

Tanana Chiefs Conference Region
Prioritized Capital Improvement Projects FY 2013

Villages with a (*) have not received CIP funds in over three years.
Italicized villages are leveraging federal dollars.

1. ***Ruby – New Clinic Match (\$171,000)** - No functioning clinic at Ruby. CIP will be used to leverage \$1,729,000 of federal funds (HUD ICDBG and State CDBG).
2. ***Koyukuk – New Clinic Match (\$150,000)** – No functioning clinic at Koyukuk. CIP will be used to leverage \$1,450,000 of federal funds (HUD ICDBG and State CDBG).
3. **Tanacross – New Health New Health Care Clinic (\$600,000)** – Install clinic into existing multi-purpose building. CIP will be used to leverage \$800,000 of federal funds (HUD ICDBG, IHS Clinic Equipment and NAHASDA).
4. **Allakaket – Clinic Renovation (\$170,000)** - Dilapidated clinic at Allakaket with no water/sewer services. CIP will be used to leverage \$750,000 of federal funds (HUD ICDBG and IHS Tribal Clinic Equipment funding).
5. **Venetie – Additional New clinic Match (\$150,000)** – This CIP will be combined with a FY2011 \$150,000 CIP to provide the required 20% match to leverage \$1,700,000 of Denali Commission funds.
6. ***Nikolai – New Clinic Match (\$170,000)** – No functioning clinic at Nikolai, just a rented one room office. CIP will be used to leverage \$1,430,000 of federal funds (HUD ICDBG and State CDBG).
7. ***Anvik – Village Roads Maintenance heavy equipment (\$350,000)** – The Council has BIA road maintenance funding upkeep the village's roads but has no heavy equipment to perform the work with.
8. ***Minto – Independent Elder Housing Project (\$170,000)** – Minto has many elders who desire to stay in the village but require specialized housing. CIP will be used to leverage \$1,000,000 of federal funds (HUD ICDBG and State AHFC) to build an elder 4-plex.
9. ***Grayling – Multi-Purpose Facility (\$170,000)** - No functioning community services building at Grayling. CIP will be used to leverage \$1,280,000 of federal funds (HUD ICDBG and State CDBG).
10. **Kaltag New Clinic Supplemental (\$100,000)** – The ANTHC recent cost estimate for this project has increased by \$100,000. This project will be constructed in 2012 and leverages Denali Commission funds in the amount of \$1,925,484.
11. **Chalkyitsik New Clinic Supplemental (\$65,000)** - The ANTHC recent cost estimate for this project has increased by \$65,000. This project will be constructed in 2012 and leverages Denali Commission funds in the amount of \$1,565,000.
12. ***Stevens Village Heavy Equipment for new landfill (\$205,000)** –The CIP provides essential equipment to operate the new landfill to be constructed in 2012 and leverages \$3,761,227 of USDA RD, Denali Commission and State DOT funds.
13. ***Huslia – Multi-Purpose Building (\$170,000)** - No functioning community services building at Huslia. CIP will be used to leverage \$1,730,000 of federal funds (HUD ICDBG, NAHASDA and State CDBG).

14. *Nenana – Tribal Hall Renovation (\$75,000) – The Village Council operates a much-used community hall that needs minor renovation as a preventative maintenance measure.
15. Arctic Village – Smart Metering Project (\$80,000) – This CIP will allow the village-owned electrical utility to increase revenue collection by requiring pre-payment for usage and also stimulate energy conservation through continuous consumption information availability to residents in the homes.
16. *Beaver – Smart Metering Project (\$80,000) - This CIP will allow the village-owned electrical utility to increase revenue collection by requiring pre-payment for usage and also stimulate energy conservation through continuous consumption information availability to residents in the homes.
17. Birch Creek School Conversion (\$90,000) – Birch Creek lost its power and water treatment plant and community building to fire and has been given the empty school building to re-establish their functions and requires this CIP to utilize the building.
18. Tanana – Drainage Public Safety Project (\$255,000) – The village is experiencing stagnant water and erosion which is degrading the village's roads. The City will contribute \$54,000 of in-kind services to support this project.
19. * Evansville – Clinic Match (\$170,000) – Dilapidated clinic at Evansville with no water/sewer services. CIP will be used to leverage \$1,730,000 of federal funds (HUD ICDBG, State CDBG and IHS Tribal Clinic Equipment funding).
20. Tanana Chiefs Conference Regional Search and Rescue Equipment (\$150,000) – There is no in-state under water electronic sonar and viewing equipment available to assist in search and rescue of persons lost while on water. Equipment will be shared statewide.
21. Shageluk – Multi-Purpose Building Addition (\$200,000) – The Village Council is constructing a multi-purpose building during 2012 and would like to include a large gathering space addition. This CIP will leverage a \$600,000 State CDBG grant.
22. *Healy Lake – Community Hall Construction Completion (\$100,000) – The Village Council has been fund raising to incrementally complete its community hall. This CIP will complete the project and leverage \$38,000 of funding from the Council this year.
23. Fort Yukon – Multi-Purpose Facility (\$300,000) - The Village Council is constructing a multi-purpose building during 2012 and would like to include a large gathering space addition. This CIP will leverage an \$850,000 State CDBG grant.
24. Northway – Cultural Center (\$150,000) – The Village Council is building a two-phase multi-purpose building with phase one planned for construction in 2012. This CIP would fund phase two of the project and leverage \$600,000 of Federal ICDBG funding.
25. Holy Cross - Multi-Purpose Facility Addition (\$300,000) - The Village Council is constructing a multi-purpose building during 2012 and would like to include a large gathering space addition. This CIP will leverage an \$850,000 State CDBG grant.
26. * Beaver – Clinton Wiehl Building Energy Efficiency Upgrade (\$100,000) – Beaver has a multi-purpose building that requires energy efficiency upgrades to reduce operational expenses. The Council will be contributing \$38,000 to the project.

27. Arctic Village Landfill Loader (\$200,000) – The Village’s landfill is full and the Council has fencing materials on-site to build a new cell but requires an end-loader to complete this project.
28. Louden Tribe (Galena) – Biomass Feller Buncher (\$450,000) – The Village Council, City and School are coordinating to develop a community-wide bio-mass energy project and require “feller buncher” to supply fuel for the planned project. The overall cost of this project is \$4,122,150 including this CIP request.
29. Manley Hot Springs – Distribution Station (\$150,000) – The Village Council is constructing a gasoline and diesel fuel sales station and has \$60,000 of its own funding to contribute to the project and requires this CIP to complete the project.
30. Fort Yukon – Elderly Independent Living Housing Project (\$300,000) – Fort Yukon has many elders who desire to stay in the village but require specialized housing. CIP will be used to leverage \$1,300,000 of federal funds (HUD ICDBG and State AHFC) to build an elder 5-plex.
31. Alatna – Transportation Improvements Heavy Equipment (\$180,000) – The Village Council is planning to construct an on-shore river transportation station to support safe river crossings between Alatna and Allakaket which requires an end-loader to support construction of the project. The Council will utilize \$150,000 of BIA IRRP federal funding to conduct the actual construction.
32. Chalkyitsik Heavy Equipment Purchase (\$200,000) The Village Council has planned projects (new housing and clinic) to be constructed over the next two years and requires an end-loader to support these projects.
33. Nikolai – Multi-Purpose Community Center Rehabilitation (\$170,000). The Village’s multi-purpose building requires renovation and the Council will utilize this CIP to leverage \$1,330,000 of federal funds.
34. Kaltag – New Multi-Purpose Center Match (\$170,000) - The Village’s requires a new multi-purpose building and the Council will utilize this CIP to leverage \$1,450,000 of federal funds.
35. Kaltag Fish Processing conveyer belt (\$60,000) – The village’s fish processing plant creates summertime employment for many residents and requires upgrades to become more efficient. This CIP will used to leverage \$190,000 of federal funds.
36. Grayling Essential Housing initiative (\$200,000) – Grayling has a housing crisis and the Council will utilize this CIP to leverage \$1,400,000 of federal funding (HUD ICDBG and AHFC).
37. *Stevens Village – Multi-Purpose Facility Renovation (\$50,000) – The Village Council operates a much-used community hall that needs roof replacement as a preventative maintenance measure.
38. Tetlin – Biomass Community Facility Space Heating – Phase 2 (\$200,000) – The Council is currently completing construction of its phase one biomass project funded by a FY2012 CIP which will heat the village’s school. This phase two CIP request will add further heating capacity and extend heat conduits to the clinic, maintenance garage and multi-purpose building.

Top ten (10) projects total: \$2,201,000
Federal funds leveraged: \$12,064,484

Top fifteen (15) projects total: \$2,796,000
Federal funds leveraged: \$19,120,711

Top twenty (20) projects total: \$3,541,000
Federal funds leveraged: \$20,904,711

Total CIP (38) projects total: \$7,021,000
Federal funds leveraged: \$33,844,861

Testimony regarding Capital Budget

5-21-12

Good evening. I'm Taber Rehbaum, CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska, and I

thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of fully funding the Capital Request for the 3rd Grade Initiative.

The 3rd Grade standards assessment test is often the first opportunity schools have to collect hard and consistent data regarding the proficiency of their students.

Many states use the results of the 3rd grade standards tests to predict how many prison beds they will need to plan for. We think that is a pretty scary commentary.

In our quest to help increase the graduation rates of Alaska students, these tests present a perfect opportunity to identify the youngsters most at risk of academic failure who are in turn most at risk for dropping out and potential incarceration.

In partnership with four school districts across the state, this initiative will change the trajectory of these children, making academic success possible for them, increasing the odds that they will be productive members of our communities, and reducing the chance that they will become a drain on our communities.

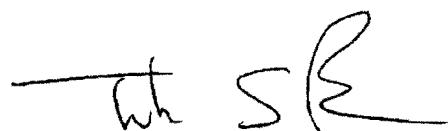
Big Brothers Big Sisters was just ranked the #1 most effective non-profit for at risk youth by Guidestar's Philanthropedia, and we have a track record of providing positive outcomes for youth in Alaska that goes back forty years.

This Initiative is a 3 year data-driven partnership with four school districts that will not only produce positive academic and social outcomes for participating students, it will provide us the opportunity to measure the impact of the program on schools as a whole.

By concentrating on matching children who score below proficiency on their 3rd grade standards tests with Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and by utilizing real-time school data to help direct match activities to target specific areas in which children are struggling, we can provide even greater impacts for youth, schools and communities.

The strong evaluation component within this Initiative will help us make a case to leverage additional funding to replicate and expand this program model after the 3 years of the pilot program. This is a proven strategy to increase our graduation rates statewide and the best way to invest in the future of our state.

Thank you again.


Taber S. Rehbaum, CEO
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Name: MAKO HAGGERTY
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Bill No./Subject: SB 160
Committee: Senate Finance
Date of Hearing: 21 MARCH 2012

Please restore funding for Ocean Acidification research at UAF.

Alaska is on the frontline when dealing with the impact of Ocean Acidification and its impacts. Ocean Acidification impacts our commercial fisheries as well as our shellfish mariculture industry. But Alaska is not the only place that will suffer Ocean Acidification. The whole world will be watching how we deal with the impacts. At UAF we have a cutting edge research project that will have ~~international~~ ramifications ^{local, national and international}

Please support this very important research

Mako Haggerty

The 15-second version: There are traditional athletic, academic and other group activities for youth to do in Ketchikan, but the MAJORITY do not participate and the rates of minor consuming alcohol, vandalism and misdemeanors continue to escalate. Please support a skatepark and a youth community center in Ketchikan.

Ketchikan Youth Initiatives, Bobbie McCreary

Testimony: LIO Office, March 21, 2012

Chairman Stedman and members of the Senate Finance Committee, I am Bobbie McCreary the Administrator of Ketchikan Youth Initiatives (KYI).

Tonight we speak in support of two projects to support our teens and young adults ages 14 to 24 and provide for them healthy, safe and skill-building activities. The MAJORITY of our young people do NOT have enough positive things to do, to occupy their time, to keep them out of trouble, to encourage them to get involved in civic engagement, to develop new skills and self-confidence, to value and complete their education and to prepare them to become valuable employees. Our rates of minor consuming alcohol, vandalism and other misdemeanors continue to escalate. Last year 27% of our ninth grader cohort of 2007 did not graduate in 2011. The State can help us improve these statistics.

First, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough has requested a matching grant of \$150,000 to be applied to a professionally-designed and built concrete skatepark for which total cost is estimated at \$667,000 including a roof and, with in-kind services and with pledged support from the local community can be built for an estimated \$367,000. KYI, through a skateboard users group, is actively supporting the Borough in developing this important athletic facility to serve our budding athletes and their families.

Second, KYI is in the process of redeveloping a 100-year old warehouse into a vibrant Youth Community Center. This Old Water Warehouse building was donated to KYI by the City of Ketchikan and will serve as a meeting place, a place to host events and activities 7 days a week until curfew, and a facility to support job readiness training and development of youth-run businesses. The total cost of this project is estimated at \$467,000. The cost to complete this project is estimated at \$376,000, and with projected community support can be reduced to approximately \$297,000. KYI respectfully requests \$60,000 to replace the roof and complete the Youth Entrepreneur Hub on the ground floor.

Any monies the State can provide to fund these projects will be put to very good use to serve our youth ages 14 to 24. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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REPRESENTING: Self

BILL#/SUBJECT: SB160: FY13 Capital Budget

COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE: Senate Finance 21 March 2012

March 21, 2012

The new Alaska state library, archives and museum building has been making steady progress toward completion since the acquisition of the land in 2002. Pre-planning, architectural design, and site development have been achieved with the monies appropriated to date, and now opportunity knocks from Alaskans with this vital project.

The Alaska State Library is the mother ship for all of the libraries and education endeavors in our vast and far flung state. Its leadership and support for local organizations is essential for information access for all in the digital age. Our cultural heritage in historical archives and museum holdings is seriously endangered by inadequate and deteriorating buildings.

The New Library Archives Museum building is shovel ready. The stars are in alignment, while SB 160 shows \$20million for this project, the practical course of action is to fully fund the project THIS YEAR. Construction costs are favorable. Let us seize the moment. What we cannot afford is further deterioration of our archival treasures and the ability to provide the library support Alaskans should have.

Thank you for considering full funding for this vital and fully prepared project.

Sue Paulsen

Doniece Gott

From: Sen. Lyman Hoffman
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 8:11 AM
To: Doniece Gott
Subject: FW: SB 160 Senate Finance Committee Hearing 3/21/12

-----Original Message-----

From: LIO Anchorage
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 8:06 AM
To: Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Bert Stedman
Subject: FW: SB 160 Senate Finance Committee Hearing 3/21/12

-----Original Message-----

From: captron@ak.net [mailto:captron@ak.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 6:46 PM
To: LIO Anchorage
Cc: Lindsey Whitt
Subject: SB 160 Senate Finance Committee Hearing 3/21/12

Good evening co-Chairs Stedman and Hoffman and members of the Senate finance committee.

For the record I am Captain Ron Ward
Master Mariner, Marine Pilot licensed in the State of Alaska since 1997 and a current member of the Anchorage Port Commission.

As a marine pilot I have been docking ships in the POA for the past 15 years including the largest tanker to call at the port which I docked just yesterday. As a professional pilot my stock in trade is local knowledge. I have to be aware of the tides, currents and bottom characteristics of every Alaskan port in Southcentral. Consequently I am keenly aware of the challenges involved with maintaining this infrastructure. POA has the second largest range of tide in North America in excess of 33 feet. Winter conditions require vessels to maneuver and moor in pan ice which can grow up to a thickness of two feet. Tidal currents in the POA and its approaches can reach velocities of 6 knots. Combine the weight of the pan ice with the force of the current and you have significant stress on our 50 year old structure.

There can be no question that the POA is crucial to the future development of the State of Alaska's commerce. In conclusion I support the Port Expansion project Alaska must have a safe, viable port.

Capt. Ron Ward
Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Sen. Lyman Hoffman
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 8:02 AM
To: Doniece Gott
Subject: FW: Urge support of full funding for the state Library, Archives and Museum project

From: Marilyn Knapp [mailto:<mailto:marilynrkg@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 5:16 PM
To: Sen. Lyman Hoffman
Subject: Urge support of full funding for the state Library, Archives and Museum project

Senator Hoffman,

I sent the following message to Senator Stedman today and ask you to also support the SLAM project for full funding. I noted on your biographical page that Alaska history is one of your interests. Good news!

Marilyn R. Knapp, Sitka

Senator Stedman,

I know you and the Finance Committee have supported the State Library, Archives and Museum project in the past. I offer a sincere thank you for your support to date. Having worked in several of Alaska's museums and libraries, I have a sense of pride in helping to preserve and interpret the state's history. It's been a long time coming but we are within close range of a new facility to house the state's historical archives, photographs, library materials and artifacts. What better way to celebrate this new century and an entrance into the second 50 years of statehood, than to provide for a new facility to secure the safety, security and well being of Alaska's historical materials.

Thank you again for your past support. Please let me know if you have questions.

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Good leadership defines reality.

Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Center of Alaska, L.L.C.

March 21, 2012

Re: SB 160, Girdwood Health Clinic Appropriation Request

Dear Senator Hoffman,

The community of Girdwood has been working for the past 7 years to bring a community health center to Turnagain Arm. With the new not-for-profit Girdwood Health Clinic Inc we are finally in a position to bring this dream to fruition. The Girdwood Health Clinic Inc is to be commended for providing the same excellent medical care that our community has been receiving since 1999. SB 160, Girdwood Health Clinic Appropriation request contains much needed funding for the community of Girdwood and Turnagain Arm and is the next crucial step to our goal of having a community health center serving the rural needs of our population.

- Expanded services and hours for Girdwood including after hours care.
- Mental health screening and referral and dental services and referral.
- Telemedicine will connect health care personnel in Hope with Girdwood clinician.
- Nurse Triage telephone system will be available after hours for the Turnagain Arm communities.
- Eligibility Specialist to assist patients in applying for and acquiring benefits through government programs.
- Additional clinicians along with financial and clerical staff support will be hired.
- Health care availability in Girdwood and Hope will encourage other services and improve the quality of life in the Turnagain Arm communities.
- Road closures are a way of life in Turnagain Arm. That will not change. There remains only one way in and out of Girdwood. Alternate medical care and services are essential!

I am a physician who works in Anchorage and lives full time in Girdwood. I fully support the Girdwood Health Clinic appropriation request. My family along with most Girdwood families uses the services of the Girdwood Health Clinic. I can't begin to imagine the devastation to the area if we were to lose the health clinic. Expansion and support guarantees that we will not lose this fundamental resource.

I urge you to support this Senate Bill.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey G. Demain, MD, FAAAAI, FACAAI, FAAP
Director, Allergy, Asthma & Immunology Center of Alaska
Clinical Associate Professor, University of Washington

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Doniece Gott

From: Sen. Lyman Hoffman
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 9:05 AM
To: Doniece Gott
Subject: FW: Support Senate ill 160

From: jonnie lazarus [mailto:jonnieak@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 10:43 AM

To: Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. Dennis Egan; Sen. Joe Thomas; Sen. Johnny Ellis; Sen. Lesli McGuire

Subject: Support Senate ill 160

Dear Senators,

This letter is to support Senate Bill 160 in general, and specifically the section addressing a one time appropriation of \$137,000 for the Girdwood Health Clinic as sponsored by Cathy Geissel.

This funding is critical in allowing the clinic to move to the next important step of providing services to the Girdwood community as well as providing a Telemedicine Cart to connect health care personnel in Hope. The appropriation will fund a Nurse Triage Telephone system, which will be available to the communities along Turnagain Arm at all hours. As a community resident who has had to make the drive to Anchorage along the Seward Highway in hazardous driving conditions in the middle of the night, I can assure you that this alone is a worthwhile investment.

While road improvements have helped over the years, it is a fact that driving to Anchorage still takes an hour in the best of conditions. With an injured spouse or ill child, this is just too long. And as you well know, the drive is not always possible. Road closures due to weather events, accidents, construction are still common place for this community and even if we are willing to make the drive to Anchorage for medical care, it is not always possible. Funding appropriated through Senate Bill 160 will help expand services by the hiring of additional clinicians as well as the support staff needed to make medical services available throughout the week for the Turnagain Arm communities.

I urge you to support Senate Bill 160 in its entirety.

Thank you

Jonnie and William Lazarus
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Girdwood, AK

Girdwood residents for over 30 years!

Doniece Gott

From: Desiree.Walsh@CH2M.com
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 6:54 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: AVTEC

Good Morning.

My name is Desiree Walsh and I am an AVTEC Statewide Advisory Board Member. I work at CH2M Hill. We hire individuals from the AVTEC Heavy Mechanic/Diesel program and are having serious issues meeting our needs for qualified, trained, Alaskan Heavy Duty Mechanic hires.

I support the new training and residential facilities at AVTEC.

Sincerely,

Desiree Walsh

Desiree

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Doniece Gott

From: jcrews@hollandamerica-princess.com
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 8:14 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: I support AVTEC Funding

Thank you for the opportunity to testify last night, the work being done in the Senate Finance committee is crucial to the future of Alaska.

I would just like to follow up that the funding for Alaska Vocational Technical Center in SB160 is important to the continued success and growth of this institution and our state. As an employer I have personally struggled to find skilled employees, I am currently searching for two right now. AVTEC fills the brick and mortar jobs in Alaska, the jobs that build our state and more importantly, maintain our state.

Alaska is a state that depends on people who work with their heads and their hands, AVTEC has a proven history of supplying entry level employees into the crafts.

Testimony was abbreviated last night due to the large number of Alaskans testifying, if the committee has any further questions I am available to answer them. Again, thank you for your service and time last evening.

Respectfully

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Alaska Vocational Technical Center
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Doniece Gott

From: Aspelund, Shawn A <Shawn.Aspelund@bp.com>
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To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: I \$upport FULL AVTEC Funding!!!

Folks,

I am in workforce development for the oil & gas industry. Attrition is our public enemy #2.

We must have highly trained and qualified people to take over the work from those of us nearing retirement. The public demands nothing less from industry. The work will happen but only by skilled workers. If we want the work to go to Alaskans we must have the facilities to effectively train.

Thanks for your efforts in Juneau.....

Shawn A. Aspelund

Training Specialist
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From: Rosalie Kairaiuak <rkairaiu@calistacorp.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 8:54 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: I support AVTEC Funding

I am a board member of AVTEC and manage shareholder records for Calista Corporation. I believe AVTEC prepares the workforce that keeps Alaska going and support AVTEC funding in SB160.

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I am writing in regards to the request by the Alaska Association of Conservation Districts in support of the valuable services that the Soil and Water Conservation Districts provide. Please forward my message to the State Finance Committee that is meeting to evaluate the upcoming budget.

The Kenai District, of which I am familiar, has been a very valuable resource especially to those interested in accomplishing sustainable agriculture in this area. It has been an integral part of helping the food bank in Kenai expand their production which assists many in the community who truly need it. The equipment rental program helps many local farmers annually to maintain their fields, and to increase production on newly cleared land or land that has laid fallow. It also provides the whole community with education on invasive species, erosion management, fertilizer recommendations, greenhouse pest control and a network to share such information. Without the support of the Alaska Association of Conservation Districts the local Kenai Conservation District would not be able to provide these much needed and appreciated services for our community.

Please support the funding for the Alaska Association of Conservation Districts for all the communities across the state that benefit from its services. Thank you for your time and attention to my concerns.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Bill Johnson
REPRESENTING: Self
BILL # or SUBJECT: SB 160
COMMITTEE & DATE: Senate Finance

I am a long time resident (in Kasilof) and registered voter. I am writing to strongly urge you to provide funding for the Alaska Soil & Water Conservation Districts. Though the Districts are provided for in part through NRCS, the funding you have control over provides an absolutely essential basis for their operation. The Districts provide many essential services in support of agriculture throughout Alaska. In my own area on the Kenai Peninsula, farmers large and small old and new, are enabled to cooperate about such essential services as producing high quality fertilizer, obtaining critical equipment, exchanging valuable information, understanding and being assisted in working with state land-use guide-lines, working together to build many (50) new hi-tunnel greenhouses that have already transformed the agricultural possibilities of our difficult climate, thus greatly enhancing the hope for Alaskan food security. The members of the Conservation Districts are some of the residents most committed to the long term livability of our shared home state, I urge you to continue to fund their efforts.

Sincerely,
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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Michelle Martin

REPRESENTING: Self

BILL # or SUBJECT: SB 160

COMMITTEE & DATE: Senate Finance

I'm writing to urge you to approve the Alaska Association of Conservation Districts' request for funding in this year's Capital Budget. As a resident of Kenai, I truly value what the Kenai Soil & Water Conservation District (KSWCD) brings to our community. One of my primary concerns as a citizen is local food security. While local meat and fish are relatively easy to obtain, we Alaskans are at the end of a very long supply chain when it comes to most of the produce and dairy that we consume. We need organizations such as KSWCD, which facilitate the exchange of information among local growers, connect growers with federal programs such as the USDA-NRCS high tunnel program, and provide a means of bringing federal and private grant money into our community to continue such efforts. I've also appreciated the work of the Homer Soil & Water Conservation District, which has employed a youth crew for the past few summers to control invasive plants. The existence of these Soil & Water Conservation Districts is mandated by the state, but it is an ongoing struggle for them to remain working and effective because there is no secure, yearly state funding for them. They fill a very valuable role in our communities and our state, and a small amount of state funding would allow them to maintain minimal staff and office space and leverage much more money in order to pursue such goals as local food security. Thanks for your service to our state, and please fund our Conservation Districts!

Sincerely,
Michelle Martin, Kenai

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

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REPRESENTING: Self

BILL # or SUBJECT: SB 160

COMMITTEE & DATE: Senate Finance Committee

I'm speaking in support of the Alaska Association of Conservation Districts request for funding. As a 50-year resident of the Kenai Peninsula, I am deeply concerned about our ability to grow food locally to lessen our dependence upon outside supply lines in the event of emergency, to lessen the economic impact of being so far away from our food sources, and to have quality, healthy choices available to Alaskans through sustainable agriculture within our own state.

Our Conservation District here is necessary to promote these goals, and has been very helpful in providing information, learning opportunities, and assistance to dozens of new high tunnel growers on the Peninsula. Further, since agricultural enterprises have historically been limited to a very small section of our State as well as with a relatively narrow production scope, the District has been a great resource in helping to expand options and opportunities for new growers that have heretofore not been available. I'm told that districts in our State have historically brought in 4 to 9 non-state dollars for every state dollar. Base funding received from the state via the Alaska Association of Conservation Districts is essential to keep the doors open and leverage additional sources of federal and private funding.

Please include AACD's funding request in the Capital Budget.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Cindy Litman <cindylitman@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 10:36 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Library expansion grant and capital funding

Dear Senate Finance Committee Members,

I am writing to express my support for full funding of the library expansion grant and capital funding. Sitka is in the midst of planning for a much-needed library expansion. As is the case for many small communities, the Sitka library plays a crucial role in supporting not only reading and literacy, but also community, education and wellbeing. By directly and indirectly supporting a wide range of programs and needs, funds allocated for libraries translate to better lives for Alaskans of all ages, education levels, backgrounds and economic status.

I attempted to testify at the hearing yesterday evening, but was placed on hold and never transferred to a real person. I hope you will consider my emailed testimony.

Thank you,
Cindy Litman

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From: Loganpiperak <loganpiperak@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 12:49 PM
To: LIO Fairbanks
Subject: Letter of support

Please attach the following email of support to the capital budget this evening.

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Thank you for your time, attention and support of the Dance Theatre Fairbanks Building Insulation, Renovation, and Utility Upgrade Project

Thanks you
Logan Lockwood
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Sent from my iPhone

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Thanks you
Kurt Lockwood
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From: JOHN E SALZMAN <jsalzman@gci.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 2:06 PM
To: LIO Fairbanks
Subject: Fairbanks Community Project

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From: John E Salzman <jsalzman.eccalaska@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 2:10 PM
To: LIO Fairbanks
Subject: Fairbanks Community Project for Capital Budget

I am urging you to vote for the artificial turf fields in the upcoming capital budget:

The Borough Assembly Prioritized the construction of two synthetic turf field in their legislative priorities for capital projects this fall and I FULLY SUPPORT THEIR PRIORITY and place it as a top item for improving quality of life and opportunity in the Fairbanks/North Pole area.

- Looks and feels like natural grass - no matter the weather
- No need for pesticides, fertilizers, herbicides, and fungicides
- No watering - protect our natural resources
- Low maintenance and upkeep
- Reduce carbon emissions from mowing, weed-eating, and edging
- Maximizes playing time
- Increases revenue generation potential
- Provides a consistent artificial turf surface for superior all-around performance
- Minimizes abrasions, neural and joint injuries
- Contributes to less time lost to injury - compared to natural grass

1) Primary reason for need: **increased usable minutes** of youth participation outdoors [**at least a tripling** of current grass fields.] can be used 4 to 8 weeks earlier in the spring and can be used for unlimited minutes per day once they are clear of snow regardless of weather and temperature... grass fields are limited in use as they wear down and become rutted, muddy, not-level, and generally a mess]. The bottom line is we could be on fields March 25 Through Oct 10 in all weather conditions and 24 hours a day as opposed to May 15--Sept 15 with usage restricted to 3 to 5 hours per day to prevent over-use.

2) **Injury reduction.** Numerous studies have show a significant reduction in both lower extremities and head injuries on synthetic turf when compared to natural grass surfaces. The difference is even greater in subarctic environments like Fairbanks.

3) **environmental advantages** [reduction in fresh water, gas, emissions, chemicals, etc. being discharged in maintenance of grass fields]

4) **Economic Advantages** to Borough and city businesses... [attracting events like state high school soccer tournament (250+ people using hotels and restaurants for 5 days in early June), state football tournaments, major exhibition sporting

events, college clubs and possible D-II soccer teams, conferences, etc.). Chamber members, business community, and hotel associations ARE in favor of having these built so we can compete with other metro areas in hosting statewide tournaments.

5) Cost savings long-term (field maintenance) over grass fields.

6) Quality of Life and attracting top notch employees into our community. We need more recreational opportunities for our youth and adults. Synthetic fields and especially a state of the art dome would help our community recruit and keep top talent in many areas. Executives and specialists like doctors, dentists, lawyers, teachers, etc. have families and they are looking for any recreational social factors that mitigate the many days of super cold. The right kind of facilities will make families and executives more likely to locate in Fairbanks. These types of individuals play sports themselves and have children who are very involved and need development training to take it to the next level. Right now they will look at Anchorage and then the Valley and then Juneau and they will see that there are far less opportunities for training and play in Fairbanks over these communities. Add some fields and facilities and this could change.

7) Obesity reduction and increased Youth Activity: ANYTHING that get kids outside more and more active is a positive!

8) JOBS the installation projects could be bid so as to require Alaska hire for the installations. Installing full sized fields and tracks take major work forces that will produce Alaska jobs.

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