

FY13 Legislative Request

Legislative Request By: Fairbanks North Star Borough



Request Title: Legislation to Finance Fuel Conversions to a Natural Gas Distribution System in the Fairbanks North Star Borough

Brief Description of Request:

The FNSB requests that legislative action be taken in the 2012 session to establish a low interest fuel conversion loan program that would enable Borough residents to take advantage of lower cost, liquefied natural gas energy that is projected to be made available through the Golden Valley Electric Association-Flint Hills Resources (GVEA-FHR) Liquefied Natural Gas Trucking Project by the end of 2014.

Please provide a detailed description and justification:

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The Golden Valley Electric Association-Flint Hills Resources (GVEA-FHR) Liquefied Natural Gas Trucking Project is moving forward to meet their March 2012 project commitments, with possible availability of liquefied natural gas to Borough residents by the end of 2014. The FNSB requests that legislative action be taken to establish a low interest fuel conversion loan program that will enable Borough residents to finance converting or replacing their home's oil fired furnaces to natural gas quickly and at a reasonable rate.

By establishing a low interest fuel conversion loan program in the 2012 legislative session, the legislature would ensure FNSB residents are poised to take advantage the lower cost, more efficient liquefied natural gas as soon as it is made available through the GVEA-FHR Trucking Project in late 2014. A fuel conversion loan program could be similar to the AHFC home energy rebate program using auditors to evaluate residential oil fired heating devices (appliances) to be replaced or converted and estimate the cost to the homeowner. By establishing a low interest fuel conversion loan program, the legislature will have a financing method in place that could be applied as other heating alternatives become available.

The previously funded Natural Gas Distribution Study will determine borough-wide gas distribution systems and associated funding costs and evaluate the extent natural gas delivery would impact the attainment model for reducing local PM 2.5 emissions.

Has the project gone through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority by resolution or other official action by the governing body?

YES X NO

Grant Recipient Contact Information: See Contact Information page/section of this book.

You must provide documentation. (ie. Copy of resolution and/or appropriate letter(s) of support) See Resolution page/section of this book.

If your project request has not gone through a public and/or governing or appropriate review process for your community or school district then it may not make it through the Legislative process of approval.