



Project Scoping Document Nomination Short Form

Project eligibility

Does the proposed project represent a major, nonrecurring expense? YES ☒ NO ☐

Will the proposed project result in a fixed asset (e.g., land, major equipment, building or other structure, road or trail) with an anticipated life of at least two years? YES ☐ NO ☒

Will the project provide broad community benefit? YES ☒ NO ☐

If you were able to answer YES to all three questions, please provide the following additional information:

1. Project title (Suggested heading in CIP): 2025 Department Wide Firefighter 1 Training

2. Project description and benefit. Describe the project in half a page or less, including specific features, stages of construction, etc. Explain how the project will benefit the Gustavus community.

The goal of the project is to provide a firefighter 1 (FF1) course for the Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department responders. Firefighter 1 training is an entry-level certification program that prepares individuals for basic firefighting duties. It covers essential skills such as:

1. **Fire Suppression:** Techniques for safely fighting structural, wildland, and vehicle fires.
2. **Rescue Operations:** Basics of search and rescue, including victim removal and emergency evacuation.
3. **Ladder and Hose Operations:** Proper use of ladders, hose lines, and nozzle operations.
4. **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** Training on the use of firefighting gear (helmets, turnout gear, breathing apparatus).
5. **Fire Safety:** Understanding fire behavior, safety protocols, and preventing accidents.
6. **Hazardous Materials Awareness:** Basic knowledge of handling and identifying hazardous materials.
7. **Medical Skills:** Basic first aid, CPR, and trauma care.
8. **Communication:** Radio procedures and teamwork within the fire service.

The goal is to equip our responders with the foundational skills and knowledge needed to work effectively and safely in firefighting environments.

To achieve this goal, we first need to start with online classwork. The FF1 class is approximately 545 hours long, including the skills portion. The online work would be self-study, online lectures, and written testing. The classwork needs to be finished before the skills portion of the class.

The next portion of the class would be approximately two weeks of skills practice and testing in Fairbanks, AK. The stay in Fairbanks would require either an Airbnb, a series of dorms, or a hotel stay for the two weeks needed to attend the skills portion of the class. The trip would require us to bring our fire gear, excluding our SCBAs, to Fairbanks.

Providing the funding for seven responders to attend a Firefighter 1 class would be an excellent opportunity for the Gustavus community to enhance the safety of the Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department.

3. Plans and progress. Describe in one or two paragraphs what has been accomplished so far (if anything). This may include feasibility study, conceptual design, final design/engineering/permitting, fundraising activity, and total funds raised to date.

4. Project cost: (Rough Estimates)

- Course costs for up to 8 students 15,493
- Cost per student for materials
 - IFTSA FF1 7th Ed. Textbook and student course workbook
 - \$140 per book
 - IFTSA Hazardous Material Operations 6th Ed
 - \$90 per book
 - 2024 Emergency Response Guidebook
 - \$10 per book (we already have these books in stock)
 - State of Alaska FF1 and Hazmat testing fee
 - \$100 per student
- Total Course cost comes to \$18,213 for instruction averaging to \$2,277 per student
- Travel per student
 - Seaplanes= \$368 per student/ 7 students total at \$2,576
 - Planning on \$80 Excess weight charge for fire gear/ total of \$560
 - Freight charge \$45/ total \$315
 - Option B: Alaska Marine Highway= \$60 per student/ 7 students total \$420 one way/ \$840 round trip if ferry aligns with the class.
 - Alaska Airlines= \$553 per student/ 7 students total at \$3,871
- Hotel per student
 - Juneau (flights do not line up for only one day of traveling to Fairbanks)
 - Option A: super 8 = \$117.64 per student/ 7 Students total at \$823.48
 - Option B: AirBnB = \$806 for one night (whole house)
 - Fairbanks
 - Option A: AirBnb = Range from \$4,000 to \$10,000 for two weeks (whole house)
 - Option B: Hotel = \$2,030 per student/ 7 students total at \$14,210
 - Option C: Dorms = \$253 for one night for 7 students/ total at \$3,542

- Option D: Various Firehalls
- Car rental
 - Hertz (minivan): \$1,476.37
 - Enterprise (minivan): \$1,178.33
 - Turo (7 seats): \$1,319.78
 - Budget (minivan): \$1,555.99
- Total cost needed
 - \$32,000. This is based with Seaplanes, Super 8 in Juneau, Airbnb, and turo car rental with \$781.74 wiggle room. We'll plan to use the ferry if the ferry lines up with the dates, in this case it would be cheaper.

5. Timeline: Indicate when you hope to complete each phase of the project.

Please keep in mind that the CIP will not be published until the end of September.

Legislative funding (if any) would not be available until July of next year (or later) for state funding and October of next year (or later) for federal funding.

Once approved, we are hoping to have the class done by the end of February 2026.

6. Provide a quality digitized photo, drawing, map, or other graphic image of your project if possible.

N/A