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TO: Alicia Hughes-Skandijs, Chair
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THROUGH: Denise Koch, Engineering and Public Works Director

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SUBJECT: Flood Response Funding Strategy, Efforts & Updates

While several key flood response, mitigation, and preparedness funding opportunities have been widely discussed with the PWFC and broader Assembly, EPW staff believes it would be helpful to provide an overview of CBJ's flood response funding strategy and the current status of funding outreach efforts.

Given the significant, varied, and ongoing need for funding, CBJ staff are taking a wholistic approach and working across departments and agencies to investigate, evaluate, and pursue every applicable funding program with a nexus to flood preparedness, response, and/or mitigation. This work is not without its challenges. Many funding allocation timelines are too long to meet the community's short-term needs or have eligibility requirements that make Juneau ineligible (population and/or income level is too high, etc.). Some relevant federal and state programs remain unfunded or underfunded, with less money available and more and greater disaster mitigation needs across the country.

That said, we are finding some success and staff remain optimistic thanks to the support of the federal delegation and community partners. We are working with tribal and community members and organizations to identify opportunities, develop creative responses, put forth competitive applications, and advocate at all levels of government. A non-exhaustive overview of the variety of partnerships, funding agencies, and activities being pursued by CBJ staff (as of January 22, 2025) are included in the attached table.

Attachments:
CBJ Flood Funding Status Update Table