



City and Borough of Sitka

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Paxton and Assembly Members
Dave Miller, Interim Municipal Administrator

From: Melissa Haley, Acting CFAO
Cliff Richter, Municipal Engineer

Date: August 19, 2019

Subject: Appropriation for electrical repairs of former Sitka Community Hospital building

Summary

The project includes the replacement of four (4) Automatic Transfer Switches that are nearing the end of their useful life and are in need of replacement. The automatic transfer switches perform the function of switching critical, life safety hospital infrastructure and equipment over to generator power in the event of a power outage to avoid any disruption in essential hospital services, especially those related to the long term care facility. Additional related work includes existing branch circuit corrections that require rewiring to appropriate panels in order to comply with modern electrical codes per National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 99 - Health Care Facilities Code.

Background

Per Exhibit D of the Facility Lease Agreement, items 1 and 2 (the automatic transfer switches and the branch circuit corrections) are both the responsibility of the City and Borough of Sitka (CBS). As these repairs could not be accomplished prior to when the Sitka Community Hospital ceased operations, the CBS Public Works department is managing the project which will be paid for out of fund 190 (previously the Tobacco Excise Tax Fund), where all.

Fiscal Note

All financial activity related to the Sitka Community Hospital and the Tobacco Excise Tax will be recorded in Fund 190 going forward. An appropriation of \$150,000 for the electrical repairs is needed to ensure that hospital building's electrical system functions properly.