

2021 Capital Improvement Budget Library Department

(in thousands)

Projects	Bonds	State	Federal	Other	Total
Loussac Library - Alaska Room	500	-	-	-	500
Total	500	-	-	-	500

2021 - 2026 Capital Improvement Program Library Department

(in thousands)

Projects	Year	Bonds	State	Federal	Other	Total
Libraries						
Downtown Library	2022	-	2,300	-	-	2,300
Loussac Library - Alaska Room	2021	500	-	-	-	500
Loussac Library Children's Area Renovation	2022	250	-	-	-	250
	2023	2,250	-	-	-	2,250
		2,500	-	-	-	2,500
Loussac Library Phase Two	2023	-	4,000	-	-	4,000
	2024	5,000	-	-	5,000	10,000
	2025	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
	2026	-	-	-	16,000	16,000
		5,000	14,000	-	21,000	40,000
Mountain View Library - Upgrades and Addition	2023	1,000	1,500	-	-	2,500
Muldoon Library Relocation	2024	500	-	-	-	500
	2025	2,000	3,000	-	-	5,000
		2,500	3,000	-	-	5,500
	Total	11,500	20,800	-	21,000	53,300

Downtown Library

Project ID	LIB2019003	Department	Library
Project Type	New	Start Date	June 2022
District		End Date	December 2023

Community Council**Description**

To construct a 4,000 square foot (SF) facility in downtown Anchorage to open a new library, taking advantage of a significant private donation that will fund basic library operations in perpetuity.

Comments

The Anchorage Public Library and Anchorage Library Foundation (ALF) are working to establish a downtown library, which has the potential to play an important role in the revitalization of downtown and could serve as an anchor tenant for a multi-use development. This project is made possible by a generous \$9M bequest from Janet and John Goetz, long-time downtown residents who had a vision to establish a walkable library to serve the diverse needs of downtown residents, workers, and visitors. ALF has 75% of the funding needed to purchase and construct a 4,000 SF library and pay for ALL library operations. The Municipality seeks \$2.3M from the State of Alaska for capital needs, and ALF would raise an additional \$2M in private support to go toward the existing \$10M endowment that would pay for library operations in perpetuity.

A Downtown Library annual operations would be approximately \$500,000/year to operate a 4,000 SF facility for 39 hours/week. In order to fully fund 100% of library operations in perpetuity, ALF estimates that it needs an endowment of \$12.5M with an annual 4% distribution to generate \$500,000/year.

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		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Revenue Sources	Fund							
SOA Grant Revenue-Direct	401900 - Areawide General CIP Grant	-	2,300	-	-	-	-	2,300
Total (in thousands)		-	2,300	-	-	-	-	2,300

Loussac Library - Alaska Room

Project ID	LIB2020003	Department	Library
Project Type	Improvement	Start Date	June 2021
District		End Date	December 2023

Community Council**Description**

Anchorage Public Library, with support from the Anchorage Library Foundation (ALF), is planning the creation of a new Alaska Room at Loussac Library. The project includes building a new Alaska Room and restoring the adjacent meeting areas of the Ann Stevens Room and Galleria, which are used for author talks, book discussions, community dialog, and art exhibits. The goal of the project is to bring Alaska and Anchorage history to life, make it relevant to community members of all ages and backgrounds, and use collaborative learning and exploration to develop solutions to today's issues. The Library is applying an incoming bequest gift of \$200,000 toward this project and ALF is overseeing a \$1M capital campaign for the remaining funds. A request submitted to the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) in May 2020 for \$390,000 has a strong chance of being funded (NEH decision will be made in December 2020) and ALF is working to secure several additional private gifts that can be used as match funding for this bond.

Comments

The new Alaska Room will be centrally located on the third floor of the main building and will be configured to highlight the stunning views of the nearby Chugach mountain range. The room will be glassed in to maintain quiet, while promoting access by making the room visible and inviting. The design will be bright and professional, using natural finishes, but will still maintain the traditional coziness of the previous space. The room will feature books, microfilm, maps, and other resources, as well as study tables, comfortable reading chairs and small study rooms. Adjacent to the Alaska Room, the Ann Stevens Room and Galleria will be restored and used for Alaska programs as part of this project. Renderings and floor plans have been created by the Municipality of Anchorage's contract architect, McCool Carlson and Green and cost estimates have been completed by HMS, an Anchorage-based construction cost-estimating firm. The initial cost estimate of \$1.562M includes creation of the new Alaska Room, restoration of the Ann Stevens Room and Galleria, purchase of technical equipment (microfilm readers, scanners), a 1% for Art installation, disruption planning and moving, and administrative expenses.

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		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Revenue Sources	Fund							
Bond Sale Proceeds	401100 - Areawide General CIP Bond	500	-	-	-	-	-	500
Total (in thousands)		500	-	-	-	-	-	500

Loussac Library Children's Area Renovation

Project ID	LIB2020004	Department	Library
Project Type	Improvement	Start Date	June 2021
District		End Date	December 2023

Community Council**Description**

This project will renovate the children's area on the second floor of Z.J. Loussac Library. One of the most popular and well-used spaces in the Library, the area has not been updated since the Library opened in 1986. In addition to an outdated floor plan that hinders efficiency, the space looks worn down and the carpet is unpeeling and worn in many places. The project includes architectural and engineering design; replacement of carpet, shelving, and furniture; lighting, structural, and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) upgrades; and a reconfiguration of the layout to be more welcoming to children and more efficient for the modern needs of a library.

The 2013 Loussac Library Master Plan and a 2017 cost estimate by HMS put the project at \$2.35M (includes construction, architectural/engineering (A/E), project management, permits, 1% for art, and contingency) for a spring 2021 construction date.

The Library seeks guidance from the Administration on the best approach to funding this project, potentially over several bond cycles. We could use a first-year bond to fund A/E fees, as well as some of the most critical needs, and seek a second bond to complete the project. It is possible that if a bond is passed, the Library Foundation could use that to leverage future private funding.

Comments

Generations of Alaskans have grown up in the Loussac Library children's area. It is a place where our children take their first steps, read their first words, and meet their first friends. It is also where they learn about being part of a community that is bigger than themselves and their families. Parents come to the space because it allows them to meet other supportive adults, find resources for parenting, and introduce their children to the joy of reading.

However, after over thirty years of use, the children's area is showing its age. The children who first enjoyed the space are now bringing their own kids. An investment in this space will show our community that Anchorage cares about and invests in our young people. The Library is a critical piece in our community's early literacy initiatives, and a commitment in this area is needed more than ever. In Anchorage, only 43% of students enter Kindergarten ready to learn. A vibrant and exciting children's area at Loussac Library can be a centerpiece for our city to overcome this grim statistic.

Already a popular space, the Library has full audiences for daily storytimes and can bring in thousands for special events like Harry Potter's Birthday and Noon Year's Eve. A newly renovated children's area will draw even larger audiences and ensure that more Anchorage families take advantage of this valuable resource for early learning and childhood development.

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		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Revenue Sources	Fund							
Bond Sale Proceeds	401100 - Areawide General CIP Bond	-	250	2,250	-	-	-	2,500
Total (in thousands)		-	250	2,250	-	-	-	2,500

Loussac Library Phase Two

Project ID	LIB2017003	Department	Library
Project Type	Rehabilitation	Start Date	January 2023
District	Assembly: Areawide	End Date	December 2028

Community Council**Description**

Construction for Phase 2 of the Loussac Renewal

Comments

The Z.J. Loussac Library (Loussac) is one of Anchorage's premier cultural institutions, completed in 1986 as part of the "Project 80s" investment in public facilities. In commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of the Loussac, the Municipality launched a once-in-a-generation renewal of this vital and beloved Anchorage institution. The Loussac Library Master Plan of 2011--produced by a team of architects, engineers, and library experts--laid out a complete plan to address building deficiencies, improve building systems, and bring the facility up-to-date to respond to today's community needs.

The first phase of the Master Plan--a renovation of the entrance and ground floor--was completed in 2017, but more work remains to be done.

There is \$40M worth of work to be done on the facility. Specific project tasks to be addressed in a second and final renovation include:

- Seismic upgrades
- Energy efficiency improvements
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrades
- Building system upgrades/repairs
- Life safety upgrades
- Renovations to public spaces on the 4th floor and children's area to respond to community demand for education and workforce development programs
- New furnishings, carpet and signage to match the new spaces
- Interior and exterior refinishing

The Municipality and the Anchorage Library Foundation will work with private funders and the State of Alaska to secure grants to match the Municipal bond when the state has recovered from the recession. \$4M is needed for design work as the first step.

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		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Revenue Sources	Fund							
Restricted Contributions	401800 - Areawide General CIP Contributions	-	-	-	5,000	-	16,000	21,000
SOA Grant Revenue-Direct	401900 - Areawide General CIP Grant	-	-	4,000	-	10,000	-	14,000
Bond Sale Proceeds	401100 - Areawide General CIP Bond	-	-	-	5,000	-	-	5,000

	<u>Loussac Library Phase Two</u>						
Total (in thousands)	-	-	4,000	10,000	10,000	16,000	40,000
O & M Costs							
Contr To Other Funds	-	-	500	500	500	-	1,500
Total (in thousands)	-	-	500	500	500	-	1,500

Mountain View Library - Upgrades and Addition

Project ID	LIB2021001	Department	Library
Project Type	Renovation	Start Date	June 2023
District	19-J: Mountainview	End Date	December 2025

Community Council**Description**

Upgrades and addition to the Mountain View Library. \$2.5M for design, construction, furnishings, fixtures, and equipment for rehabilitation and upgrades.

Comments

Opened in 2009, the Mountain View Library has demand and usage that far exceeds the original capacity of the building. The original floor plan for the building does not adequately serve today's needs--there is a demand for computers and collaborative work areas, dedicated teen areas, and small study rooms that the Library is currently unable to meet. Additionally, after almost ten years of heavy wear-and-tear, the building is in need of new paint, surfaces, and furniture. This critical infusion of maintenance and upgrades at the ten-year+ mark will make sure the Municipality extends the life of this valuable community asset.

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		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Revenue Sources	Fund							
SOA Grant Revenue-Direct	401900 - Areawide General CIP Grant	-	-	1,500	-	-	-	1,500
Bond Sale Proceeds	401100 - Areawide General CIP Bond	-	-	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Total (in thousands)		-	-	2,500	-	-	-	2,500

Muldoon Library Relocation

Project ID	LIB2020001	Department	Library
Project Type	New	Start Date	June 2024
District	Assembly: Section 5, Seats H & I	End Date	December 2027

Community Council**Description**

Construction of a new library location in the Muldoon area. The first year request is for architectural and engineering design costs, and year two is for construction costs.

Comments

The library plans to move to a new location that has better visibility and is more closely tied into the recent housing and retail developments that have grown in the area. There is an increased population and development moving into Muldoon, creating a need and opportunity for the library to lease a space that is better suited for community needs. Improvements would include a a building with better visibility, a meeting room that could be used when the library is closed and more space for local teens and children.

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		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Revenue Sources	Fund							
Bond Sale Proceeds	401100 - Areawide General CIP Bond	-	-	-	500	2,000	-	2,500
SOA Grant Revenue-Direct	401900 - Areawide General CIP Grant	-	-	-	-	3,000	-	3,000
Total (in thousands)		-	-	-	500	5,000	-	5,500