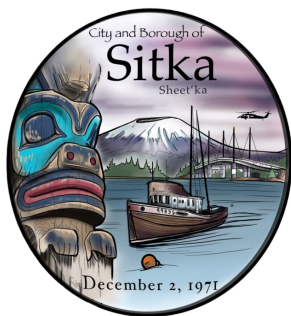


Should this item be pulled from the Consent Agenda the following motion is suggested:

POSSIBLE MOTION

I MOVE TO approve Resolution 2025-09 on first and final reading authorizing a grant application to the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for extrication tools.



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

A COAST GUARD CITY

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Eisenbeisz and Assembly Members

Thru: John Leach, Municipal Administrator

From: Craig Warren, Fire Chief

Date: June 3, 2025

Subject: Grant funding opportunity

Background

The State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) has launched the EMS Extrication Tools Assistance Project. In essence, this project is to help rural fire and EMS departments purchase automobile extrication tools (the Jaws of Life). This grant is a 100% funding of extrication tools that will be determined and procured by the state and shipped to Sitka.

Analysis

While the Sitka Fire Department will not have the opportunity to specify the brand, type, or size of the tools, this will give us the opportunity to have redundancies. Currently there is no backup for our extrication tools and that can be concerning for a jurisdiction with no mutual aid.

This item is lined up with the city's core responsibilities as having the tools to effect a rescue is paramount to the fire departments mission of protecting life, property, and the environment.

Fiscal Note

There is no match requirement for this assistance project. Should this assistance be awarded, acceptance of the equipment up to \$50,000 is requested. The department currently owns similar equipment that was purchased 5 years ago and cost approximately \$32,000. Future costs for continued maintenance of equipment and training would be minimal for the department based on historical trends for similar equipment.

Recommendation

The recommendation would be to allow the City and Borough of Sitka, Fire Department to apply for the DOT&PF EMS Extrication Tools Assistance Project and accept the equipment, if awarded.

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES FOR EXTRICATION TOOLS (JAWS OF LIFE)

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka Fire Department seeks to apply for a 100% funded grant for extrication tools; and

WHEREAS, extrication tools are an important tool in providing emergency service to the public of Sitka; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities would bear all costs of purchase and shipping of this equipment if funded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka that the Municipal Administrator is authorized to apply for and execute a grant with the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for the purchase of extrication equipment.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska on this 10th day of June, 2025.

Steven Eisenbeisz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk

1st and final reading: 6/10/2025

Sponsor: Administrator