

Should this item be pulled from the consent agenda the following motion is suggested:

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

**I MOVE TO** approve Resolution 2017-25 on first and final reading.



# City and Borough of Sitka

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor Hunter and Members of the Assembly

**From:** Keith Brady, Municipal Administrator  
Maegan Bosak, Community Affairs Director

**Subject:** Resolution 2017-25 - DRAFT Fiscal Year 2019 CBS Legislative Priorities

**Date:** November 29, 2017

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Enclosed are the draft Fiscal Year 2019 CBS Legislative Priorities for Assembly review. Most of these requests for state initiatives or capital project funding are from previous years or centered on community priorities. Sitka's legislators have requested a limited selection of projects, specifically highlighting matching grant funds in case a rare opportunity for funding becomes available.

The capital project requests outlined in the draft fiscal year 2019 Legislative Priorities focus on high priority CBS projects and include developing an Alternative Water Source and Harbor Facility infrastructure upgrades, which if not co-funded by the state will have to be eventually completed with CBS funding. If legislative funding was awarded, CBS does not accept any grant monies without Assembly approval and authorization to match, most of which rely on CBS enterprise funds (Harbor, Electric, Water and Waste Water) to cover the match.

Both capital project requests have previously been approved by the Assembly. The "Shovel Ready Project" list (Resolution 17-12) included both the Alternative Water Source Project (dedicated water transmission line) and the Crescent Harbor Float Replacement Project, which was approved on June 27, 2017. On July 11, 2017 the Assembly approved Resolutions of submittal and execution of a Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Application for Crescent Harbor Float Replacement and Eliason Harbor Electrical Replacement.

This year's Legislative Priorities approach is streamlined and similar to prior years. Having spoken with CBS Lobbyist Larry Markley, he continues to recommend a one sheet to help keep information top of mind for state officials. In addition, a full report and necessary engineering attachments for each project will be submitted into the Alaska Division of Legislative Finance Capital Projects database (CAPSIS) in early 2018.

Our goal is to focus on matching funds projects and state initiatives that create long term stability and gives CBS direction as we develop future budgets. Strategically, staff believes it is important to continue to make Legislative Priority requests. At some point in the future, funding will resume and we want to make sure Sitka's projects are top priority.