



# Greater Ketchikan Community Request for Fiscal Year 2026 State Funding

**Project Title: Totem Harbor—Planning**

**FY 2026 Funding Request: \$6,230,521.75**

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? One-time**

BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
<p>Saxman does not currently have a developed harbor facility. A new harbor would meet the recreation needs of residents, the commercial fleet, provide opportunities for charters to operate out of Saxman, provide seaplane service to Saxman, and provide moorage for vessels visiting Saxman. Visiting vessels include small cruise ships and the desire to make Saxman a turn-around port, and also provide moorage for yachts. With Ketchikan harbors beyond capacity, Saxman can meet some of the local demand while providing economic opportunities for the community. More details outlined in the 2021 Master Plan. This is just for the planning phase.</p>

FUNDING PLAN
<p>State the total project cost: <u>\$6,230,521.75</u>            State funding already secured: <u>\$0.00</u>            State the amount of the State funding request for this fiscal year: <u>\$6,230,521.75</u>            State the amount of funding available from other sources with an explanation where appropriate: <u>\$1,000,000.00</u> in land secured.</p>

**DETAILED PROJECT CRITERIA:**

The project would create construction jobs and multiple year-round and seasonal job opportunities.

The project supports the life, safety, and health of Ketchikan residents by providing additional vessel moorage, improving quality of life by providing more recreation opportunities, allowing rescue boats/seaplanes a closer dock to provide lifesaving care to residents and to our neighbors in Metlakatla.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

**Transportation:** Increases needed moorage capacity for the community. Would be able to accommodate several vessels from under 20 feet up to small cruise ships, yachts, and seaplanes. Would allow residents living on Pennock, Metlakatla residents, and commercial fishing vessels to dock and stock up on essentials and a place for rescue boats/seaplanes to dock and have emergency services provide lifesaving care sooner.

**Infrastructure:** Saxman does not currently have a developed harbor facility. A new harbor would meet the recreation needs of residents, the commercial fleet, provide opportunities for charters to operate out of Saxman, provide seaplane service to Saxman, and provide moorage for vessels visiting Saxman. Visiting vessels include small cruise ships and the desire to make Saxman a turn-around port, and also provide moorage for yachts. With Ketchikan harbors beyond capacity, Saxman can meet some of the local demand while providing economic opportunities for the community.

**Public Safety:** Would allow rescue boats/seaplanes a closer dock to provide lifesaving care to residents and to our neighbors in Metlakatla.

**Private Sector Tools:** Harbor development would increase tourism opportunities, provide more developed land for businesses, and create a location for the study and development of renewable tidal energy.

**Investment in Future:** Saxman does not currently have a developed harbor facility. A new harbor would meet the recreation needs of residents, the commercial fleet, provide opportunities for charters to operate out of Saxman, provide seaplane service to Saxman, and provide moorage for vessels visiting Saxman. Visiting vessels include small cruise ships and the desire to make Saxman a turn-around port, and also provide moorage for yachts. With Ketchikan harbors beyond capacity, Saxman can meet some of the local demand while providing economic opportunities for the community.

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**Culture and Recreation:** The Saxman Totem Park is a major attraction for Ketchikan area visitors. The park includes a tribal house, a carving center, and a cultural hall for traditional Tlingit dance exhibitions.

**Underserved Community:** Organized Village of Saxman has a rural designation. Of the roughly 400 residents within Saxman, 75% are Alaska Native and have been an underserved community and disproportionately disadvantaged since colonization. Saxman has the land available to facilitate economic growth and development for the entire community.

**PROJECT TIMELINE**

The project would likely need 12-18 months for completion. This is just for the planning phase.

**ONGOING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE:**

City of Saxman & Public Works