

- **Grants update:**

- Good River Bridge Repairs and Embankment Stabilization – Denali Commission – 792,500 (79,490 match)
Update –We are working on a Scope, Budget and Risk Assessment in order to receive the award agreement.
- Safe Streets 4 All Sidepath Planning Grant – Federal USDOT – 200K
Update - Jim Mackovjak and I had a meeting with James Marks and Britta Hamre of AML. Nils Andreasson of AML asked us if we needed help with the application. AML has a cohort group of municipalities for whom they are producing 20 SS4A safety action plans and have contracts in place with planning, engineering, and data firms to create economies of scale for producing them in a systematic and structure methodology. We submitted our application separately without realizing this opportunity, however we are requesting through FHWA- DOT to list AML as a subrecipient so we can enlist their help, shorten the procurement processes and benefit from the economies of scale and resources they offer.
- Brothers Helping Brothers – Lucas Device
Update- We submitted a Rasmusson application for the additional 17K Also - just today 11/7, I talked to Thor Christianson of SEREMS, and they will be submitting a multi organization USDA grant for equipment and will include GVFD for the 17K for the Lucas Device in the process. That will be extremely helpful for us because the USDA paperwork was not only burdensome and very time intensive for the small amount being requested, but communications/responses with the Wasilla USDA office is at times difficult.
- National League of Cities – Advancing Economic Mobility – Match AP&T for heat pump acquisition - 20K
Update - We have received 7 applications so far. The city will be making application for 3 units. We participated in their cohort meeting and are scheduled for our 2nd coaching call meeting. Applicants have been wondering about application approvals. There was a problem with the funds transfer to our account. NLC has a fiscal intermediary for processing their accounts payable and somehow between NLC, their intermediary and our bank, it was routed to a different bank. They were finally able to track that error and will be reissuing the funds to our account. As soon as the funds are in our account, we can start sending approvals. The recipient questionnaire has been emailed to NLC to be sure it includes the data they would like to capture, they have provided comments, and we will be discussing that survey at the next coaching call meeting. We will also be asking for a grant extension.
- CDS for Compost Facility –was moved by Senator Murkowski
No update - Although the **\$596,000.00** project was included in the Senate committee appropriations bill, the committee bill still needs to pass the full Senate, and then the Senate and the House need to reconcile the different versions of the appropriations bills. Since all they managed to pass was a continuing resolution, we do not know if and when this will come to fruition. Even then the appropriations bill needs to be passed and signed into law. They do not have a timeline on when this will occur and are slightly ambivalent on the process at this point. With a new administration, and considering which senator the CDS came from, I'm not holding my breath for approval.
- Crossett Foundation Salmon River Park Phase II Playground Expansion Pathway – 20K
Update - Chuck continues to plug away at the project.
- DRC Recycling Center
Update - The CATEX (categorical exclusion) permit has now been approved so we do not have to do a NEPA study. That is really good news. John Barry discovered a math error from PND in the original engineering estimates for the three concepts that I had included in the CDS request. The PND engineering

firm must not have extended their formula/calculation cells/columns on excel down to the last line before the total, on 2 out of 3 of their concept estimates (or added that item to their documents as an afterthought not carried from excel?). These three concepts were included in the Murkowski CDS application because one of the application questions asked whether the amount requested was scalable. We were funded at the lowest concept amount. (Maybe I should have said no?)

Luckily, there was a 15% contingency fee in the original estimate. We needed clarification from EPA on whether that was allowable. It turns out a contingency is allowed as long as it follows certain CFR. We reduced the percentage and adjusted a few items to equal the original allocation. We now need to submit that and other documents for review. Then we will need to enter everything in grants.gov.

- AFG- Water Tender

Update – There is another opportunity to get assistance from a professional organization called NPPGov that serves public and non-profit markets as a cooperative purchasing organization providing access to contracts created through an RFP process conducted by a Lead Public Agency. If anyone is interested, you can look here: <https://nppgov.com/>

- PIDP – 2M

No update – Still no News- This project will advance the planning and design for a critical small boat harbor system in the rural town of Gustavus, Alaska. This grant will fund a feasibility study and preliminary design to at least 35%, to include a Federal NEPA document. Award announcements are expected sometime in early November.

- GVFD Truck and Skid Unit

Update – The paperwork was submitted from our end and grant agreement has been received from DCCED and is fully executed. Specs for the truck have been finalized and we are looking at quotes and where to best solicit prices.

- The Cybersecurity Assessment report from Structured is complete and the City Council received a report at the special meeting on Monday 11/4. The next step is to look at what can be accomplished immediately and what needs to be part of a project application – particularly policy development.
 - Transportation Planning – A summary document was emailed by the facilitator. I'm hoping it was just a draft because it appears to not include everything we spoke about. I will be asking about that and whether it is a finalized document.
 - Roads – We continue to work with GBC on a few areas needing additional work which includes trees overhanging on Rink Creek, moving some berms to accommodate AP&T replacing an old plywood box to an updated box and to move it further off the road. I have attempted without success to have a conversation with ACS to hopefully relocate their pedestal and booster at the same time.
 - Medical Director - Dr. Vaught, who has been a knowledgeable and gracious volunteer as GVFD's Medical Director, will be stepping down in December. As a result, there will be a transition to Dr. Quigley Peterson who after much searching, has agreed to be our Medical Director. There are, however, costs associated with that, and a contract will need to be approved for the remainder of the fiscal year. At this time, we have estimated that contract to be just slightly under \$5,000 (thanks for Dr. Vaught's and Leah's offer of a vehicle and housing) so council approval is not needed at this time. Additionally, we have revised the GVFD budget so that a budget amendment is not necessary. By December's meeting we hope to have a contract drafted for your approval and to expect an increment in the GVFD budget for next fiscal year.
 - Council questions or comments?
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