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TO: Wade Bryson, Chair  
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THROUGH: Denise Koch, Engineering and Public Works Director  
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SUBJECT: CBJ Grant Strategy Update – Q1 FY2025

This memo provides the latest update on efforts to apply for and secure funding opportunities available through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), and other state and federal funding opportunities in FY23 and FY24, as well as applications planned for the first quarter of FY25.

Since the last update in April 2024, the Department continues to research, share, and collaborate on funding opportunities and applications across CBJ departments and partner agencies. We have also been completing grant award agreements, moving projects forward and completing necessary reporting requirements. A list of planned and recently submitted applications are listed in the attachment.

CBJ was successfully awarded over \$21 million in grant funds for nine projects via eight discretionary (competitive) and one formula grant since December 2023:

- [Bus & Bus Facilities and Low- and No-Emission Grant Awards](#) FY24 - \$11,855,112; Acquisition of six electric busses (including replacement of the Proterra Bus), charging infrastructure, and workforce development program. (FTA funded)
- [Waste-to-Energy Technical Assistance](#) FY24 – 40 hrs. Technical Assistance (~\$50k value); Operational and economic feasibility study of a waste-to-energy (incinerator) solution for CBJ's municipal solid waste. (US Dept of Energy funded)
- [Reconnecting Communities & Neighborhoods](#) - \$653,520; Improving Nonmotorized Access with the Lemon Creek Multimodal Pathway (USDOT funded)
- [Community Transportation Program](#) - \$6,391,875; Vintage Boulevard and Clinton Drive Reconstruction (Alaska DOT&PF community grant funded)
- [Transportation Alternatives Program](#) - \$2,221,942; Montana Creek Bridge Replacement (Alaska DOT&PF community grant funded)
- [EECBG - Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant](#) - \$76,130; Electric Truck and charging infrastructure for Utilities Fleet (US Dept of Energy funded)
- [Thriving Communities Program](#) FY23 – 2 years Technical Assistance (~\$150k - \$300k value); Two years of technical assistance to advance infrastructure and access for housing development in "Kowee Subdivision" in partnership with Tlingit & Haida and Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority. (USDOT funded)
- [Hazard Mitigation Grant Program](#) - \$124,000; Juneau Hazard Mitigation Plan Update (Alaska DHS&EM/FEMA funded)

- [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\)](#) FY23 - \$86,000; Supplemental Planning Grant for non-motorized transportation study and community engagement in Lemon Creek (USDOT FHWA funded)

Beyond traditional grants, we continue to research and pursue relevant funding opportunities that align with CBJ needs and goals. These include partially forgivable loans<sup>1</sup> and energy rebate programs ([Direct Pay](#)<sup>2</sup>). Looking forward, we are conducting outreach, identifying potential partnerships, and investigating and applying for funding opportunities for a variety of project areas including flood and climate hazard mitigation, while also looking to maintain funding momentum for the Juneau Douglas North Crossing (JDNC), Lemon Creek Multimodal Path, CBJ utility infrastructure and CBJ's GHG emission reduction efforts. The Assembly's recently adopted Assembly Goals and annual Legislative Capital Priorities are guiding these efforts.

### **Congressionally Directed Spending**

The following FY24 projects received funding confirmation with the passage of the relevant federal appropriations bills on March 8 and March 22, 2024.

- *CBJ Radio System - \$2 million; engineering and design of replacement radio system*
- *Auke Bay Wave Attenuator (Breakwater) - \$500,000; feasibility study*
- *Bartlett Regional Hospital Emergency Department Addition - \$4 million*

CBJ submitted the following FY25 requests for Congressionally Directed Spending, which were due on March 31, 2024. The submitted projects were selected based on the FY2025 CBJ Legislative Capital Priorities list, project diversity, and their relevance to federal funding available this fiscal year.

- *Juneau Douglas North Crossing (JDNC) - \$23 million*
- *Mendenhall Wastewater Treatment Plant: Fats, Oils, Grease, Grit Removal (FOG)- \$5.95 million*
- *Juneau School District HVAC and Heating Controls - \$6.4 million*
- *Aurora Harbor Drive Down Float - \$10.696 million*
- *Auke Bay Wave Attenuator (Breakwater) - \$1.5 million*

CBJ was recently informed that Senator Murkowski's office advanced \$600,00 for the Auke Bay Wave Attenuator for inclusion in the Energy and Water bill but cannot confirm its inclusion until the bill is scheduled. It then needs to make it through the full federal budget process. The four remaining requests (JDNC, FOG, Aurora Drive Down Float, HVAC) were not included in legislation this year.

### **FY2025 State of Alaska Capital Appropriation**

Included in the recently signed state capital budget was \$5 million in matching funds for the CBJ Docks and Harbors Phase IV of the Aurora Harbor reconstruction project to finish the north end of the harbor.

*Attachment:*

*July 2024 EPW Planned and Pending Applications*

<sup>1</sup> <https://dec.alaska.gov/water/technical-assistance-and-financing/state-revolving-fund/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.whitehouse.gov/cleanenergy/directpay/>