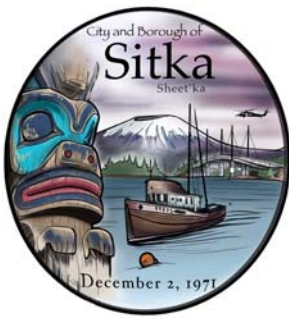


POSSIBLE MOTION

I MOVE TO authorize the Municipal Administrator to apply to the Alaska Department of Health's Healthy & Equitable Communities Round 2 Funding for supplementing the Crescent Harbor High Low Dock Net Shed project.




CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

A COAST GUARD CITY

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Eisenbeisz and Assembly Members

Thru: John Leach, Municipal Administrator 

From: Melissa Henshaw, Public and Government Relations Director

Date: April 19, 2023

Subject: Authorization to Apply to the Department of Health Healthy & Equitable Communities

Funding Background

The Alaska Department of Health (DOH) announced \$9 million in funding to local governments through memorandums of agreement (MOAs) in support of creating healthy and equitable communities around the state.

Healthy & Equitable Communities details:

- Sitka is eligible to apply for up to \$133,774.
- There is no match requirement for this program.
- Funding must be expended by May 31, 2024.
- Applications are due April 25.
- Communities that do not apply for funding by the due date will forfeit their allocation and that funding will be reallocated at the State's discretion.

Link to the program: <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=210469>

Project Background

The Crescent Harbor High Load Dock Net Shed's project goal is to repair the facility and return it to safe and useful operational status.

The existing Crescent Harbor High Load Dock and Net Shed (Facility) is an in-water timber-pile supported wood loading dock and covered outdoor area, which provides direct boat to automobile cargo loading/unloading, gangway access to the Crescent Harbor floats, and a covered area for fishing net and tackle repair and community events. The High Load Dock was constructed in 1965 and the Net Shed in 1985. Today the facility appears to be one structure, but its structural elements are roughly 57 and 37 years old. There is moderate to severe deterioration to some of the Facility's timber piles, cross-bracing, wood deck, structural columns and beams which raised safety concerns and initiated CBS managers to hire engineers to perform a Condition Assessment.

The Facility is heavily used and is critical infrastructure for the Harbor, the Sitka based fishing fleet, and the community. Based on the results of the condition assessment, deterioration of some of the timber-piles supporting the High Load Dock resulted a portion of the Facility deemed unsafe and closed (fenced) off to the public. It is the intent of CBS to repair and fortify the Facility’s structural components for its safe use and to extend its useful life for as long as possible, subject to the available funding.

This facility supports the goal of build, leverage or expand infrastructure support for COVID-19 or future pandemic prevention and control among populations that are at higher risk or underserved. It also serves to improve spaces in the community where people live, learn, work, and play, allowing individuals and families greater opportunities for better health outcomes. This facility was the first outdoor space made available during the pandemic in order for people to gather, yet social distance, and remain protected from the weather which was either free to the public or offered at low cost. By supporting this project with funding, this space will continue into the future to allow for that ideal outdoor space for any future pandemics.

During the pandemic and after stay in place protections were lifted, this space was used as an outdoor venue to hold events to allow for social distancing yet let people gather from multiple households in a safe environment and helped to prevent the spreading of COVID-19.

Fiscal Note

Sitka is eligible to apply for up to \$133,774 with no match requirement. Funds must be expended by May 31, 2024. If CBS does not apply for the amount set aside, we will forfeit the amount. There is a shortfall in the Crescent Harbor High Load Dock Net Shed:

Budget

Project Cost Breakdown

Expense Description	Amount
Design-Build	\$1,356,000.00
Other (CBS Mgmt., Inspection)	\$100,000.00
Total	\$1,456,000.00

Project Funding Breakdown

Funding Description	Amount
CBS Appropriations	\$1,212,000
Loans	\$0.00
Grants	\$0.00
Total	\$1,212,000.00

Project Funding Gap (if applicable)

Funding Description	Amount
Unfunded Balance	\$244,000

Recommendation

Authorize the Municipal Administrator to apply to the Alaska Department of Health’s Healthy & Equitable Communities Round 2 Funding for supplementing the Crescent Harbor High Low Dock Net Shed project.