

- I will let this speak for itself... We will still be pursuing other funding avenues through various agencies.

An email thread between me and Senator Murkowski's Appropriations staff Dana Herndon:

Thanks Dana. How exciting!

Please pass on our gratitude to Senator Murkowski.

We realize there are many steps to go, but still, remain hopeful. Funding for the compost facility phase of the DRC improvements would allow us to bundle both projects (with the recycle facility expansion) and would also allow for a single mobilization of equipment and pouring of concrete, which is a big piece of both projects. This would certainly prove more cost effective to only have to complete that once and also to manage one project.

Thanks again.

Kathy Leary, City Administrator

From: Herndon, Dana (Murkowski) <Dana_Herndon@murkowski.senate.gov>

Sent: Friday, June 7, 2024 8:45 AM

To: Kathy Leary <kathy.leary@gustavus-ak.gov>

Subject: Appropriations Update: Gustavus Composting Facility Improvements (Interior bill)

Dear Kathy,

Thank you for participating in the FY 2025 federal appropriations process and requesting Congressionally Directed Spending. We are writing to inform you that Senator Murkowski has put forward your request to the Appropriations Committee for consideration for \$596K.

Although encouraging, this is just one step in a long process, and we do not anticipate the Committee will be able to fully fund all the Senator's requests.

The next step in this year's process is for the individual bills to be "marked up," amended as needed, and approved by the Appropriations Committee. After that comes floor consideration and bicameral negotiations on final spending levels and individual provisions.

We will have more information about which Alaska projects are able to be funded, and at what level, towards the fall. We will keep you informed as we learn more.

On behalf of the Senator, we appreciate your engagement in this process, the time and effort you put into your application, and your patience as the appropriations cycle continues.

Sincerely,

Dana Herndon

Legislative Assistant, Senator Lisa Murkowski

- The Cybersecurity Assessment folks will be here tomorrow and Wednesday to perform meetings with staff and council members on their use of City Technology.
- Airport Law Enforcement/TSA issue –It is happening! I have met with two out of three of the officers at the airport, including the SE TSA Director, and thanked them on behalf of the city.

- DNR reps will be here tomorrow to visit DNR lands and review lands issues. One of those will be a tour of the gravel pit with our roads contractor to look at potential solutions for prolonging the life of the gravel pit or for expanding it. Finding a solution to this issue is critical and it needs to become a priority if we want to continue to improve our roads and for other local projects. (DRC expansion and long term septage solutions and road improvements.)
 - Road Maintenance RFP and Firehall Painting RFQ both were finalized and posted. Bids were received for both. Contract approval is before you tonight for Road Maintenance and also the NCO for painting the firehall.
 - In contact with Juneau septic to see when their summer schedule will start. They are repairing vehicles at the moment and the congested ferries are also an issue. I have asked that they respond to folks to at least give them some kind of a report as to when they might be out here.
 - As a reminder, we do not have the 300K in federal revenues that we had available to us in the last 3 years. As a result, we pre- Covid revenues, while adjusting for inflation, is how we need to balance the budget and still provide adequate services to our community. I ask that, in consideration of that, that you approve this budget as presented and passed at the May worksession.
 - The Environmental Information Document and supporting documents have been submitted to the NEPA review team at EPA HQ. They will let us know if there is anything more that they need. Now we need to pull together a draft work plan and budget. There are many hoops to jump through to get the funds being approved by the EPA.
 - I have been working with Maggie O'Brien and Karen McSpadden on placing a student for the SAIL Workforce Development Program. Students are being aligned with various employers and they will have a weekly coaching session and also perform their jobs. We have one student who will be floating for the City. He will work with Larry on Marine Facilities and various maintenance tasks; help tidy up the firehall in preparation for the painting and he will also fill in some volunteer shifts at the library, where needed. Maggie will be available to help train him at the library since she is a volunteer and is also hired by SAIL for oversight for this program. Melisa will have various other projects for him as well.
 - After Lee Parker of Frontier Freight contacted me about the shortage of deck space with no added ferry runs in June, I contacted Craig Tornga, AMHS Director, and Kerri Traudt, AMHS Scheduler and asked them to please add a ferry in June on the Pelican run. They have graciously done so and there will be an added ferry on June 22 and folks should be able to book it starting tomorrow.
 - John Barry and I kicked off the Areawide Septage Study with Anita Erickson, P.E. and her staff from the Village Safe Water Program. Trevor Richards and Bob Holmes of Juneau Septic participated as well. They are planning to come over in August for a site visit. After that we will have a discussion with the community and the council and will ask that PFAS involved folks attend at that time.
 - With employees out for a few trainings, this month has sure been busy!
 - Council Comments?
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