

Greater Ketchikan Community Request for Fiscal Year 2023 State Funding



Project Title: New Public Safety Building – Planning/Design and Construction

FY 2023 Funding Request: \$ 3,850,000.00

APPLICANT:	PROJECT PHOTO
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Is the request a one-time project or is additional State funding expected to be requested in the future? No additional funding for maintenance and operation

BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
<p>The City of Saxman requests \$3,500,000.00 for planning, permitting and construction funding to build a new public safety building.</p>

FUNDING PLAN
<p>State the total project cost: Total cost \$3,850,000.00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Construction, Design and Permitting Documents \$114,390.00• Construction, \$3,385,610.00• Grant Administration, \$350,000.00 <p>State funding already secured: \$ 0</p> <p>State the amount of the State funding request for this fiscal year: \$3,850,000.00</p> <p>State the amount of funding available from other sources with an explanation where appropriate: \$80,000.00 in land already secured. There are several Federal options for construction funding.</p>

DETAILED PROJECT CRITERIA:

1. Projects that have already started and need to be finished:

The current Public Safety Building was built in the 1970's with little regard to surface water drainage and future use. The wood timber foundation is rotten and crumbling and the roof is leaking creating a mold issue. The bay for emergency vehicles is not large enough for today's needs. An attempt was made to renovate it but costs exceed value and there was no way to add additional apparatus space. Updating was halted and the space remains unfinished.

2. Projects that create jobs:

This project will create construction and planning jobs for the duration of the construction. It will also create space for paid public safety professionals such as an additional VPSO, career fire firefighters and emergency medical technicians.

3. Life, safety, health improvement projects:

The Public Health Emergency known as the CoVid-19 virus highlighted the need for certain emergency response resources. One is an ambulance in the City of Saxman. Another is a dedicated space for emergency operations. The local tribe's priority list includes a clinic and building one into a new building would be ideal. It would provide space for non-emergency evaluation and immunization administration.

New construction that is planned in the city will require larger fire suppression apparatus. These vehicles will not fit in the current structure and without them the city is putting it's residents at risk of dying in a fire.

The current ambulance bay located in Mountain Point has a 10-20 min response time to Saxman. If someone has a sudden cardiac death event a shock must be delivered within 8 minutes to have the best chance of survival.

Currently City of Saxman residents account for almost half of all EMS calls in the South Tongass Service Area. Saxman has neighboring communities, serviced by the South Tongass Service Area, that would also benefit from

the decreased response time provided by an ambulance and fire suppression equipment located in Saxman.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Deferred Maintenance: The current building has needed renovation for some time. It needs new foundation timbers, drainage, roof repair, ceiling repair, new sewer and water plumbing, sub-floor replacement and still would not be big enough for modern apparatus.

Infrastructure: This project is needed to make sure infrastructure capacity for protection of life and property is properly planned and executed as population and other capital infrastructure increase.

Public Safety: Future planning of this community has outlined several capital projects that will increase the permanent and transient population of Saxman. As population increases so do calls for emergency medical services. The capital structures will increase the need for modern fire suppression equipment for protection of life and property. The building of a public safety building will ensure the space needed to increase the type of apparatus needed for the future of Saxman.

Private Sector Tools: By providing the public safety resources private business and commercial sea vessels will be safe operating in Saxman.

Investment in Future: This project reaches more than just the community of Saxman. It impacts neighboring communities and the residents of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough that will choose to utilize the future services planned for Saxman.

Support for Essential Services: Protection of life and property is an essential service of a city. The new public safety building with it's increased capacity will aid in the delivery of protective services.

Culture and Recreation: This project aids in the protection of life as visitors enjoy the recreation services in Saxman. Activities like camping, hiking, fishing, ATV's biking carry an intrinsic risk that can be somewhat mitigated with proper safety infrastructure the public safety building would provide.

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PROJECT TIMELINE

Without allowing for weather and shipping speeds, the project should be completed in 2-3 years.

ONGOING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE:

The City of Saxman will be responsible for ongoing maintenance without any further need of state dollars.