

ARPA Update

We have received our first tranche of funding for ARPA and it's not what we thought it was going to be. The amount received is \$284,842.85. I was told by a DCRA employee that we may receive more funding shortly and I asked her to keep me updated, but have not heard from her.

I have been researching grant opportunities through ARPA that may be appropriate for Dillingham. I have down loaded the NOFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity) for the Economic Adjustment Assistance grant that looks to be a good fit. However, if EDA thinks another program under EDA works better they will make the decision to process the grant under a different heading. My next step is to get access to Grants.gov to get to the application and begin familiarizing myself with what EDA is looking for. We already have a SAM's number all I need is Anita to get me access.

I am communicating with Senator Murkowski's office about the possibility of getting the Harbor Floats (includes utility extensions) via an earmark in an upcoming infrastructure bill. I have not heard back from Jamie O'Conner yet whom I have reached to as a staffer in Lisa's office. I think there is a good possibility this could happen but we shall see. The project is \$6.6 million dollars. A good plan B would be the grant via EAA. There may be other projects we want to apply for as well.

I am not waiting for the grant writer because this funding is first come first serve so I don't think we should delay, but of course keep pressing ahead for the grant writer RFP.

The council should have a workshop to prioritize projects very soon. We want the grant writer to hit the ground running.

I also need to review the NOFO for the build back america grant which I should get to next week.

Thanks

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