIEW ART AND CULTURE CENTER

Project ID: ECD07005

Project Type: Improvement

Start Date: May 2008

Location: Assembly: Section 1, Seat B, House: House District 20,
Community: Mountain View

End Date:

Description:

The multidisciplinary arts center is a key component of the Mountain View revitalization plan. The requested funding will be used to renovate and expand the 18,500 square foot Carey Building to provide studio and gallery space for artists and arts groups as well as a gathering space for community meetings and activities. The building was purchased in 2005 for this purpose using CBDG and HUD funds and a grant from the Rasmuson Foundation.

Comments:

Justification:

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Revenue							
State Grant Revenue	1,800	0	0	0	0	0	1,800
Project Total:	1,800	0	0	0	0	0	1,800

O & M Costs

Economic/Community Development

SHIP CREEK ANGLER ACCESS AND STREAM BANK REHABILITATION

Project ID: ECD07004

Project Type: Improvement

Start Date: June 2007

Location: Assembly: Areawide, House: Areawide, Community: Areawide

End Date: June 2009

Description:

Ship Creek provides substantial recreational and economic benefits to Anchorage and the State of Alaska through fishing and salmon viewing activities. Alaska Department of Fish and Game data indicate that the Ship Creek sport fishery generates an annual economic benefit of \$7.2 million. This sport fishery regularly receives a fishing effort of 40,000 to 50,000 angler days - making it one of the largest sport fisheries in the state. Each year hundreds of residents and tourists participate in the King and Silver salmon derbies. The popularity of this fishery and visitor destination has taken a toll on the creek itself and surrounding infrastructure. Considerable human-caused bank trampling and erosion is occurring impacting salmon habitat, pedestrian and angler safety and adjacent infrastructure including pedestrian trails and railroad property. There is a compelling need to stabilize the creek banks to prevent further erosion as well provide and direct safe angler access to the stream.

Comments:

Justification:

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Revenue							
State Grant Revenue	750	0	0	0	0	0	750
Project Total:	750	0	0	0	0	0	750

O & M Costs

Economic/Community Development

SHIP CREEK SALMON LEARNING CENTER

Project ID: ECD07048

Project Type: Reconstruction

Start Date: May 2007

Location: Assembly: Areawide, House: Areawide, Community: Areawide

End Date:

Description:

This project will construct a salmon and fishery education and information center adjacent to the ADF&G's new hatchery facility along Ship Creek in Anchorage. Proposed exhibits to include interactive interpretive kiosks, a living stream habitat, multipurpose aquatic resource learning and training centers, salmon viewing, and gift shop. The facility will support Alaska Department of Fish & Game's Salmon in the Classroom program, the MOA's Salmon in the City initiative, and private sector tourism, and convention and visitor business activities. It would be made available to community groups and other organizations for small group meetings, receptions, and other educational functions.

Comments:

The existing hatchery attracts about 20,000 visitors on an annual basis and does not provide a compelling visitor experience. The existing hatchery information and educational facilities cannot accommodate current visitations and cannot take advantage of a much larger visitor market. Completion of the Salmon Learning Center provides an unparalleled opportunity to nourish a growing appetite for knowledge-based visitor experiences. In addition to tourists, the facility would appeal to all Alaskans who care deeply about our salmon and aquatic resources.

Ship Creek is one of Alaska's most popular sport fishing and salmon viewing destinations in the State of Alaska. The Ship Creek fishery receives an annual fishing effort of 40,000 - 50,000 angler days and generates \$7.2 million in annual economic benefit to the State. According to ADF&G, statewide recreational fishing and salmon viewing generated 11,000 jobs, and \$238 million in wages for a total economic impact of approximately \$960 million. Investment in the Ship Creek Salmon Learning Center will increase public understanding of economic and social significance of Alaska's vibrant sport fishing industry and the need for sustaining healthy aquatic resources in Alaska.

Justification:

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Revenue							
Other Sources	2,000	1,000	0	0	0	0	3,000
State Grant Revenue	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0	0	15,000
Project Total:	7,000	6,000	5,000	0	0	0	18,000

O & M Costs

Economic/Community Development

WATER QUALITY AND CREEK RESTORATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Project ID: ECD08985

Project Type: Rehabilitation

Start Date: May 2008

Location:

End Date: June 2011

Description:

Project funds will be used to conduct creek bank restoration improvement projects at selected sites in order to protect property and infrastructure from creek bank erosion, restore salmon habitat and improve water quality. Naturally occurring and human-caused erosion is evident along many creek corridors in Anchorage and creek maintenance and improvement projects are necessary to sustain watershed function and the economic and recreational benefit provided by local creeks and greenbelts. Failure to address current erosion problems will result in catastrophic bank failure along creek corridors negatively impacting salmon habitat and water quality, public infrastructure including pedestrian trails, recreational fishing access facilities, creek crossings, and other infrastructure.

Comments:

For the past several years, the City has been the beneficiary of federal earmarks for salmon and creek restoration projects. The City has gained national recognition for its urban creek stewardship and restoration program. Despite our success, future federal earmarks for this kind of improvement project are less certain, putting the City into the position of competing for these federal funds. Competitive grant funding opportunities will require a local cost share match and the bond funds supporting this proposed improvement project will provide matching funds and are likely to leverage considerably more state, federal, and private funding.

Justification:

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Revenue							
Bond Proceeds	500	0	0	0	0	0	500
State Grant Revenue	0	500	0	0	0	0	500
Project Total:	500	500	0	0	0	0	1,000

O & M Costs

DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Project ID: ECD07984

Project Type: Reconstruction

Start Date: May 2008

Location:

End Date: May 2009

Description:

Anchorage has been without a downtown library since the Loussac Library moved to its Midtown location. The new Downtown Branch Library will not only serve downtown residents but also the thousands of Anchorage residents that work downtown and the visitors coming to our city. The Downtown Branch will be different from other branch libraries, focusing on electronic resources, computer technology, and a strong Alaskan and business collection.

Comments:

Justification:

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Revenue							
Other Sources	500	0	0	0	0	0	500
State Grant Revenue	500	0	0	0	0	0	500
Project Total:	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,000

O & M Costs

LOUSSAC LIBRARY

Project ID: ECD07002

Project Type: Upgrade

Start Date: January 2007

Location: Assembly: Areawide, House: Areawide, Community: Areawide

End Date:

Description:

Loussac Library has served over 10 million visitors since opening in 1986 and the aging building is suffering from cumulative wear and tear as well as limitations of outdated technology. Funding is sought to repair the roof, install a new HVAC system, rebuild the crumbling terrace, repair and enhance the outdoor sidewalks, create a more efficient and safer book deposit, create a connection to the Cuddy Park, remodel floors 2-4 to improve security and to adjust for changes in technology and staffing patterns. Funds will also be used to establish a teen area; create a computer lab; upgrade public access computer terminals and media handling; replace worn and damaged carpeting and furniture, wall coverings, and perform safety upgrades.

Comments:

Justification:

Loussac Library is the heart of our community. It serves hundreds of people everyday which has created enormous wear on the building over the last 20 years. Mccool Carlson Green has conducted an architectural and engineering study of the building that itemizes the critical needs to fix safety and structural issues and modernize the building.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Revenue							
Bond Proceeds	2,500	0	0	0	0	0	2,500
Other Sources	3,000	1,000	0	0	0	0	4,000
State Grant Revenue	3,000	1,000	0	0	0	0	4,000
Project Total:	8,500	2,000	0	0	0	0	10,500

O & M Costs

MOUNTAIN VIEW LIBRARY

Project ID: ECD07008

Project Type: Upgrade

Start Date: October 2007

Location: Assembly: Section 1, Seat B, House: House District 20,
Community: Mountain View

End Date: October 2009

Description:

In 2004, \$500,000 in a State appropriation was designated for restoring the Mountain View Library to its original location on the corner of Bragaw Street and Mountain View Drive. The very small "pocket library" was located in Clark Middle School until it closed in May 2007. The neighborhood strongly support the renovation and expansion of the old building to return a much-needed library to this community. The existing \$500,000 plus an additional \$390,000 in MOA Community Development Block Grant funds are being used to redesign the interior of the original building and make necessary safety improvements. Additional funds are being raised from private sources to build the community room and make exterior enhancements.

Comments:

Justification:

Mountain View has been without a real library for more than 20 years. The new library and community room will provide community space where residents of all ages can use library resources, participate in library and community classes and programs, access the Internet, and be exposed to the latest technology. It will provide young children a place to engage in early learning and give older children and teens a positive, enriching place to go after school and on weekends.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Revenue							
Other Sources	415	0	0	0	0	0	415
State Grant Revenue	300	0	0	0	0	0	300
Project Total:	715	0	0	0	0	0	715

O & M Costs