

**CITY OF WASILLA  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 10-13**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL ENCOURAGING THE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE TO APPROPRIATE 50 MILLION DOLLARS IN FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM IN ALASKA STATUTE 14.56.355, PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION AND MAJOR EXPANSION GRANTS**

WHEREAS, a new public library construction grant program was proposed in Senate Bill 119 during the 25<sup>th</sup> session of the Alaska Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 119 was passed into law on June 8, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Statute (A.S.) 14.56.355, Library Construction and Major Expansion Grant program states: "There is established in the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development a matching grant program for library construction and major expansion"; and

WHEREAS, a person in charge of construction or major expansion of an eligible library may apply to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development for a matching grant under regulations adopted by the department; and

WHEREAS, subject to appropriation, the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development shall award not more than fifty percent of the total proposed grant project costs to an eligible applicant; and

WHEREAS, the department has established regulations to implement this section and the eligibility standards under A.S. 14.56.356.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Wasilla encourages the Governor and the State Legislature to appropriate 50 Million Dollars in funds to

implement the program in A.S. 14.56.355, Public Library Construction and Major Expansion Grants.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on March 22, 2010.

  
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VERNE E. RUPPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

[SEAL]

VOTE: Hall, Harris, Holler, Katkus, Larson, and Woodruff in favor.



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LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT**

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**Agenda of:** March 22, 2010

**Date:** February 18, 2010

**Originator:** K.J. Martin, Library Director *KJ Martin*

Route to:	Department	Signature/Date
	Chief of Police	
X	Finance Director	<i>[Signature]</i> 3/10/2010
X	Public Works Director	<i>[Signature]</i> 3/2/10
X	Manager of Cultural & Recreational Services	<i>[Signature]</i>
X	Interim Deputy Administrator	<i>[Signature]</i>
X	City Clerk	<i>[Signature]</i>

**REVIEWED BY MAYOR VERNE E. RUPRIGHT:** *[Signature]*

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  yes\$ or  no

Funds Available  yes  no

**Account name/number:**

**Attachments:** Statewide Public Library Funding Matrix

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** Senate Bill 119 (Chapter 55 SLA 08) was signed into law on June 4, 2008. Section 2 of the bill (AS 14.56.355) established a public library construction and major expansion matching program. Many local libraries and governments worked to get the legislation passed and are currently working with the legislature to get the program funded.

At the Tri-Cities Borough Meeting held on February 10, 2010, all entities present showed interest in passing a joint resolution to support the funding of the library construction and major expansion matching grant program by the legislature. As another joint meeting has not been scheduled, the way to accomplish this is for the cities of Wasilla, Houston and Palmer, as well as the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, to pass resolutions individually and forward those approved resolutions to the legislature.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the adoption of Resolution Serial No. 10-13.

# Statewide Public Library Construction Projects 2010 Status Updates/State Assistance Funding Requests

(Ver. 02.09.2010)

Community	Project Type	Cost	Completion Date	Site Ownership	Design Phase	Current Funding	State Assistance Funding Request	Timing of Need For State Funds
Cordova	New Multi-Use Facility to Include Library	\$19.7M	2011	Yes - City	Complete with Construction Docs	\$13.5M - City, Federal, State EVOS	\$2M	2010
Kenai	Expansion	\$5.3M	2011	Yes - City	Complete with Construction Docs	\$4.67M	\$1.5M	2010
Seward	New Co-located Facility Library/ Museum	\$10M	2012	Yes - City	Schematic - 35% by February 1, 2010	\$1M Donations / \$5M Approved G.O. Bond - 2011	\$5M	2010
Petersburg	New Facility	\$6.2M	2012	Yes - City	Schematic - 65%	\$620K - State Grant, Donations	\$3.25M	2010
Barrow	Expansion Consortium Library	\$7M	2011	Yes - Borough	Schematic - 35%	\$6M - Federal, Borough	\$1M	2010
Sutton	New Facility	\$3.3M	2012	Yes - Borough	Schematic - 35% by August	\$720K Borough, FOL*	\$1.65M	2010
Anchorage	Improvements	\$4.8M	2011	Yes - Current Location	Concept	\$1.25M Grant	\$1.75M	2011
Ketchikan	New Facility	\$12.5M	2013	TBD	Concept	\$700K - City, FOL*	\$5.57M	2011
Sitka	Expansion	\$15M	2014	Yes - City	Space Needs Study	\$100K Private Contribution	\$7.5M	2011
Fairbanks/North Pole	New Facility	\$10.9M	2012	Yes - Borough	Concept	Portion of \$10M Trust + \$550K Earnings, Bond, Revenue Funds TBD	TBD	2011
Fairbanks/Noel Wien	Expansion	\$16.75 M	2012	Yes - Current Location	Concept	Portion of \$10M Trust + \$550K Earnings, Bond, Revenue Funds TBD	TBD	2011
Kodiak	New Facility	\$15M	2014	In Progress	Space Needs Study	Identification of Funding Opportunities in Progress	TBD	2011
Wasilla	New Facility	\$14M	2014	Yes - City	Concept	\$40K - FOL*	TBD	2012
The following Public Libraries are in early stages of planning and identifying funding opportunities. Further information will be provided as these projects evolve.								
Palmer	Expansion	TBD	TBD	Yes	Concept	Identification of Funding Opportunities in Progress	\$3M	TBD
Nome	New Co-located Facility	TBD	TBD	Yes - UAF	Concept	Identification of Funding Opportunities in Progress	TBD	TBD
Soldotna	Expansion	\$5.5M	2020	Yes - City, FOL*	Concept	Initiating Building Fund Campaign	TBD	TBD
Craig	Expansion	TBD	TBD	Yes - City	Concept in Progress	Identification of Funding Opportunities in Progress	TBD	TBD
Skagway	Expansion & Renovation	TBD	TBD	Yes - City	Concept in Progress	Initiating Building Fund Campaign	TBD	TBD
Juneau Mendenhall	New Facility	TBD	TBD	Yes-City	Space Needs Study	Identification of Funding Opportunities in Progress	TBD	TBD
Juneau Public Library	Improvements	TBD	TBD	Yes-City	Coordination w/ Engineers	Identification of Funding Opportunities in Progress	TBD	TBD
Anchor Point	New Facility	\$700K	TBD	Yes - Donation	Preliminary Ideas	Identification of Funding Opportunities in Progress	TBD	TBD

\* Friend of the Library

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF STATEWIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS 2010 STATUS UPDATES/STATE ASSISTANCE FUNDING REQUESTS

This matrix represents the collaborative initiative of statewide library directors, Friends of the Library Associations and volunteers formed as library steering committees leading and supporting new construction and/or renovation of public libraries in their communities. The intent of this ongoing effort is to continue to provide a comprehensive statewide view of all known public library construction and/or renovation projects highlighting each project's current status toward meeting today's commonly accepted criteria for applications to funding agencies for design and construction funds.

The methodology for this effort is based on in-depth research and review of current capital funding criteria set by public and private funders, and the sharing and monitoring of actual grantor responses to capital funding requests in these current economic times. In addition to long-standing capital funding criteria requiring projects to substantiate solid business plans, well developed project scope, budget and schedules, and strong local, state and private funding support – completing 35% design (schematic design phase) is now an additional criterion that funders are requiring to measure project credibility before approving capital funding.

With consensus of all stakeholders involved in this effort, meeting this latest criterion became the basis for the sequence of this list of known statewide library projects. Projects appear in order of most advanced design phase completed and/or in process. Also factored in the order of the list are critical time considerations for leveraging additional capital dollars. (For example, some private and public funds are available to a particular project only within a certain window of time.)

This matrix is a dynamic document incorporating new library projects when identified and status updates as each project advances. An effort to find all pending public library construction and major expansion projects has been made. To report new or additional projects and to obtain a list and contact information for statewide librarians participating in this effort contact Patty Linville at [plinville@cityofseward.net](mailto:plinville@cityofseward.net) or 907-224-4082.

***The following links are offered for your reference:***

[AS Statute Reference; AS 14.56.355.356 enacted into law September 2, 2008](#)

[Enacted Library Construction Regulations and Major Expansion Matching Grant Program](#)

[Multiple Library Projects](#) have received the support of the Foraker Group Pre-Development Program  
Contact: Chris Kowalczewski at [ckowalczewski@forakergroup.org](mailto:ckowalczewski@forakergroup.org) or 907-743-1200

