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RE: Alcohol Tax fund appropriation in Girdwood

Thank you for discussing the Alcohol Tax at our October 2024 MOA/GBOS Meeting. As Q1 revisions are underway, GBOS has determined we will submit this list from October 2024 to the Administration and appropriate staff. The list has been modified as needs have evolved.

As Girdwood self-funds police and fire service with local property tax funds for contract with Whittier Police Dept and Girdwood Fire Department, it is important to ensure that the area-wide tax provides assistance that is accessible to those in Girdwood and to our service providers. In the past, Girdwood contractors have received additional training via the alcohol tax, and the Service Area has received assistance in working with unhoused individuals via these funds.

Chief Weston – GFD; 907-280-9663; chief@girdwoodfire.com

1) Polaris Ranger	\$50,000
2) labor staffing	\$58,800
(3 firefighters for extra coverage in summer and 1 firefighter on shift daily)	
3) firefighter wellness/strength training program	\$28,000
Chief Achee – WPD; 907-744-7466; policechief@whittieralaska.gov	
1) Portable Breath Test device (PBT) \$700 x 2	\$1,400
2) Hand pack radio	\$7,000
Total request for GVSA Public Safety:	\$145,200

Thank you very much for your consideration and support. We appreciate the Municipal Staff and Assembly Members for their work with AR 2024-278 - Alcohol Tax Strategic Plan and the follow up.

Briana Sullivan

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