# City of Saxman #1 Priority Request for Fiscal Year 2021 State Funding Bulk Water Fill Station

**PROJECTS PHOTO** 

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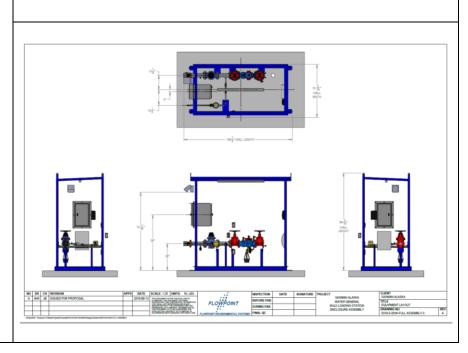
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#### ONE TIME FUNDING:

One Time request

#### **BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

#### **Bulk Water Fill Station (\$258,000)**

A. Community Bulk Water Fill Station: (\$68,000). Due to recent/upcoming upgrades in Saxman's water sourcing and water treatment systems, Saxman has abundant and very high quality drinking water. The neighboring community (Ketchikan) struggles with water quality due in part to their controversial Chloramine water treatment system, causing City of Ketchikan citizens to look for alternative sources of drinking water. Also, many homes in the surrounding borough are on rainwater catchment systems, requiring that they purchase large volumes of drinking water when the weather is dry. These factors create strong demand for Saxman water in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough. This project purchases and installs a fully automated, metered, self-serve, bulk water fill station that will meet the demand of homeowners and water suppliers (residential water supply trucks). The water dispensing terminal will be located in the Community Center Parking Lot and will be available 24/7. The revenue generated from water sales would be re-invested in Saxman infrastructure. Costs include a turn-key water dispensing terminal from Flow Point Systems, Inc., necessary

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waterline extensions, and cement pad.

B. Community Center Parking Lot Paving: (\$190,000): The front parking lot at Saxman's Community Center is gravel and is often filled with potholes, making it difficult for the elderly or individuals with mobility issues to access the services located at the Community Center. The increased traffic of large trucks, recreational vehicles, and commercial trucks utilizing the bulk water fill station will cause irreparable damage to the currently inadequate gravel lot. The parking lot pavement MUST take place concurrently with the water fill station for the fill station to be accessible and continue accessibility to the Community Center. The community center houses local government and public safety offices, has a full sized gymnasium, and serves as a center point for community activities and events. The cost of grading, providing 4" of D-1 and laying 2.5" of asphalt is \$190,000 based on a \$5/square foot quote from a local contractor.

FUNDING PLAN
State the total project cost: \$_258,000_
State funding already secured: \$ 0
State the amount of the State funding request for this fiscal year: \$\$238,000
State the amount of funding available from other sources with an explanation where
appropriate: \$ \$20,000 In-Kind

#### **DETAILED PROJECT CRITERIA:**

Describe how the project meets one or all of these criteria:

- 1. Paving the Community Center Parking lot will address serious accessibility issues to the City Hall, Public Safety Office, and will make our voting (precinct) location more accessible. It should be paved to accommodate the larger water trucks using the bulk water fill station.
- 2. The Community Bulk Water Fill station will provide clean drinking water to area residents and generate revenue to assist with infrastructure development and future development of the City. The City of Saxman suffers from chronic lack of revenue that can be remedied by projects that are both economically viable and socially justified.

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

**Infrastructure:** The City of Saxman is a predominantly native community, is economically distressed, and experiences much higher levels of poverty when compared to the neighboring communities in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough. As a result, the City government suffers from chronic, long-standing lack of revenue to support basic city operations and infrastructure (public buildings, public parks, sidewalks, etc...). The City also lacks potential for a tax based revenue due to low population and high poverty,

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among others reasons. As a result, Saxman must develop projects like the bulk water fill station that convert natural resources (water) into useable revenue, which can then be used for infrastructure and future development of the community.

<u>Investment in Future</u>: These projects, like the Water Fill Station, are self-sustaining in that they require a relatively small capital outlay, are low maintenance, have the potential to continue indefinitely, and will more than pay for themselves. These projects are an investment in the future of Saxman as they convert Saxman's most valued assets (pristine drinking water) into much needed revenue to support the basic services and infrastructure of the City and allows for future economic development of the community.

<u>Support for Essential Services</u>: The bulk water fill station is relatively inexpensive to initiate and has strong potential to create jobs and revenue. These projects will create jobs, promote Saxman business development, and generate revenue for the city to maintain basic governmental functions, including essential services. The Community Center projects enhance access to voting and public safety services.

<u>Culture and Recreation</u>: This project supports public recreation in that it will give a source for bulk, clean water to those going to Mt. Point Boat Launch, Saxman Seaport, hiking and camping in the area. The residents of the City of Saxman are proud of the natural resources available to them and the ability to share them with the public.

#### PROJECT TIMELINE

The Projects can all be completed within a 18-24 month timeframe.

#### **OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE**

City of Saxman will be responsible for maintenance and operations of all projects.