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Representative Guttenberg asked how the Pittman Robertson funds appropriated in Section 1 of the bill tie in with Pittman Robertson in the operating budget

A total of \$3.3 million of federal receipts have reverted to the feds as of November 2017. The following is expected to revert if additional match is not received: \$3.9 million on September 30, 2018 and \$6 million in FY19. DNR and DFG believe that, with additional effort, SDPR from communities and non-profits can be leveraged to match federal receipts. The Senate's budget helps DFG address the above reversion issues.

What would "Code Blue" do with \$1,000,000 proposed in the Governor's original request

See attached white paper from the Code Blue Steering Committee

Representative Wilson asked why "Flint Hills Settlement - Piped Water System" was an appropriation to DEC and not part of the "judgments and settlements" appropriation to the department of Law.

See attached TPS report

List of IT projects in section 26

This is standard language which allows the Legislative Council to vote and make the decision on what IT or technology improvement projects to approve. Currently what is being contemplated is what is in the *Three Year Technology Plan*. The IT Subcommittee has met and discussed the ideas, but they have not yet gone before Legislative Council for approval and thus should be considered preliminary at this point. Some of the items for consideration are:

- Annual Hardware refresh
- Chambers voting board/system rehab/replacement
- Server, storage and switch refresh/upgrades
- Network redesign

- UPS Upgrades
- Fiber and copper wiring upgrades
- Committee room improvements

The Committee requested a list of items not included in the Senate Committee Substitute of the Capital Budget from the Governor's request (including the contingency budget and supplemental).

The following FY18 Supplemental requests are not included:

- \$47 million in Medicaid Funding to prevent provider payments from halting until the new fiscal year.
- \$750 K for DNR and 750K for DOR for AKLNG due diligence (submitted as a capital supplemental – could be put in as a multi-year operating)
- \$4.5 million Reappropriation for the commuter rail concept
- Pending '1002' Seismic request \$10M (this was withdrawn by the administration but recently re-requested)

The following Capital budget requests are not included

Public Safety Action Plan Priorities not present

- Enhanced 9-1-1 project is not included (PSAP) – \$9.5 M
- \$18 million for Substance abuse grants not included (PSAP)
- \$899K Governor's office Rural Public Safety – reappropriation from Susitna Dam funds

Additional Capital budget requests are not included

- University deferred maintenance. There was \$70M University DM in the Alaska Economic Recovery Act. The UA needs \$50M annually.
- Pioneer home renovation for memory care beds 2.0 M was only provided 1.0 M (because its renovation it doesn't fit DM)
- Public and community transport match (\$1.0M)
- Fish and game vessel repair of 500.0 K – although it is noted in a \$309K reappropriation the projects supporting this appropriations lapsed so there is \$0 as the bill is currently written.
- Adak Airport Operations (OK Assuming House operating is approved)
- ATIA (tourism marketing) funding is zeroed out (\$3.0M requested by the Governor)
- Wrangell Junkyard move contaminants off-island (\$5M)
- AHFC weatherization. There was \$18M in the Alaska Economic Recovery Act.

The following items were moved from Economic Recovery Act into the capital budget which are all positive.

- AHFC maintenance reduced from \$11M to \$6M and moved from Alaska Economic Recovery Act
- AHFC senior housing reduced from \$2M to \$1M AK and moved from Alaska Economic Recovery Act
- Municipal harbor reduced from 10M to \$4,999,997 and moved from Alaska Economic Recovery Act. This needs an additional \$3 dollars to assure the top priority project is funded.
- \$24 million in school major maintenance (there was 70M in Alaska Economic Recovery Act to cover a major portion of the backlog)
- \$20M in state agency facilities deferred maintenance (there was 40M in Alaska Economic Recovery Act to cover a major portion of the backlog)

The following Supplementals are missing or changed:

- \$94.1K for DMVA Special Assistant for BRAC
- \$221.0K for DMVA C-17 funding
- \$2.5 Million in corrections short funding (may be able to manage but will be very tight)
- 200K DEC Reappropriation for Municipal Matching Projects (can manage – received other capital funds for this purpose)
- Cross appropriation transfers in DOA denied but 750K in authority given to SSOA for GFPR (no problem)
- CBPL Native claims position funded at \$30.0K instead of \$103.4K
- Aviation and Highway federal match require back-fill language to be fully funded as some of the reappropriations funding this may fall short.

Alaska's Code Blue Steering Committee



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March 6, 2018

TO: Alaska Representative Neil Foster – House Finance Co-Chair
FROM: Bobbi Leichty, Code Blue Steering Committee Chair
Re: Code Blue funding options

The Code Blue grant program was initiated 18 years ago when the need for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) capital equipment had reached a crisis point with outdated patient care equipment and aging vehicles that far exceeded a single community's ability to replace. Since that time, Code Blue has leveraged State funding (\$7,756,979) to apply with various other grants to provide over \$27,795,321 for EMS capital equipment and transportation needs. Partners in the past, have included the USDA (\$8,829,541), the Rasmuson Foundation (\$1,226,000), and the Denali Commission (\$1,561,000) along with local community matches (\$4,872,721). Through the years, the funding from these partners has disappeared (Denali Commission) or decreased because of changing eligibility requirements (USDA-Rural Development) to a point that the unmet need has skyrocketed. The Steering Committee continues to aggressively seek new funding partners.

All Code Blue capital requests are garnered from within each region every fall. Each region reviews and approves them before bringing them to the state-wide Code Blue meeting for further evaluation and classification into one state-wide list. After careful review for need and local support, the resulting list is recognized as the 'approved' list of eligible items and anticipated funding is delegated according to the priorities. Those priorities are:

Patient Care Equipment– gurneys, immobilization devices, cardiac monitors, portable suction, portable oxygen kits, etc.

Training Equipment – Equipment necessary for training the public, pre-hospital providers and clinicians

Transportation – Ambulances for State certified services, patient transport vehicles for first responder services and snow machines/4 wheelers/water craft all designed to carry patients.

Communication Equipment– radios, pagers

Other – Mechanical CPR devices, advanced airway equipment, power cot loading systems

Many of the items have funding 'caps' in order to spread the funds as far as possible. ALL Code Blue items have an expected minimum local match. Example: A cardiac monitor costs an average of \$25,000 but the 'cap' is limited to \$15,000 and the average cost of an ambulance is \$180,000 with a 'cap' of \$55,000 leaving the community to raise \$125,000.

Here is how the recent requests for Code Blue's Phase 18 were categorized:

Category Totals	Total Budget	Local Contribution	CURRENT Anticipated State Funding Awarded	Other Anticipated Funding	Additional Funding Needed
Patient Care	\$ 312,442.29	\$ 31,244	\$ 196,373	\$ -	\$ 84,825
Training	\$ 132,995.90	\$ 13,300	\$ 119,696	\$ -	\$ 0
Transportation	\$ 1,253,189.00	\$ 125,319	\$ 167,410	\$ 70,000	\$ 890,460
Communications	\$ 22,384.40	\$ 2,238	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,146
Other	\$ 118,229.07	\$ 11,823	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 106,406
TOTALS - ALL CATEGORIES	\$ 1,839,240.66	\$ 183,924	\$ 483,480	\$ 70,000	\$ 1,101,837

As you can see, the total NEED was for 1.8M, the local contribution is expected to be \$183K and the unmet need is \$1.1M. This year, there were 6 requests for new ambulances statewide but the funding only stretched to cover the Patient Care and Training categories leaving some difficult decisions that had to be made. The committee was only able to fund 2 of the ambulances requested (over 39 years old), 1 ambulance remount, and 1 snow machine made to transport patients. Four ambulances were not funded at all. Nothing in the Communications or Other category was funded.

IF the funding for Code Blue was increased to \$750K –

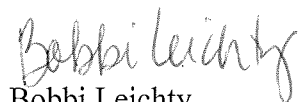
We would be able to additionally fund all of the remaining ambulance requests (all of them 15-20 years old) to their 'cap' of \$55,000.

IF the funding for Code Blue was increased to \$1M –

We would be able to additionally fund the 6 ambulance and 1 remount request up to \$90,000 each, (half of the cost), fully fund the cardiac monitors up to their minimum local match and potentially some of the items in the 'Other' category.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Bobbi Leichthy

Code Blue Steering Committee Chair

Flint Hills Settlement**FY2019 Request: \$14,360,000****Reference No: 61937****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Life / Health / Safety**Category:** General Government**Location:** North Pole**House District:** North Pole/Badger (HD 3)**Impact House District:** Fairbanks Areawide (HD 1-5)**Contact:** Tom Cherian**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2018 - 06/30/2023 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-5256**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

In FY2017, the State reached a settlement on the Flint Hills sulfolane release that contaminated drinking water in the North Pole area. The State is responsible for up to \$20.0 million of the total project cost of expanding the City's piped drinking water system to serve affected homes. The Department was appropriated \$5.7 million in FY2017-2018 for this settlement. Through the Department of Law, \$14.4 million is required in FY2019.

Funding:	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	Total
1004 Gen Fund	\$14,360,000						\$14,360,000
Total:	\$14,360,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$14,360,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Sec14 Ch1 SLA2017 P94 L19 HB57 \$5,740,000

Project Description/Justification:

The State has settled its lawsuit against Flint Hills Resources, LLC, and Flint Hills's counterclaims against the State over the North Pole Refinery soil and groundwater contamination. The State Department of Natural Resources leased the property to the prior owner Williams Alaska Petroleum, Inc. As a landowner, the State has potential liability for the spills and releases during Williams's thirty years of refinery operations. Releases of refinery wastewater containing the industrial chemical sulfolane polluted the drinking water wells of hundreds of residents beyond the refinery property. Under the settlement, Flint Hills will fund 80% and the State will fund 20% of a piped water system project on an interim funding basis while parties pursue their litigation against former refinery operator Williams. Last session, the legislature appropriated to the Department of Environmental Conservation \$5.74 million, the amount projected for the State's share required in FY2017 and FY2018. The amount remaining to be paid in FY2019 is \$14.36 million.