

- **Grants update:**

- GR Bridge Repairs and Embankment Stabilization – Denali Commission – 792.5K (79,490 match)  
*Update* –We continue to work on a Scope, Sequence and Budget to receive the award agreement. Risk Assessment has been completed.
- Safe Streets 4 All Sidepath Planning Grant – Federal USDOT – 200K  
*Update* – We have submitted the draft forms and budget revision to FHWA with assistance from AML, naming AML as subrecipient. We submitted our application separately, but 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 anticipate this will shorten the procurement processes and benefit from the economies of scale and resources they offer.
- Brothers Helping Brothers – Lucas Device  
*Update*- We are waiting to hear about a Rasmusson application for the additional 17K Also – We are waiting on an update about SERUMS submitting a multiorganizational equipment grant to the USDA.
- National League of Cities – Advancing Economic Mobility - Match AP&T for heat pump acquisition - 20K  
*Update* - We have received 12 applications now. During our coaching call meeting we explained that we need an extension since we hadn't received the ACH transfer yet and also because of recent electrical rate reductions. We can now send out approvals to applicants. Additionally, with reduced electrical rates, we will readvertise for the program.
- CDS for Compost Facility –was moved by Senator Murkowski  
*Update* –**\$596,000.00** project was included in the Senate committee appropriations bill which still needs to pass the full Senate, and then the Senate and the House need to reconcile the different versions of the appropriations bills. However, it looks like another CR is in the works – needed to pass by 12/20, so we still do not know if and when this appropriation will come to fruition. That said, I am working with HDR who we have under contract to assist with grants, on submitting another SWIFR Grant for this project that is due by 12/20.
- DRC Recycling Center  
*Update* - We have submitted the requisite paperwork that needs to be added in grants.gov for the program folks at EPA to review before entering it into the grants portal.
- AFG- Water Tender  
*Update* – The specs have been updated from the original project description for more flexibility of capacity for water tank and hose connections. Those changes have been submitted to FEMA for approval. As previously mentioned, we are being assisted by 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

*Update-* We were *not* awarded this grant. There were several communities in Alaska who were awarded funding, but they were for a lot more expensive projects than ours. Back to the drawing board. I spoke with the new ADOT Field Office Chief about this issue at the AML conference, and she seems eager to regroup to see how they can help move something else forward. We will schedule a debrief with the granting agency to learn where we can score better.

- GVFD Truck and Skid Unit

*Update* – Sol is working on getting quotes from various vendors.

- A lot of my time has been spent on dealing with the fallout from the LBC decision to approve the Xunaa Borough. I have been mainly dealing with the logistics of coordinating the affected cities in sharing of resources for them and their attorneys in order to formulate a Request for Reconsideration without everyone having to reinvent the wheel. You have before you a resolution to approve that action for Gustavus.
- Roads – GBC has removed the dangerous trees overhanging on Rink Creek and moved the berm to accommodate AP&T in updating their utility box and moving it further off the road. Still no success with ACS to hopefully relocate their pedestal and booster.
- VPSO- Sean Ahshapanek from Tlingit and Haida contacted me about a VPSO for Gustavus. He's being asked by Public Safety to have a discussion with us. I explained a bit of the history and how Gustavus was fairly well split on LE in the community. I told him they need to consider a seasonal VPSO during the summer to accommodate the jet, which we had previously been told was not possible. At some point we need to resurrect the conversation around LE to comply with the TSA requirement for Alaska Airlines.
- Public Services Librarian – We held interviews with all 6 applicants. There were several good candidates that we narrowed down to two finalists. We then had follow- up interviews where each provided a demo about a program they would offer at the library. Both candidates provided a good presentation but, in the end, we chose Nina Valadez who is long time library volunteer and who has worked with other programs around the community. Please welcome Nina as our new Public Services Librarian!
- Last week I attended the Alaska Municipal Managers meeting and the Annual Municipal League Conference along with Mayor McLaughlin and Council member Lucas Beck. Clerk Barker attended the City Clerks Conference. It was a full schedule attending several sessions and the AML Business Meeting where they voted on newly submitted resolutions that will be provided to the legislature.  
Some topics covered at AMMA - A panel on innovative employee benefits, demonstrating some successful practices in attracting and retaining employees and making succinct and understandable policies. One thing I noticed is that several communities much smaller than ours, such as Seldovia at 252, have many more staff and departments than Gustavus. Another topic was how to get off to a good start with a new Council/Assembly. Of particular note among several recommendations was to clearly define communication expectations and to set aside time for council/manager conversations. Another good topic was Biennial Budgets. We may want to have a conversation about that as it does prove to be a timesaver. I applied for and received a scholarship of \$1200 to offset the costs for attending the conference.  
Some notable (but not all) topics at the AML Conference – I attended a few different sections on infrastructure and other grants. How to deal with reporting and regulatory compliance and other resources. I also attended an Equitable Transportation Planning Session, where I brought up our issues with ability to use the ramp at the dock for offloading other than for the ferry. I'm waiting to get this presentation link to share. A Competitive Bidding Processes panel proved quite informational, and I found out we can use the state's procurement of supplies and materials vendors through their contracts for materials pricing. Another valuable session was about Leveraging Data Tools and Techniques for the Municipal Process. Hopefully, we can approach some of the agencies performing community mapping and Lidar activities that will be useful as we look at road improvements. Once AML puts out the link to the presentations, I will share that with the Council.
- Council questions or comments?