



# MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 6, 2023  
**TO:** Chair Bryson and Public Works and Facilities Committee  
**THRU:** Denise Koch, Engineering and Public Works Director  
**FROM:** Ashley Heimbigner, Grants Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Engineering & Public Works Grant Strategy Update

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This memo provides an 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.

Since the last update in June 2023, the Department has been hard at work pursuing competitive and formula funding for key Assembly and community priorities, submitting seven state and federal grant applications for nearly \$7 million.

CBJ successfully was also awarded two competitive grants:

- [RAISE Grant Program \(USDOT\)](#) - \$16.454M; Juneau Douglas North Crossing
- [Waste-to-Energy Technical Assistance for Local Governments \(NREL\)](#) - 40 hours TA; Waste-to-Energy/Incinerator/PFAS Destruction

We continue to research and pursue relevant funding opportunities that align with CBJ needs and goals. Looking forward, we are conducting outreach, identifying potential partnerships, and investigating 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). The Assembly's forthcoming CY24 Assembly Goals and annual Legislative Capital Priorities will provide further guidance in these efforts. Planned and recently submitted applications are listed in the attachment.

## **Congressionally Directed Spending**

For FY24, we received notice from Senator Murkowski's office that five CBJ legislative priority projects moved forward in the appropriation process. Since June 2023, however, two projects were removed from the appropriations bill (\$5 million for JDNC engineering and design; \$5 million for Mendenhall Wastewater Treatment Plant FOG removal equipment). Given current congressional budget negotiations, confirmation of the remaining appropriations may not be available until next calendar year.

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

Enclosure:

November 2023 EPW Grant Application Update