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Last four months of 2022 were very busy months for me in this new position of City Manager.

I did attend two grant writing seminars and plan on more updates on grants as new classes are scheduled.

TKC has announced the 2023 Middle Kuskokwim Gathering for February 28 through March 2. This gathering will be a good forum to bring up the needs of all of us working together to bring about needed changes or implementation of programs regarding our livelihood.

- New demographics for our area that all stakeholders can utilize for grants or programs funded by the State.
- Joint ventures in acquiring new heavy equipment to use in our community in building structures, road maintenance, snow removal to mitigate Spring flooding potential, landfill management, sewer lagoon management, riverbank erosion abatement, City dock and boat launch ramp, etc.
- MOU or MOA for joint projects to share costs for dry wood clearing. Need chain saws to cutting down dead trees or cut fallen trees for local firewood. This would eliminate potential fire hazards including safety and health hazards.

Planning purpose only – “squeaky wheel gets the grease”. We have potential financial needs that we need to identify as “special projects” that we need to ask the State Legislature for “special funding”. To that end, the City needs to attend one or two days in Juneau during the Legislative session of 2023. A trip to Juneau could and should be done either late

March of early April. We have two representatives in Juneau that may not really have visited Aniak except during their campaign stops.

We will also need to prepare a list of Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) for our community. We will then need to get support letters to include as we submit our list to the State Legislature.

I have started my research for Federal grants for funds to revitalize our Fire Department in hopes to hire a paid Fire Chief. Other programs would include getting certified Volunteer Fire Fighters, EMTs and First Responders This may also serve to start a Search & Rescue Team.