





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: January 18, 2023

Subject: Fiscal Year 2024 CBS Legislative Priorities

Background

Enclosed are the draft Fiscal Year 2024 CBS Legislative Priorities for Assembly review. Many of these requests for state initiatives are from previous years and centered around community priorities. As in the past, the approach is streamlined as it is recommended to have a one-page handout to help keep information top of mind for state officials.

In addition, a full report and supporting documents will be submitted into the Alaska Division of Legislative Finance Capital Projects database (CAPSIS). The Legislative Priority initiatives and projects will be the primary focus of lobbying meetings between the Mayor, Municipal Administrator, the Public and Government Relations Director and various federal and state officials. In addition, will complement grant opportunities.

The following requests, in no particular order are:

- Funding to support Sitka's Working Waterfront: a project that consists of a new marine haul out phase 1 shortfall/phase 2 upland shipyard development and electrical rehabilitation for Eliason Harbor. Strategic Plan goal 4.
- Support and funding to expand housing and childcare access to sustain economic growth. Strategic Plan goal 1.
- Continued State support for the Sitka Seaplane Base. Strategic Plan goal 4.
- Funding for Green Lake hydro generation plant. Strategic Plan goal 1.3 and 4.
- Funding for the Sitka Rocky Gutierrez Airport Terminal Improvements Project. Strategic Plan goal 4.
- Financial assistance for a new multi-purpose building to house the Police Department and jail. Strategic Plan goal 4.
- Funding for utility infrastructure and deferred maintenance. Strategic Plan goal 1.3 and 4.

- Support for a right-sized and sustainable Alaska Marine Highway System.
Strategic Plan goal 2.2.

The goal is to focus on projects and state initiatives that create long-term stability and gives direction as we develop future budgets and for grant funding.

Recommendation

Approve the resolution submitting City and Borough of Sitka FY2024 State Legislative Priorities to the State of Alaska and 2023 Legislature.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2023-04

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA
SUBMITTING CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA
FY2024 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
TO STATE OF ALASKA AND 2023 LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka advocates cooperating and sharing resources with the State of Alaska to maximize public infrastructure and services for the citizens of Alaska in the most efficient, cost effective manner; and

WHEREAS, the attached City and Borough of Sitka FY2024 Legislative Requests will enable the municipality and State of Alaska to continue to cooperate to make our communities and State more sustainable; and

WHEREAS, City and Borough of Sitka continues to support cooperation between cities and State of Alaska to achieve our common goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, adopts the attached FY2024 City and Borough of Sitka State Legislative Priorities and urges the Alaska State Legislature to support them to the maximum extent possible.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, on this 24th day of January 2023.

Steven Eisenbeisz, Mayor

ATTEST

Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk

1st and final reading: 1/24/23

Sponsor: Administrator