

CITY OF NOME, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. R-19-01-03 (amended)

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING PROJECTS AND POSITION STATEMENTS
FOR THE CITY OF NOME'S 2019 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

WHEREAS, it is with unanimity that the following prioritized projects are considered worthy of advocacy to State of Alaska legislative and administrative leaders:

- Priority 1) Water and Sewer Infrastructure Improvements;
- Priority 2) Full Support of Statewide Port Construction Bond Package;
 - Legislative resolution supporting expedition of Port Modification Feasibility Study & Design, and a collaborative partnership with Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities;
- Priority 3) Nome School Capital Improvements:
 - Nome-Beltz Campus Electrical Service Upgrades and Generator System (est. \$650,000);
 - Nome Elementary School Renovations (\$6 M);
- Priority 4) Continued State Partnership with communities:
 - Full funding of the Power-Cost Equalization (PCE) Program,
 - Funding of Municipal Revenue Sharing Program;
 - School Bond Debt Reimbursement,
 - Continued on-behalf funding for PERS liabilities
- Priority 5) Infrastructure maintenance and improvements:
 - Nome Airport Runway Repair-Upgrades,
 - Nome Road Improvements; especially Front Street, Steadman Street, Little Creek Road, Bering Street, and Greg Kruschek Avenue, including aging water-sewer utility replacement within roads
- Priority 6) Covered Multi-Use Recreational Structure (\$450,000).

WHEREAS, it is with unanimity that the following legislative position statements are supported by the City of Nome and considered worthy of advocacy to State of Alaska legislative and administrative leaders:

- Public Safety, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault;
- Pioneer/Veterans Home in Northwest Alaska;
- Norton Sound Health Corporation Detoxification Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nome City Council endorses the aforementioned items for inclusion in the City of Nome 2019 State of Alaska Legislative Priorities Package.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 14th day of January, 2019.



RICHARD BENEVILLE, Mayor

ATTEST:



BRYANT HAMMOND, City Clerk

Project Title: Nome – Covered Multi-Use Recreational Structure

TPS Number: 92-6000084

Priority: 2

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development
Grants to Municipalities (AS 37-05-315)

Grant Recipient: Nome

FY2020 State Funding Request: \$600,000

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

The City of Nome requests State support to construct a Covered Multi-Use Recreational Structure.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost: \$600,000

Funding Already Secured: \$60,000 for Design, \$75,000 for land purchase

FY2020 State Funding Request: \$600,000

Project Deficit:

Explanation of Other Funds:

Detailed Project Description and Justification: Nome desires to expand and enhance existing recreational offerings by constructing an enclosed multi-use facility near the Nome Recreation Center (NRC). The facility will house a relocated ice skating/hockey rink during winter months (October through April) and during months when an ice surface cannot be maintained naturally, the facility will be converted to a turfed field suited for use by Nome's youth soccer and softball leagues.

The entire community will be served by this project with children, teenagers and elders benefitting more significantly. Additional constructive healthy activities can diminish feelings of despair which can contribute to suicides; unfortunately, a high number of which are experienced in our region during long, cold, dark winter months. We seek to offer as many different recreational offerings as possible to encourage and promote physical activity, combat obesity and lethargy – maladies plaguing our region as evidenced by the alarming rise in type-II diabetes.

As the hub city for surrounding villages, regional residents frequently travel to Nome for a variety of sporting events, conferences and other purposes. The City envisions local and regional residents utilizing the ice rink and the community could benefit economically from hosted tournaments, camps and other programs due to its uniqueness (this would be the only covered ice surface within 500 miles).

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leagues, fitness classes, summer youth programs, etc.) occur or originate there. Disturbance to neighbors will be minimal due to the site's location.

The current ice rink is a heavily utilized open-air facility. It lacks public amenities available for patron use such as bathroom facilities, warming building, or emergency first-aid response area. Exposure to the harsh winter winds and blowing snow often makes it difficult to use, operate and maintain, particularly for the local youth and elders that are more affected by adverse wind and weather conditions that occur in our cold, windy climate. Further, maintaining a safe utilizable ice surface is labor intensive requiring many man-hours to remove accumulated snow off of the rink and keep the surface smooth.

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Recommendation:

Nome seeks \$600,000 in State grant funding to construct an enclosed, multi-use structure that will provide ample benefit to the community for many years to come.

Project Timeline: This project is estimated to be completed within twelve months of funding being secured.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

City of Nome

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TPS Number: 92-6000084

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Grants to Municipalities (AS 37-05-315)

Grant Recipient: Nome

FY2020 State Funding Request: \$168,500,000

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

The City of Nome requests State support to construct marine infrastructure to meet the growing demands of industry working in the Port of Nome.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost: \$172,000,000

Funding Already Secured: (3,500,000)

FY2020 State Funding Request: \$168,500,000

Project Deficit:

Explanation of Other Funds:

Port of Nome Fund Balance:

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

<u>Deep Water Port Construction</u>	<u>\$150,000,000</u>
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Since 2011, the State of Alaska (State), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), and the City of Nome (City) have made significant progress toward the development of a deep draft port in the Arctic. The Alaska Deep Draft Arctic Port Study (ADDAPS), cost-shared by the COE and the State, evaluated 13 potential sites along the Alaska coastline, selecting Nome as the most economical choice based on the existing hub port and community infrastructure. Although several of the other potential sites will ultimately play a role in Arctic maritime development and become part of a larger port system, Nome can achieve construction in the shortest timeline, and provide the critical deep draft marine infrastructure sorely lacking in the Arctic.

The Corps and the City executed a cost-share agreement in February 2018 for the Port of Nome Modification Feasibility Study (MFS) that is updating analysis from the original study, and introducing new elements of justification that cover a broader scope of benefits to the region, including national security benefits, both of which were authorized by Congress through the enactment of the Water Infrastructure Improvements of the Nation (WIIN) Act of 2016.

The first year of the accelerated 2-year MFS study is nearing completion, with selection of the preferred design alternative anticipated in February 2019, followed by focused analysis and plan formulation of that alternative. Under the project schedule, the final report is expected to be submitted to Chief of Engineers at Corps HQ in late 2019, and after signature, be forwarded to Congress in Feb/March 2020. Language authorized through the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 2018, directs this project be expedited to the Preconstruction, Engineering and Design (PED) phase immediately upon signing of the Chief's Report.

This expansion project plays a critical role in the protection of the Arctic marine environment heavily relied upon by coastal residents, and enhances Nome's role as an Arctic marine cargo hub that will bring economic opportunity to the region and reduce the cost of living. A deep water port in Nome will serve as the resupply support facility in the Arctic that is critically needed for military enforcement vessels to serve and protect U.S. national security, and support a consistent regional presence of Oil Spill Response and Search and Rescue resources which is an essential part of maritime support and must be in closer proximity to the Arctic. The expansion of the Port of Nome to meet maritime demand is essential to the nation's Arctic missions and achieved through continuation of the long-standing partnership between the State and the City for construction cost-share funding of \$150,000,000.

Snake River Moorage Expansion

\$13,500,000

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Laydown Storage Expansion

\$1,500,000

In 2017, the Port completely developed 9 acres of an 18 acre property necessary to meet demand for laydown space as well as ensure capacity for future growth at the Port of Nome. Funding is needed to develop the remaining 9 acres to cover the purchase and installation of fill material, along with grading, compaction, survey, inspection and permitting. Completion of this project will keep laydown capacity ahead of growing demand rather than continuing to exceed laydown capacity.

Sewer/Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements

\$2,500,000

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Dry Storage Building Improvements

\$1,000,000

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Project Timeline:

Arctic Deep Draft Port Study –Design/construction achieved within 5 years of authorization/funding.

Snake River Moorage Expansion – Design/construction achieved within 18 months of funding.

Laydown Storage Expansion – Design/construction achieved within 1 year of funding.

Sewer/Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements – Design/construction achieved within 2 years of funding.

Dry Storage Building Improvements – Design/construction achieved within 18 months of funding.

Entity Response for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Port of Nome

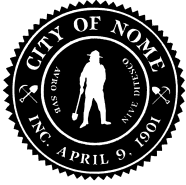
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Recommendation:

The City of Nome requests State financial assistance in the amount of \$168,500,000 for Port & Harbor facility improvements; \$150,000,000 serving as a cost-share match for construction of an Arctic Deep Draft Port at Nome.