

- **Grants/Projects update:**

- Compost Facility

No Update – Still waiting to hear on the SWIFER Grant submittal. The deadline for year 26 application is January 23, 2026. I'm not sure how they think we should know whether to reapply if we still don't know the outcome of the previous year's application. I intend to send this question to Senator Murkowski's office.

- DRC - Recycling Center

Update – We met yesterday 12/2 to review and evaluate the 2 two submitted proposals. We are checking references and looking at a couple of other considerations before we attempt to negotiate with a particular respondent.

- Good River Bridge Repair and Embankment Stabilization Project

Update – RESPEC submitted the 20% design documents. We met to discuss their preliminary documents and budget. They are will be addressing some of our questions and concerns. They are also trying to find out as built information from when the bridge was constructed to help with their engineering of bridge-related structural details.

- PIDP – Dock/Floats Protection - MARAD funding

No Update – The grant has been submitted, and we are awaiting notification – one way or the other.

[MARAD-250225-001 Updated PIDP Notice of Funding Opportunity | MARAD](#)

- FLAP – Federal Lands Access Program for the sidepath from Good River corner to the NPS Boundary

Update – The application has been submitted. It had been extended due to the shutdown and needing to get the Federal Land Management Agency's (FLMA) joint endorsement. It was signed off by GLBA Acting Superintendent Joni Seay and submitted by DOT&PF on behalf of the City of Gustavus.

- Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program (RTA) Application

No Update – The program received 799 applications across 49 states and three US territories totaling over \$789 million in requested funding. This is a first come first served application and ours was input into the portal as soon as it opened but it is unknown where we are in the queue. It is unknown when the awards will be announced.

<https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/RuralandTribalGrants>

- FEMA – AFG Water Tender

Update – We are working with the vendor to get a contract in place. I contacted FEMA's generic email that I was provided when new administrative rules came into play, and we have now been assigned someone (back at Region 10) to work with. The interim fire chief met with a group of folks knowledgeable about equipment and they posed some questions/concerns to the vendor to get more details on warranty and repairs should repairs or diagnostics be needed. We are looking at responses and hope to move forward with a contract with the vendor.

- Septage

No Update – We are waiting to hear from ADEC. Anita Erickson, Village Safe Water Engineer met with HDR to go over all of the comments. She has also been working closely with their management due to the complications with the PER and the need to change the executive summary and one or more approaches originally detailed. I believe the plan is to have a meeting with everyone once HDR has had time to work through the comments. They did not receive any comments from the community other than what was shared by John Barry, Ian Barrier and me.

- Safe Streets for All (SS4A)

No Update – We are still negotiating the agreement with AML as the subrecipient. Jim Mackovjak continues to attend the cohort and other meetings for the SS4A process. There will be an SS4A session at the AML meeting this week.

- Thriving Communities Cohort

Update - This ongoing grant allows AML and ADOT&PF to work with us to identify community transportation needs and projects, help us prioritize them, and offer help in making those needs a reality. This includes:

- **Technical Assistance** – Guidance in navigating federal funding opportunities
- **Skill Building** – Enhancing the skills and capabilities of local government to manage transportation needs
- **Planning Support** – Assistance in developing local transportation plans
- **Community Engagement** – Facilitation of public involvement
- **Resource Identification** – Help in identifying and accessing relevant funding sources

AML and ADOT have already assisted us with grants such as FLAP and Rural and Tribal Communities submissions. TCP is a three year process, and we have met to discuss the planning work involved, determine the technical assistance needed whether from within their (AML's) ranks or with planners, grant writers, engineers, or other technical personnel. This is free assistance based on our needs, in an effort to build capacity in the community (or region).

- I will be attending the AML Annual Conference in Anchorage the week of December 8th. All three of us were all fortunate to receive scholarships or stipends to help offset the costs of travel and lodging. There are specific sectionals that relate to Thriving Communities, a few of which we will attend. Liesl, Lucas and I have coordinated which conference sessions we will attend that best aligns to our positions and our work at the City.
- **Xunaa Borough Update:** The Mayor has an overview to present.
- **Strengthening Gateway Communities:** Now that the federal government is back at work, we hope to get an update to some items requiring follow up from the initial meeting.
- A list of other tasks/items:
 - Participate regularly in weekly Infrastructure Office Hours and other related meetings and seminars, including community engagement, grant/project updates and our Thriving Communities cohort.
 - Interim Fire and consulting with Travis Miller to provide
 - Various HR items
 - Contracted with Travis Miller to provide onboarding and operations support, a department assessment, and other tasks to support the Interim Fire Chief in a positive direction going forward. Met with him and Johan to review and prioritize tasks during his week here in Gustavus.
 - I wrote an EFG proposal to help fund the FF1 course. It was approved by the committee.
 - Working with CTE teacher on bench/picnic table project
 - AP&T items – electrical upgrades for firehall/city hall
 - Staff Meeting – reviewed/discussed travel policies and compensation related to travel
 - AFFF disposal – There were some chain of custody labeling snafus (from Alaska Clean Harbors), but we finally worked it out and the 2 overpacks of AFFF should be shipped out on Thursday December 4 for disposal. Finally! Thanks to Johan for finishing up the end of this process while I was on time off.
 - Continue to collaborate with UAF on the contract details for the FF1 training. They have had some staff changes and as a result we are still waiting on the contract, but the GVFD participants have their FF1 materials and are in the process of completing the on-line course.
- Council Questions or Comments?