



Project Planning: Attachment C

City of Gustavus Capital Improvement Plan Project Nomination Short Form

Project eligibility

Does the proposed project represent a major, nonrecurring expense? YES

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

Will the project provide broad community benefit? YES

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

1. Project title (Suggested heading in CIP):

Experiencing the City Beach Park: Providing non-motorized access to the Gustavus Beach Park for persons with limited mobility and physical disabilities.

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.

Motorized vehicles are prohibited in the Gustavus Beach Park and the adjacent meadowlands. This limits accessibility to the park by people with mobility challenges, physical disabilities, and families with infants or toddlers. It also makes it difficult to transport firewood and other picnic items to the community fire pit. This project will allow a more inclusive segment of our community and visitors to enjoy the hardened trail, the beach and the adjacent meadows by providing a Beach Wheelchair, Walker, Baby Jogger, utility cart, and storage shed.

Increased access to the beach will improve the health and well being of people with disabilities or limited mobility. The devices would benefit community members and visitors confined to wheelchairs, those who use walkers for mobility assistance or to help navigate uneven ground. It would also benefit the elderly and individuals who have recently had knee or hip surgery. The Gustavus has recently lost 2 community members due to cancer who were confined to a wheel chair during the final months of their lives. Just imagine how a beach wheel chair could have given them joy and resiliency if they could have been wheeled to the beach to spend time there with loved ones.

The advantages of these implements over personal wheelchairs or walkers is that the tires are considerably larger and allow the user to navigate obstacles such as snow, sand, gravel and the bumpy terrain of the meadow trails. This project will expand accessibility beyond the limits of the pavement and the hardened beach trail and will allow families and multi-generational groups to get “off the beaten path” and take full advantage of the positive

emotional and mental health benefits of Gustavus' natural environment. It will make great strides towards making the Gustavus Beach Park ADA compliant and accessible for all to enjoy.

The equipment will need to be stored in an 8' x 12' shed that is easily accessible to the handicap parking area near the dock. A potential location for the shed is near the bulk fuel tanks. This location is also conveniently located for light maintenance and oversight by the Marine Facilities employee.

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.

The progress made so far has been to research brands of all-terrain chairs and walkers and to talk with community members about the idea. It is common for all-terrain wheelchairs and walkers to be available to the public at various National, State and Local parks. DeBug beach chairs (<https://www.beachwheelchair.com>) are highly recommended and are used at National Parks in Alaska, including Lake Clark National Park.

A community member suggested that in addition to a beach wheelchair, a walker be added to the plan because she felt that her father, who uses a walker, would more likely use a walker than a wheelchair. A baby jogger was added at the suggestion of a family with a young child who would love to be able to get off the pavement and explore the meadow and beach as a family. The sturdy utility wagon was added to provide a way for anyone to haul heavy items (such as picnic items, chairs, firewood etc.) down the beach or to the community fire pit.

4. Project cost:

A. TOTAL COST (including funds already secured)

\$8,500.00

\$5,128; Total quote from DeBug for the chair, walker, and baby jogger including shipping:

- Standard Stainless Steel DeBug Fixed Leg Rest Beach Chair: \$2,475
- Aluminum Walker: \$1,160
- Baby Beach Jogger: \$ 943
- Shipping to Gustavus: \$550

\$200; for 4 cu. Foot Steel Garden Utility Cart:

\$3000, Estimate for Shed 8 x 12',

- \$2000 for the Kit
- \$1000 for extra materials for the flooring

\$200 Materials/artwork for a sign

B. For construction projects, break out preconstruction costs (feasibility/design/permitting):

Preconstruction costs = \$_____ Construction costs = \$_____

5. Timeline: Indicate when you hope to complete each phase of the project.
There is a 3-month production time for the DeBug products. The sales representative put our order in the queue in March, when the initial inquiry was made, so the delivery time could be much shorter than that.

For construction projects:

- B. Preconstruction phase to be completed by _____.
C. Construction phase to be completed by _____.



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



Two views of the beach chair



	<p>Steel Utility Cart available in Juneau at Home Depot and other sources</p>
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<p>Possible shed concepts that would be re-designed to fit the items and built by Marine Facilities Coordinator</p>		
		
<p>Shed options; pre cut kit Available at Home Depot: \$2000 https://www.homedepot.com/p/Handy-Home-Products-Majestic-Do-It-Yourself-8-ft-x-12-ft-Outdoor-Wood-Storage-Shed-with-transom-windows-and-wrap-around-loft-96-sq-ft-18631-8/202205311</p> <p>The Marine Facilities employee could assemble/construct this option. It does not include a floor or foundation.</p>	