




Greater Ketchikan Community Request for Fiscal Year 2026 State Funding

Project Title: Saxman Water Line Replacement

FY 2026 Funding Request: \$10,000,000.00

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? One-time

BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
<p>The water line infrastructure within Saxman is very dated and much of it is beyond repair and needs replacement. We do not have the staff or resources to handle the frequency of breakage and repair. There are several water line leaks throughout Saxman equating to a 60GPM loss of water from our water tank. This has put a serious hardship on the Water Plant in order to keep up with making and storing safe water and poses a significant risk of a water crisis within the community.</p>

FUNDING PLAN
<p>State the total project cost: <u>\$10,000,000.00</u> State funding already secured: <u>\$0.00</u> State the amount of the State funding request for this fiscal year: <u>\$10,000,000.00</u> State the amount of funding available from other sources with an explanation where appropriate: <u>Unknown</u></p>

DETAILED PROJECT CRITERIA:
<p>The project would create jobs as we do not have sufficient staff to handle the undertaking of a project of this magnitude.</p>

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The project is absolutely critical to the life, safety, and health of Saxman residents and businesses. There are several water line leaks throughout Saxman equating to a 60GPM loss of water from our water tank. This has put a serious hardship on the Water Plant in order to keep up with making and storing safe water and poses a significant risk of a water crisis within the community.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Deferred Maintenance: The water line infrastructure is very dated and much of it is beyond repair and needs replacement. We do not have sufficient staff or resources to handle the frequency of breakage and repair.

Infrastructure: The water line infrastructure within Saxman is very dated and much of it is beyond repair and needs replacement. We do not have the staff or resources to handle the frequency of breakage and repair. There are several water line leaks throughout Saxman equating to a 60GPM loss of water from our water tank. This has put a serious hardship on the Water Plant in order to keep up with making and storing safe water and poses a significant risk of a water crisis within the community.

Public Safety: There are several water line leaks throughout Saxman equating to a 60GPM loss of water from our water tank. This has put a serious hardship on the Water Plant in order to keep up with making and storing safe water and poses a significant risk of a water crisis within the community.

Private Sector Tools: Saxman Seaport has many private-sector growth opportunities / development possibilities—many are newly established with more on the horizon. It is imperative that we have the update to the water line infrastructure so that we can continue to promote these growth opportunities and development for the community.

Investment in Future: Saxman Seaport has many growth opportunities / development possibilities—many are newly established with more on the horizon. It is imperative that we have the update to the water line infrastructure so that we can continue to promote these growth opportunities and development for the community and investment in the future. Port Infrastructure Development to create an AMHS ferry terminal and to relocate the MV Lituya run / test electric ferries, a Food Hub to promote food security by KAPA, Three Bears grocery store, and Totem Harbor development.

Support for Essential Services: Water is one of the bare necessities for human survival. This project ensures the community will have access to safe water and drastically decrease the risk of a water crisis.

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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. There is significant risk of a water crisis without the water line infrastructure replacement.

PROJECT TIMELINE

The project would most likely be completed in phases, with the water lines in the worst condition being replaced first. From RFP process through completion, estimated to take 12-18 months (taking into account delays for adverse weather conditions / needing to pause for winter months).

ONGOING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE:

City of Saxman Public Works / ANTHC / ARWA