



# ASSEMBLY FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

February 05, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Assembly Chambers/Zoom Webinar

<https://juneau.zoom.us/j/93917915176> or 1-253-215-8782 Webinar ID: 939 1791 5176

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. ROLL CALL**

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. January 8, 2025

**D. AGENDA TOPICS**

2. Partner Agency Program Updates

- a. Travel Juneau
- b. Juneau Arts and Humanities Council
- c. Juneau Economic Development Council
- d. Better Capital City (Alaska Committee, KTOO)
- e. Juneau Community Foundation

3. Assessment Ordinance 2025-09

4. Bond Initiatives

5. Juneau Fireworks

**E. NEXT MEETING DATE**

6. March 5, 2025

**F. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

7. Regarding Airport Board Concerns

The City Manager recommends the Assembly recess into executive session to discuss concerns regarding Airport Board.

**Suggested Motion:** "I move we recess into executive session to discuss matters which may tend to prejudice the reputation or character of any person, specifically to deliberate on the qualifications of applicants and ask for unanimous consent"

**G. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

8. FY26 Assembly Finance Committee Budget Calendar

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm by Chair Christine Woll.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Committee Members Present: Chair Christine Woll; Greg Smith; Paul Kelly; Maureen Hall; Neil Steininger; Ella Adkison; Alicia Hughes-Skandijs; Wade Bryson

Committee Members Present Virtually: None

Committee Members Absent: Mayor Beth Weldon

Staff Members Present: Katie Koester, City Manager; Robert Barr, Deputy City Manager; Angie Flick, Finance Director; Beth McEwen, City Clerk; Joe Wanner, Bartlett Regional Hospital (BRH) Chief Executive Officer; Alexandra Pierce, Tourism Manager

Staff Members Absent: Adrien Wendel, Budget Manager

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. November 6, 2024**

The November 6, 2024 minutes were approved as presented.

**D. AGENDA TOPICS**

Chair Woll declared that the seventh agenda item, Juneau Economic Development Council Grant, would be moved up to the first agenda item and the sixth agenda item, Assessment Ordinance – Updated to SB179, would be moved down to the last agenda item.

**2. Juneau Economic Development Council Grant**

Angie Flick, Finance Director, introduced the agenda item and pointed the Committee to page 49 of the packet. She shared that this ordinance was introduced on the January 6, 2025 Regular Assembly meeting and that the ordinance was for a supplemental grant to the Juneau Economic Development Council (JEDC). She shared that JEDC did not meet the required filing deadline for their property tax exemption and that there was no option to appeal. She asked if any assemblymembers had any questions.

**Motion: by Assemblymember Smith to move to set Ordinance 2024-01(b)(AC) for public hearing at the next appropriate Assembly meeting and ask for unanimous consent.**

**Motion passed by unanimous consent.**

### 3. BRH CIP Ordinance for Emergency Department Addition

#### *Ordinance 2024-01(b)(1)*

Chair Woll invited Joe Wanner, Bartlett Regional Hospital (BRH) CEO, to answer assemblymember questions on the ordinance.

Assemblymember Smith asked at what point in the appropriation process did the Certificate of Need (CON) have to be issued before the Assembly could appropriate funds.

Mr. Wanner stated that after discussions with the State, the CON was slated to be moved on in the middle of January and the Assembly Finance Committee (AFC) would forward the ordinance from this meeting to a Regular Assembly meeting in February. He shared that if the CON was not approved in January, BRH would request the ordinance be moved to the Regular Assembly meeting in March.

Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs asked Mr. Wanner if he could discuss more details of their conversations with the State and where BRH was exactly in the process.

Mr. Wanner replied that there had been multiple meetings and conversations with the State about a variety of subjects, including BRH's critical access request. He reiterated that at their last meeting the State said they would decide on whether or not to approve the CON in the middle of January 2025.

Assemblymember Kelly asked what would happen if the approval of the CON was delayed past the end of the current fiscal year.

Ms. Flick answered that because this was a Capital Improvement Project (CIP), when the Assembly did appropriate funds, it would stay active until the project was completed. If the CON wasn't approved until the next fiscal year, the appropriation would simply become active at that time and stay within the CIP.

Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs asked Mr. Wanner to characterize BRH's financial experience over the last several months.

Mr. Wanner stated that year to date BRH had a positive margin of \$5.9 million, compared to negative \$5 million at the same time last year. He shared that a substantial swing in operations was mostly due to changes of their staff contracts and the closing of multiple services.

Assemblymember Hall asked Mr. Wanner if increased construction costs due to inflation in recent years was accounted for in the project's estimations.

Mr. Wanner replied that some of the inflated constructions costs were considered in their estimates. He stated that guidelines would be set to keep the project within a certain scope so no additional funds would be needed from the City.

Chair Woll asked Mr. Wanner if he could elaborate on the details of the approval process of the CON and whether he felt confident that it would be approved.

Mr. Wanner responded that the CON application was submitted in August of 2024 and that a typical response from the State would be within 30 days. He shared that the State and the Federal Government was concerned with the financial viability of BRH but that the recent seven months of positive financial lines should be helpful towards the approval of the CON.

**Motion: by Assemblymember Smith to move that Ordinance 2024-01(b)(l) be set for public hearing upon receipt of the Certificate of Need (CON) from the State of Alaska and ask for unanimous consent.**

**Motion passed by unanimous consent.**

#### **4. Assembly Goals**

Chair Woll introduced the next agenda item and shared that the Assembly goals had not been seen since the December Assembly retreat. She stated that the intent now was to make sure the goals were reflected in the current Assembly discussions. She shared that there were areas highlighted that still needed work.

Assemblymember Smith asked Robert Barr, Deputy City Manager, to describe the timeline for adopting these goals.

Mr. Barr stated that the timeline was up to the will of the Body.

Katie Koester, City Manager, added that she would like to see these goals adopted at the February 3<sup>rd</sup> Regular Assembly meeting but that it could be more reasonable to have the majority of the conversation at the Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Assemblymember Smith stated that he noticed there were more goals added to the list than removed, since the retreat. He asked Staff if they had a sense of whether the number of goals was manageable or not.

Ms. Koester responded that the Assembly had put a lot of effort into making the goals more tangible and more focused to a one-year period, which in turn would help Staff implement the will of the Assembly.

There are three highlighted require Assembly's work to finalize the language. Assemblymember Smith agreed the non-highlighted items are good, and suggested the highlighted ones be finalized by the appropriate Assemblymembers prior to the Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> Regular Assembly meeting. Chair Woll requested that staff give Assemblymembers a deadline via email for the updated language.

#### **5. Legislative Capital Priorities**

Ms. Koester directed the Committee to pages 23 and 24 of the packet, which shows the draft legislative capital priorities. She explained that these pages showed the product of the ranking exercise that the Assembly worked through over the holidays. She provided more details on the process that had already occurred and the parts of the process that are upcoming. She explained that the Assembly could choose to move items up or down the list.

Ms. Koester stated that the goal was to take any movement on this list and bring a draft to the legislative breakfast on January 23. She shared that both State and federal lobbyists and representatives would be present at the breakfast and that it would be an opportunity to discuss this list. She stressed the importance

of the timing because of State and federal opportunity windows that were currently open. She shared that the window to submit to the State portal, CAPSIS, would close after the February 3<sup>rd</sup> Regular Assembly meeting.

Chair Woll stated that she was shocked to see the Capital Civic Center project so low on the list, especially because the Assembly had already chosen to appropriate significant funds to the project. She asked Staff if they felt that having the project prioritized lower on the list would make it harder for the project to come to fruition.

Ms. Koester answered that this assumption was correct. She explained that the Capital Civic Center project had been submitted in the past to both the State and federal delegations and that the bucket of federal funds that could be used for the project was highly competitive. She shared that in her experience there hadn't been a lot of federal funding available for this type of project. She stated that it's always better to have a project higher on the list and have more local funding appropriated to the project to make it more competitive.

Assemblymember Bryson expressed that he felt the Capital Civic Center project should be lower on the priority list because the Juneau voters had expressed their voice two years in a row to not build a new public building. He felt that the timing was not appropriate to try and push this project through.

Assemblymember Steininger shared that he was thinking of the priority list in terms of what was likely to be approved at the State level and not necessarily the federal level. He asked Ms. Koester if there was going to be outreach to the State executive branch to make sure that they're aware of these projects.

Ms. Koester responded that Staff had been working with a lobbyist to make sure that all levels of State government were communicated with. She explained that the federal process was more iterative and that a project's chances of being funded depended on the bucket of funds available for that category. She stressed that even if the Body ranked a project very high, the staff of the respective delegations reviewing it might not see it as competitive.

Assemblymember Steininger stated that he noticed two projects both ranked at number twelve and asked if that was an equal ranking or not.

Ms. Koester answered that both of those projects were equally ranked.

Assemblymember Kelly stated that he also noticed the Capital Civic Center project was ranked lower than he was expecting, considering the investment the Assembly had already made. He felt that the opposition to this project was due to more taxpayer money going towards it. He noted that the amount of requested State and federal funds matches the total project cost, with an additional \$8 million already secured. He expressed support for moving this project up on the priority list.

**Motion: by Assemblymember Smith to move the FY25 Draft Legislative Capital Priority Rankings as presented to the February 3<sup>rd</sup> Regular Assembly meeting.**

**Amendment: by Assemblymember Steininger to change the Eaglecrest Employee & Tourism Workforce Housing project to number thirteen on the list and renumber all projects below it in sequential order.**

**Amendment passed by unanimous consent.**

**Amendment to the Amended Motion:** by Assemblymember Kelly to move to amend the motion by placing the Capital Civic Center at number eleven on the priority list.

**Objection:** by Assemblymember Bryson for the purpose of asking if the placement of ranking for a given project has had any additional bearing on governmental funding for that project in the past.

Assemblymember Kelly withdrew his amendment.

The amended motion passed by unanimous consent.

*The Committee recessed at 6:20 pm.*

*The Committee reconvened at 6:25pm.*

## 6. Dockage Fees

Alexandra Pierce, Tourism Manager, introduced the agenda topic of raising dockage fees by the current method of lineal foot and registered ton or by the lower berth capacity of the ship. She clarified that this was not a measure of number of passengers, as these were not marine passenger fees.

Ms. Pierce directed the Body to a typo in an equation that effected the entire lower revenue line on page 28 of the packet. She declared that despite the typo, the seasonal revenue column remained correct. She continued describing the different options and shared that doubling the fee by using the linear foot and ton method would be unfair to the smaller ships.

Ms. Pierce showed that charging seven dollars per lower berth created nearly the same amount of revenue than doubling the lineal foot and ton fee. She shared that the five-dollar per lower berth option was added in case the Assembly was interested in making more of an incremental change over time. She stated that she would advocate for the seven-dollar option. She pointed to the list of the types of projects that could be funded with dockage fees and stated that the City had been applying for grants for some of these projects for many years.

Ms. Flick added that the revenue generated from dockage fees would need to stay within the dock enterprise and be utilized for things associated with the dock.

Ms. Pierce asked the Assembly to provide direction on how they would like to move forward. She stated that the City had received a letter from the Cruise Line International Association (CLIA) asking for two years of notice before raising the dockage fees.

Assemblymember Bryson asked Ms. Pierce what CLIA's response was and what her expectation was for the seven-dollar per lower berth fee versus five-dollar per lower berth fee.

Ms. Pierce stated that she hoped that the Assembly would support the seven-dollar fee, as it would be consistent with other regional port fees. She shared that CLIA did not push back against the amount of the fee.

Ms. Pierce answered further assemblymember questions.

Chair Woll mentioned that the best practice of keeping the revenue from these fees within the dock enterprise could be expanded to outside the enterprise, to help improve visitor experience and mitigate the

impacts of visitors coming ashore. She asked Ms. Flick if that expansion would be within the realm of best practice.

Ms. Flick replied that it could be challenging to justify spending funds generated from dock fees into areas that are outside the services that the dock provides. Because the dock is an enterprise fund, the revenue collected should be going towards the services it provides. She stated that if the Body's desire was to utilize dockage fees to offset other costs in the community, that could be done through the General Fund or other special revenue funds and that appropriation would need to be intentional and justifiable.

Assemblymember Bryson asked for clarification on the difference between dockage fees and passenger fees, and what sorts of services the different revenues generated could go towards.

Ms. Pierce stated that the passenger fees revenue could go towards community improvements such as increased buses, crossing guards, and extra medical services downtown. She shared that currently the dockage fees were not sufficient to fund dock operations completely and were being subsidized by the passenger fees. An increase in dockage fees would eliminate the need for continued subsidy of dock operations by passenger fees, therefore freeing up passenger fees for other uses.

Assemblymember Kelly asked that if an increase in dockage fees provided any surplus in revenue, could those funds be used to better maintain the docks during the off season to the benefit of the local community.

Ms. Flick responded that those funds could be used for those services because they would be within the dock enterprise.

**Motion: by Assemblymember Smith to move to introduce an ordinance to change the current dockage rates and fees to a seven-dollar per lower berth fee and ask it take effect for the 2026 cruise season.**

**Amendment: by Assemblymember Bryson to change the timing for the new fees to take effect in the 2027 cruise season.**

Assemblymember Bryson spoke to his amendment stating that CLIA had been extremely cooperative with the asks of the City over the last few years. He stated that in a show of appreciation he would like to respect the request from CLIA to give two years of notice before raising dockage fees.

**Objection: by Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs.**

Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs spoke to her objection stating that CLIA had not agreed to everything the City had asked for over the last few years and that a one-year timeline to update the fees was more appropriate to ensure that the enterprises that serve the cruise ship industry were adequately funded.

**Objection: by Assemblymembers Adkison and Smith.**

Assemblymember Steininger expressed favor for Assemblymember Bryson's amendment. He discussed details of the Docks and Harbors budget and stated that after the subsidies from the marine passenger fees and a \$2.5 million increase in new fee collections, Docks and Harbors was set to have a \$2.3 million surplus in the coming year. If that surplus could not be spent outside of the docks enterprise then it could result in a lack of funding for other immediate community needs.

**Roll Call Vote on the Amendment**

**Ayes:** Bryson, Steininger

**Nays:** Hughes-Skandijs, Adkison, Kelly, Hall, Smith, Chair Woll

**Amendment failed. Two (2) Ayes, Six (6) Nays.**

**The original motion passed by unanimous consent.**

Chair Woll declared that further Assembly action on this item, to decide what to do with the increased dockage fees, was suggested. She pointed the Body to the three options Ms. Pierce laid out on page 27 of the packet.

**Motion: by Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs to move to continue to fund restrooms and security for all docks with passenger fees.**

**Objection: by Assemblymembers Kelly and Bryson.**

**Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs removed her motion.**

**Motion: by Assemblymember Bryson to move to fund the docks operational budget with dockage fees and provide all docks with restrooms and security plus a set maintenance fee.**

**Objection: by Assemblymember Hall.**

Assemblymember Hall stated that in this option the funds from the set maintenance fee would not be going to Docks and Harbors but instead would go to the private dock owners. She expressed concern with a lack of transparency on what those fees would be used for.

The Committee continued to discuss the details of the three options to further their understanding of what the different outcomes would be.

**Objection: by Assemblymember Smith to voice support for status quo funding through the first option.**

**Assemblymember Bryson removed his motion.**

*The Committee took a brief at-ease at 7:19 pm.*

*The Committee reconvened at 7:25 pm.*

**Motion: by Assemblymember Bryson to move to, once dockage fee increases have gone into effect, fund the docks operational budget completely with dockage fees and not provide any marine passenger fee funding for restrooms and security to any dock, with the idea that all docks (both CBJ and private) would fund these costs from the increased revenue from dockage fees.**

Ms. Flick clarified that marine passenger fee expenditures were approved by the Body, not the Manager's Office.



**Objection:** by Assemblymembers Steininger and Smith to voice support for status quo funding through the first option.

Chair Woll expressed support for the motion and stated that it did reflect the desire of the public.

**Roll Call Vote on Motion**

**Ayes:** Bryson, Kelly, Adkison, Hughes-Skandijs, Chair Woll

**Nays:** Smith, Hall, Steininger,

**Motion passed. Five (5) Ayes, Three (3) Nays.**

**7. Potential Bond Projects**

Ms. Koester directed the Body to page 51 of the packet. She explained that the purpose of this item was to get feedback from the Assembly on their appetite for pursuing potential bond projects and to establish a process for vetting the projects that had potential for approval. She shared that her first question for the Assembly would be to ask if they had a desire to explore any general obligation bonds on the 2025 fall ballot.

Ms. Koester pointed out one potential project for water and wastewater utility infrastructure. She stated that any amount of funding that could be appropriated for capital projects for this utility would help relieve pressure on rate increases.

Ms. Koester spoke of the second project category on the memo, JSD projects. She stated that there was a moratorium on school bond debt reimbursement that was set to end on July 1, 2025 and that the timing looked good to start discussion on these projects. She stressed the importance of keeping in mind the large projects on the horizon that could need bond capacity, including the Juneau Douglas North Crossing, Centennial Hall, and Capital Civic Center projects.

Ms. Koester stated that the second page of the memo was an updated version of a slide from last year that shows debt capacity with a randomly chosen set of projects, to help visualize what different potential debt service mill rates might look like. She continued by explaining the last portion of the memo that discusses a timeline for other committees to do the legwork if the Assembly was interested in developing a bond proposition for the fall ballot.

Assemblymember Steininger asked if the July 28 date in the memo was the drop-dead date for the approval of a proposed bond package.

Beth McEwen, City Clerk, answered that July 28 was the last day to take any action and still get a ballot created and allow the Clerk's Office enough time to get the ballot in the mail for the fall election.

Staff answered further assemblymember questions.

Assemblymember Adkison shared that it would be worth looking at bonds for water and wastewater, as well as JSD bonds. She stated that the Assembly should work under the assumption that JSD would not get any reimbursement from the State.

Assemblymember Bryson expressed concern for approving project bonds, stating that the timing was not great. He mentioned that voters had voted against the new City Hall bond two years in a row. He expressed

that with the likelihood of a mill rate increase, it would be important to not ask the voters to increase their obligation with the addition of more bonds this year.

Assemblymember Steininger stated that he shared Assemblymember Bryson's concerns except when it came to a bond package for JSD CIPs. He stated that if the moratorium were to expire, the Assembly should be ready to move forward with action.

Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs expressed support for a water and wastewater utility bond, to help provide relief for the upcoming rate increases.

Chair Woll shared that she did not support the water and wastewater project this year because it would not be fair to community to raise rates and ask for more funds through a bond in the same year.

Assemblymember Smith expressed support for a water and wastewater bond because he saw great concern with the sharp rate increases to come and how that would affect the cost of living in the community.

**Motion: by Assemblymember Smith to move to direct Staff to evaluate a bond for the 2025 election for wastewater and water utility in the amount of \$20 million.**

**Objection: by Chair Woll.**

**Roll Call Vote on Motion**

**Ayes:** Smith, Steininger, Hall, Kelly, Adkison, Hughes-Skandijs, Bryson

**Nays:** Chair Woll

**Motion passed. Seven (7) Ayes, One (1) Nay.**

**Motion: by Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs to direct Staff to evaluate a bond for the 2025 election for the Juneau School District in the amount of \$10 million.**

**Amendment: by Assemblymember Steininger to change the amount of funding for a JSD bond to \$20 million.**

Assemblymember Steininger stated that it could be advantageous to get funds from the State if the moratorium expires. He stated that this higher JSD bond amount could also be worked back down in future Assembly discussions.

**Objection: by Assemblymember Bryson.**

Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs expressed support for the amendment.

Ms. Koester asked the Body if their intention was for Staff to work on this proposal and bring it back to the Committee with more details worked out or to provide guidance in this meeting and send it over to the advisory boards.

Assemblymembers Kelly and Adkison expressed opposition to the amendment.

**Assemblymember Steininger withdrew his amendment.**

**The original motion passed by unanimous consent.**

The Committee discussed details of how to move forward with the JSD bond topic and Staff agreed to come back with more detailed information in a future meeting.

**8. Assessment Ordinance – Update to SB179**

Chair Woll directed the Committee to page 42 which shows a memo on Ordinance 2025-09, amending CBJ code relating to assessing standards of property tax. She asked the Body if they had any questions.

Mr. Steininger mentioned that it was his intention to bring an amendment to the Full Assembly related to a portion of SB179 where there was a requirement for the Assessor to answer any reasonable question. He explained that the use of the word reasonable in the ordinance created too vague of a standard for the Assessor to meet. He believed a more detailed explanation for this term would be necessary to provide clear expectations to the public.

**Motion: by Assemblymember Smith to move Ordinance 2025-09 from the Assembly Finance Committee and set it for introduction at the February 3<sup>rd</sup> Regular Assembly meeting and ask for unanimous consent.**

**Motion passed by unanimous consent.**

**E. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**9. Discussion on Collective Bargaining**

**Motion: by Assemblymember Smith to move the Assembly Finance Committee into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining negotiations, the immediate knowledge of which could have adverse effect on City finances.**

**Motion passed by unanimous consent.**

**F. NEXT MEETING DATE**

**10. February 5, 2025**

**G. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

**11. Bartlett Regional Hospital Emergency Department Renovation Memorandum**

**12. Updated Dockage and Capacity**

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

*The Committee entered Executive Session at 8:18 pm. The Committee adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:20 pm following the conclusion of the Executive Session.*

TO: Christine Woll  
Chair, CBJ Assembly Finance Committee

FROM: Liz Perry  
President & CEO, Travel Juneau

DATE: January 24, 2025

RE: Update from Travel Juneau to the Assembly Finance Committee

Chair Woll and Assembly Finance Committee,

On behalf of the Travel Juneau Board of Directors, I am pleased to present the following highlights of Travel Juneau's work over the last 12 months, and provide a window to our future efforts

The organization finished FY24 well, with more conventions and meetings returning to Juneau and inbound fully independent traveler (FIT) and meeting attendee numbers trending up. Highlights for the previous fiscal and the next several months:

- Travel Juneau secured over \$4.5M in estimated economic impact (EEI) for FY24; for FY25, TJ secured over \$3M in EEI. Additionally, Events and Groups Sales has over \$6.7M in secured and potential EEI in the pipeline into 2027. Hotel prices and facility sizes are challenges in a competitive sales environment.
- Travel Juneau provided event support and sponsored ads which boosted registration for the **2024 Aukeman Tri** by 50%, almost all of whom traveled for the event. The Aukeman Tri board has set a goal of 200 athletes for their 2025 and subsequent events. TJ is currently running ads similar the one below in targeted online magazines and is working on social posts to amplify those ads. We have access to images from the 2024 race to use for future promotion and are working with local board on the event's needs to grow and maintain it.



- Travel Juneau is reaching out to other local organizations to explore potential support of their events in terms of growing the number of out-of-town participants/attendees.

- The Alaska Travel Industry Association (ATIA) convened October 22-24 with approximately 625 registrations; TJ is awaiting attendee survey results regarding their Juneau experiences.
- In collaboration with Mary Goddard and MidnightRun LLC, Travel Juneau has sponsored and released a series of cultural heritage videos focusing on Indigenous arts. A press release has already garnered interest from media, and we have an opportunity for wider viewership. Additionally, TJ has the rights to the B-roll and images for other promotional purposes. The videos are available on the Travel Juneau YouTube Channel:

**Kootéeyaa Deiyí (totem pole trail):** <https://youtu.be/x9Nopdctgvk?si=6aPTEt815ES67wtX>

**Four Core Values of Alaska Native Culture:**

<https://youtu.be/uOO2DfBofVA?si=VvydPB1Oo6ORmnRi>

**Alaska Native Artist Series: Sam – Jeweler & Metal Artist:**

<https://youtu.be/Pl1Kycm7wSE?si=t5LI5n7hDo9u8DgX>

**Alaska Native Artist Series: Levi – Ravenstail Weaver:**

<https://youtu.be/bWGcUd4j5jc?si=dZ4SxxzbqUvcTlwV>

**Alaska Native Artist Series: Lee – Multi-disciplinary Artist:**

[https://youtu.be/L4gMa6G9cdk?si=UD61wrK6W\\_De7xF](https://youtu.be/L4gMa6G9cdk?si=UD61wrK6W_De7xF)

**Alaska Native Artist Series: Jill – Beader:** <https://youtu.be/BUmTrsmQUtA?si=IVP-wJRN-ilk1T1b>

The 2025 print planner has arrived and a searchable PDF is on the Travel Juneau site at <https://www.traveljuneau.com/discover-juneau/request-a-travel-guide/virtual/>. This year, we're testing a separate, lower cost print guide for visitors and meeting attendees.

- Destination Marketing will host familiarization tours (FAMs) for German-speaking tour operators and agents in May, in collaboration with ATIA.
- We are hosting a celebrity chef event and broadcast premiere in May – details available soon.
- During FY24, Visitor Information Services (VIS) assisted nearly 152K visitors at the three sites, distributed nearly 50K walking maps, and provided 2073 volunteer services hours. VIS is collaborating with the Port of Juneau regarding some improvements to the kiosk and site at the Cruise Ship Terminal.

#### TBMP/Crossing Guards

- This year and into the 2025 season, the TBMP administrator has and will continue to put considerable effort into local outreach to help ensure all residents know about the program. TBMP was represented at the annual Travel Fair, Maritime Festival, and radio programs.
- Interest in the program continues to grow from other communities in and outside of Alaska.
- Bringing program into Travel Juneau has made it more efficient and provides better data collection. A custom module inside TJ's database was developed specifically for capturing concerns, data, and creating reports for stakeholders. Travel Juneau used support hours to build out the module and microsite.
- An RFP has been issued for the Crossing Guard program for FY26 and we expect proposals within the next 3 weeks. The new contract would go into effect July 1, 2025.

Additional information is available in our third quarter report to the CBJ Grants Administrator, and I'm available to answer questions the committee may have.

Thank you for your continued support of Travel Juneau's mission to market the capital city to independent travelers, groups, and meetings/conventions.



JUNEAU **Arts &**  
**Humanities**  
COUNCIL

## **Annual Membership Meeting**

**The Juneau Arts & Humanities Council cultivates vibrant arts and cultural opportunities and is a leader in building a strong, prosperous community where creativity and innovation thrive.**

**Through our core values of Community, Equity, and Stewardship, we work to bolster access to the arts and culture in our city.**

# The Allocations

	FY25
Individual Artist Grants	\$12,000
JACC Rental Support	\$12,000
Catalyst Grants	\$3,000
Regranting	\$266,000
JAHC Admin/Operations	\$60,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$353,000</b>

\$151,000 of this total is one-time funding, specific to last year's request.

\$115,000 is the regular annual request.

The other line items saw no increases in FY25 from our regular annual request.

# Individual Artist Grants

- We received 17 grant applications in the FY25 cycle, totalling \$17,350 in requests.
- Artists funded include Crystal Worl, James Hoagland, Meghan Chambers, Rochelle Smallwood, and Glo Ramirez.
- These grants fund projects to a maximum of \$1,000 per year.





# Major Grants



## Perseverance Theatre

With \$42,500 awarded last year, PT started offering FREE show tickets to all students, teachers, and chaperones. They also were able to implement new collaborations with JDHS drama for a monologue workshop, and allocated two hours per week to work with JDHS CHOICE interns to teach them more about non profit and theater management.



## KTOO

With \$20,000 awarded last year, KTOO was able to present Alaska Theater Festival: Radio Plays. Funds allowed KTOO to work with JSD and host 6 collaborative workshops with 127 students to learn about radio theater, script writing, and more.



## Juneau Alaska Music Matters (JAMM)

With \$18,000 in support, JAMM was able to fund its 2024 summer programming, involving 104 JSD students. They piloted their first Chamber Music Camp for advancing 6th–12th grade musicians, invited new musicians to their after-school mentorship program, and hosted a 5-week band & violin introduction workshop with TMMS.

# Major Grants



## Juneau Dance Theater

With \$10,000 in support, JDT was able to organize a 1,300 student excursion to the production of The Nutcracker in addition to regular operations and programs. They are also planning a 6th Grade excursion in partnership with the JAHC And Any Given Child.



## Theater Alaska

With \$32,500 in support, Theater Alaska formed the Theater Alaska Kids Company. Rehearsals for Necessa Nonsense began on January 27, 2025 and is engaging students in grades 2-6. This June they will work with the Juneau Fine Arts Camp to offer theater and music training to grades 1-12 students.



## Juneau Ghostlight Theatre

With \$10,000 in support, JGLT has been able to incorporate JSD collaborations into their season planning for 2025/2026. These plans include a playwriting workshop and a following a performance night where the students' plays are performed by local actors.

# Arts Education

The JAHC hosted a “town hall” style meeting between all organizations represented within our Major Grant project and the Juneau School District.

We held this meeting with the following goals in mind:

- Describe to grant recipients the need in JSD
- Illustrate existing pathways for classroom and student involvement
- Invite broad conversation
- Enable creative programmatic brainstorming

Much of the activity described on the previous slide was implemented following thought and discussion from this meeting.

We hope to turn this into an annual offering as long as there is need for increased arts programming within our school district.



# FY26

- Event Management Workshops coming in August with Community Partners
  - Event Planning
  - Technical Lighting
  - Sound system training
  - Community skill-building
- Solidifying partnerships in continued education programs
- JAHC Strategic Planning
  - Setting 5–10 year organizational goals
  - Focused on implementation





JUNEAU **Arts &**  
**Humanities**  
COUNCIL

# Thank You!

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# JEDC Program Update to CBJ Assembly Finance Committee



*February 5, 2025*



**Established in 1987**

by the City & Borough of Juneau (CBJ)

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**Diverse Sources of Support**

CBJ

State & Federal Government

Private Sector

Charitable Foundations

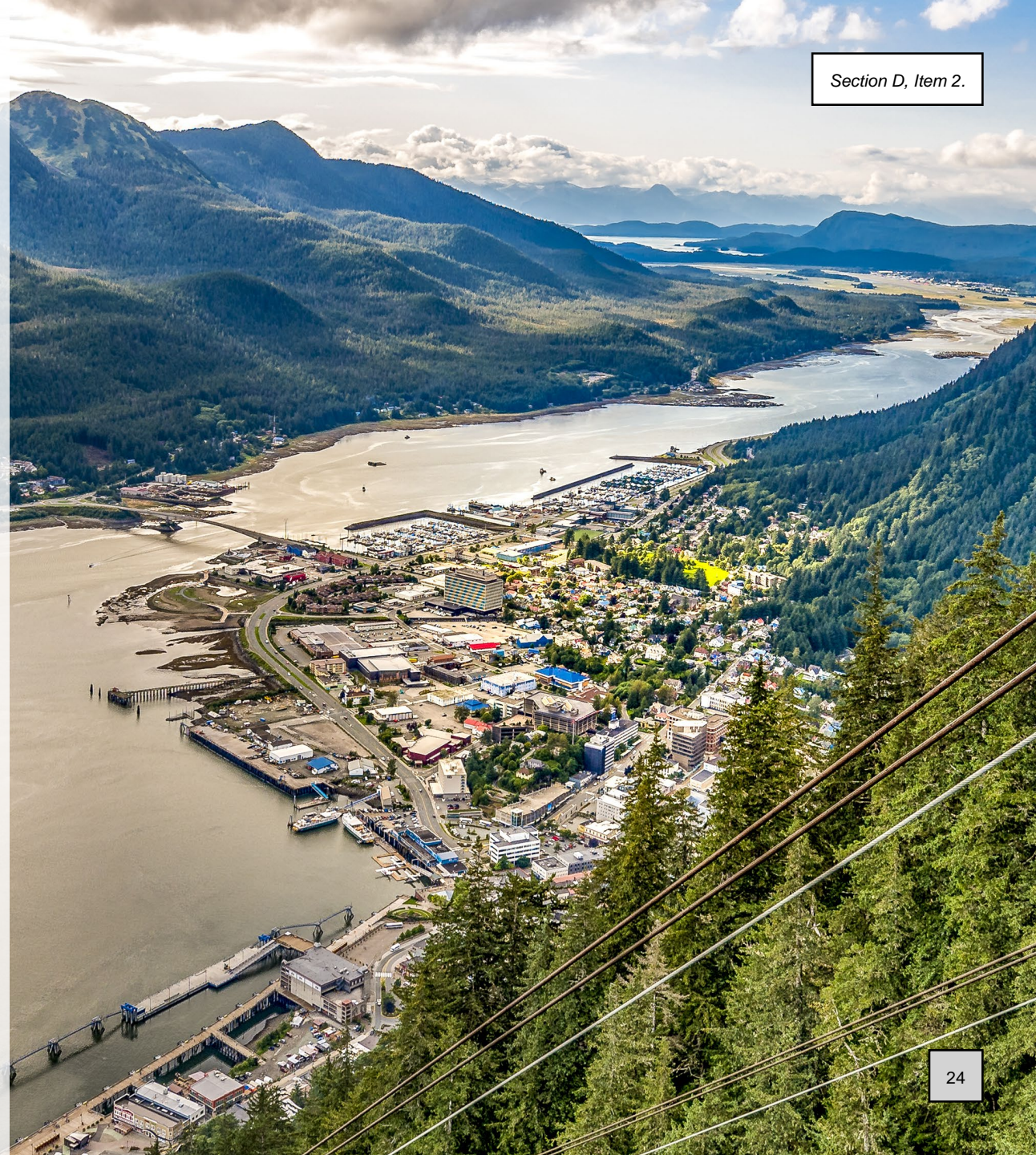
Volunteers



## Our Mission

The Juneau Economic Development Council fosters a healthy and sustainable economic climate in Juneau and throughout Southeast Alaska.

In collaboration with other organizations, JEDC implements initiatives to maintain, expand, and create jobs and economic opportunities.





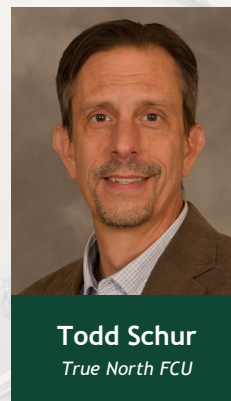
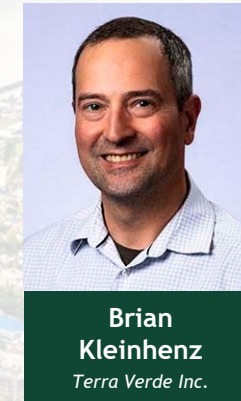
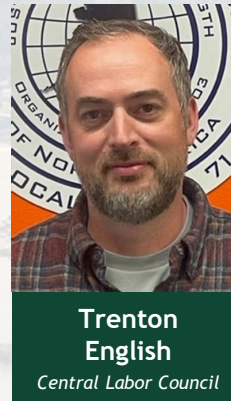
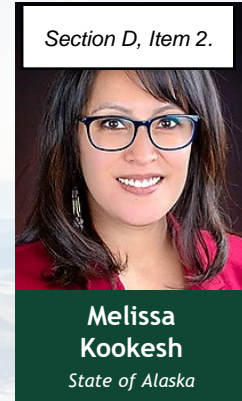
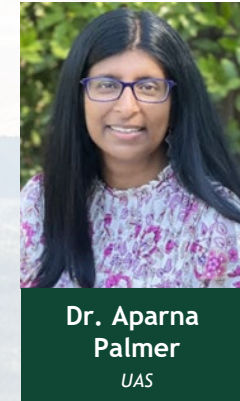
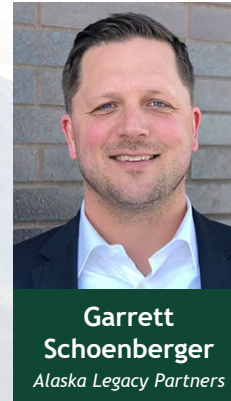
# 2025 JEDC Investors

Section D, Item 2.



# JEDC Board of Directors

- Permanent Seat - CBJ Mayor
  - Permanent Seat - UAS Chancellor
  - Nine Directors Appointed by CBJ
    - Dedicated Seat - Organized Labor
    - Dedicated Seat - Environment
- + CBJ Assembly Liaison



# JEDC Staff



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*Finance & Administration Director*



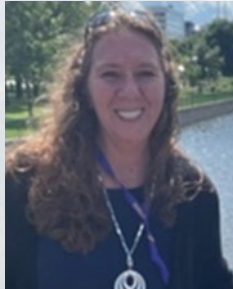
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*Youth Robotics/STEM  
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**Kate Stickel**  
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*\*Not included: Seasonal DBA Downtown Ambassadors and STEM Camp Counselors*

# JEDC's Areas of Focus



*Help Make Juneau a Great  
(Capital) City*



*Strengthen Key Regional  
Industries*



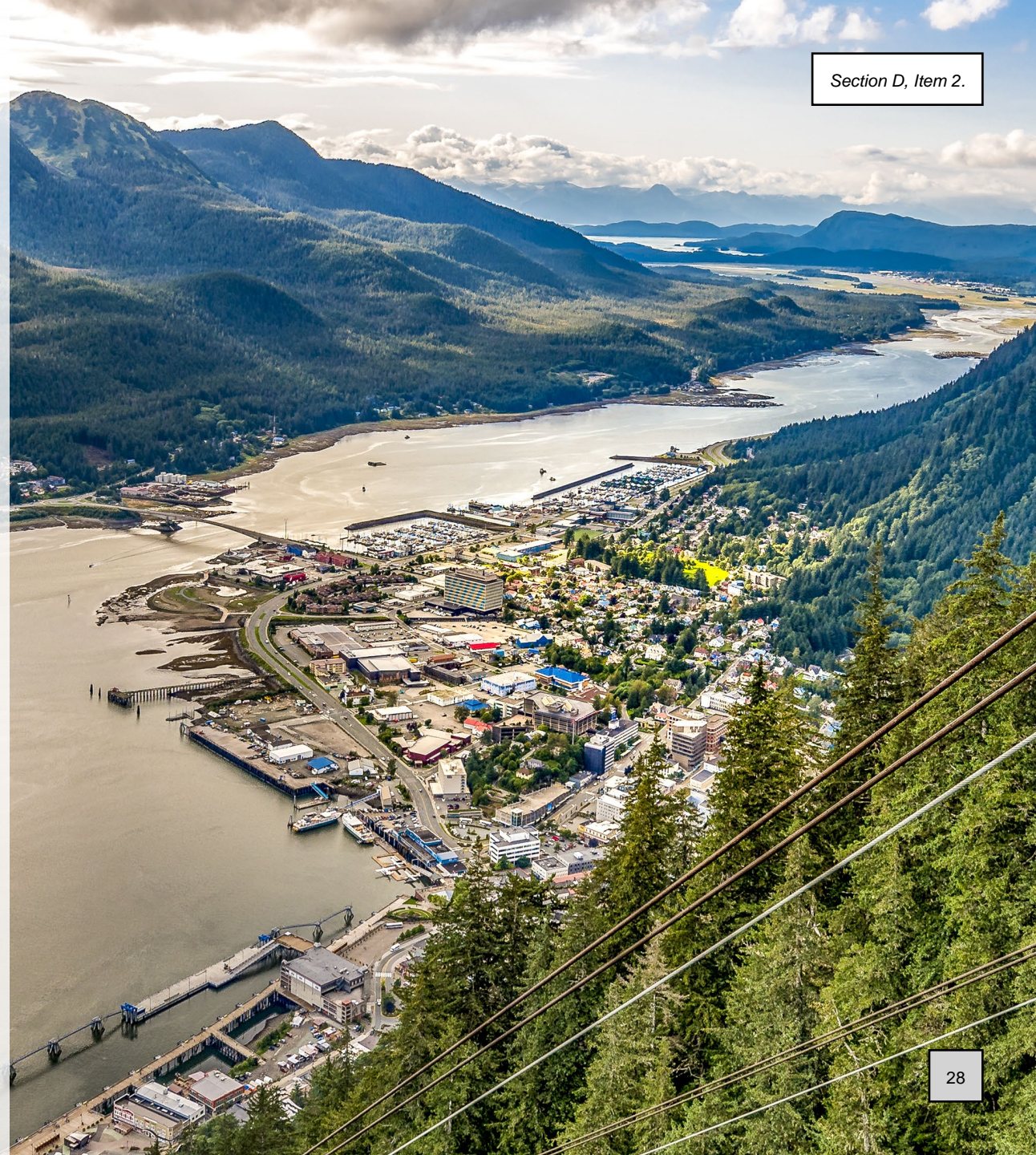
*Promote Entrepreneurship  
and Small Business*



*Develop Talent*



*Deliver Economic  
Development Services*



# FY25 Highlights To-Date



# Help Make Juneau a Great (Capital) City

- Published *2024 Juneau by Numbers: Open for Business* pamphlet, compiling valuable economic insights about Juneau to provide comprehensive information to individuals interested in the city and give readers a clear understanding of the city's economic landscape.
- Conducted Non-Resident and Seasonal Worker surveys with a goal to better understand why people choose Juneau.
- Conduct the 2025 Alaska State Legislative Satisfaction Survey with the Alaska Committee.
- Raise awareness among residents and CBJ leaders about Juneau's current demographic trajectory, including a growing aging population and the need for working age in-migration.
- Support the Downtown Business Association (DBA) programming and events, including Ambassador Program, Gallery Walk, Light-Up Juneau Project, and the Downtown Map.
- Seek redevelopment of downtown property and identify opportunities for workforce housing.
- Maintain Choose Juneau website and manage Juneau Works Facebook page, which provides community connections for paid and volunteer work opportunities.
- Participate in Advisory Group on Second Crossing to Douglas.



# Strengthen Key Regional Industries

- Support the Visitor Products Cluster Working Group to meet increased recreation demand while enhancing and maintaining the experience of residents.
- Collaborate with the U.S. Forest Service on data collection and public engagement under the Tongass Forest Plan Revision process, with a focus on commercial operators.
- Support the Navy League Juneau Council and assist in community efforts to secure homeporting of U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker in our city, including supporting Juneau's nomination to be a Coast Guard City.
- Organize the annual Juneau Maritime Festival, welcoming thousands downtown to celebrate our rich maritime history, heritage, and culture. *Hosted a record 94 vendor booths in 2024!*
- Engage with the University of Alaska on multiple fronts, including the State Committee on Research, the Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR), and various advisory councils.
- Published *2024 Maritime Research Note*, compiling valuable economic insights about Juneau's maritime industries, including tourism, fishing & seafood processing, and mariculture.
- Evaluate the construction of a Cold Storage facility in Juneau which will increase the amount of seafood and mariculture processed in Juneau, as well as increase jobs.



# Promote Entrepreneurship and Small Business

- Mentor and host aspiring Alaskan startups to compete in the "Pitch Contest" at the 2025 Innovation Summit, awarding a crowd-sourced cash prize to the winner.
- Organize the Alaska Angel Conference to facilitate equity investments in Alaskan startups.
- Support the Arctic Innovation Competition as a judge and sponsor.
- Promote local spending through The Local Frequency mobile app, including managing a directory of all locally owned independent businesses in Juneau, Haines, and Petersburg.
- Provide capital to expand Juneau businesses.
- As part of the annual Alaska Startup Week, host events for entrepreneurs, small business owners, and Juneau residents to engage directly with experienced local entrepreneurs.





# Develop Talent

- Support 2,000+ K-12 Alaskans on 172\* robotics teams in 54 communities throughout the state, including hosting 27 regional and statewide events. *\*Highest per capita rate in the US!*
- Organize STEM Summer Camps to develop skills in Juneau's next generation, including robotics, trades, and 3D design & printing. *274 campers participated in 16 STEM camps in 2024!*
- Support the development of eldercare workforce throughout Southeast Alaska, including creation of an online navigation tool, as well as a Direct Service Provider certification course with UAS.
- Hosted the inaugural Southeast Regional Eldercare Summit in Juneau to promote available benefits and services, employment opportunities, workforce development, and strategic planning for the regional eldercare system. *Over 200 individuals attended this first-time event!*
- Service Childcare Loans on behalf of CBJ to increase childcare capacity in Juneau.
- Represent Economic Development Organizations on the Alaska Early Childhood Coordinating Council.



# Deliver Economic Development Services

- Close-out the \$90 million AK-ARPA Business Relief Program with the State of Alaska.
- Manage CBJ pandemic emergency loan program, closing out 153 loans (of 173 original borrowers) and recovering over 93% (\$2.81 million) of the \$3 million authorized by the Assembly in 2020. JEDC handed five loans to CBJ as “uncollectable” and services 15 remaining loans.
- Organize the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Innovation Summit to explore how Artificial Intelligence will shape Alaska's competitiveness and increase our capacity to innovate both now and in the future.
- Completed 2024 Economic Indicators & Outlook Report and delivered several presentations.
- Participated in regional Scenario Planning development.
- Develop survey to better understand the economic impacts of the glacier outburst floods.
- Contribute quarterly local data to national Cost-of-Living data collection through national Council for Community and Economic Research (C2ER).

# Partnering with Community Organizations

JEDC currently supports several organizations through contracted services for accounting, board support, communications, staffing, or assistance for events and activities.

ADC partnered with the Juneau Community Foundation to deliver over \$318k in grants to 99 residents impacted by the 2024 Mendenhall Glacial Outburst Flood.



JEDC also collaborates with many other organizations, examples of which include:



# FY20-FY24 Return on Investment

CBJ's investment in JEDC is leveraged to bring additional public and private funding to Juneau and Southeast Alaska.

## CBJ FUNDING

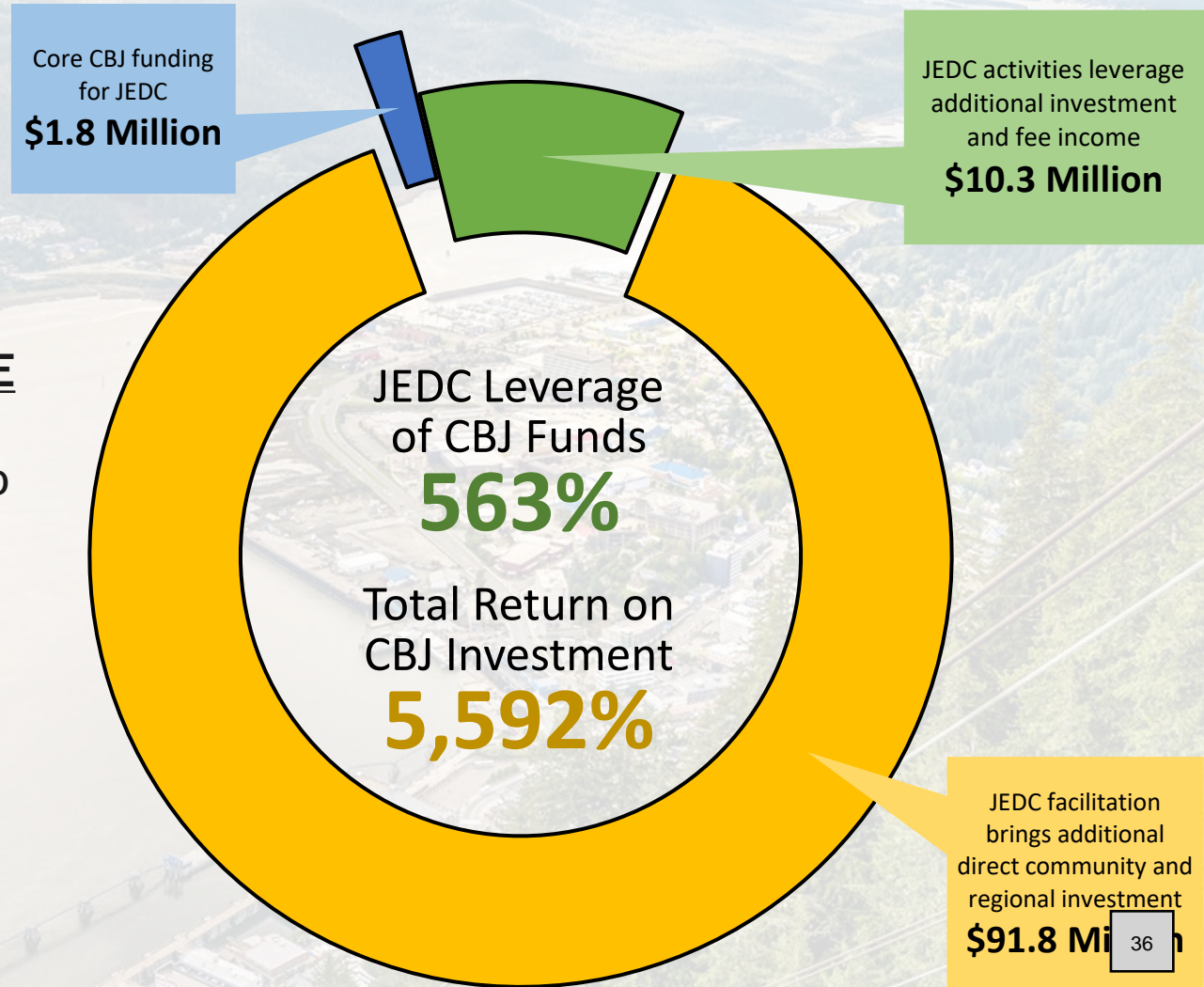
**\$1,825,000** invested in economic development in Juneau via JEDC during the five-year period FY20 through FY24.

## PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INVESTMENT AND FEE REVENUE

JEDC activities leveraged **\$10,280,056** in additional resources directly managed by JEDC for investment to develop our economy and workforce.

## JEDC COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL FACILITATION

JEDC efforts brought an additional **\$91,778,680** of documented investment dollars directly to entities in Juneau and throughout Southeast Alaska.



# Thank you!



# JEDDC

Juneau Economic  
Development Council

*Learn more at [www.JEDC.org](http://www.JEDC.org)*



## The Alaska Committee

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January 24, 2025

Re: Alaska Committee FY26 Grant

Attn.: Adrien Wendel, Budget Manager, CBJ

The Alaska Committee was started in 1995 following decades of efforts to move the Capital and/or legislature. *“The purpose of the organization is to make state government work better for all Alaskans by enhancing Juneau as Alaska’s capital city”*

The Committee is governed by a board of directors consisting of 22 members; 17 members are elected to serve 3-year staggered terms the mayor is a designated member and other designated members are representative of liaison organizations. The current members listed in the margin

The Juneau Chamber of Commerce provides administrative support to the Committee.

Our focus includes Improving Access to the Capital, enhancing Infrastructure to support legislators and visitors, improving communications, and partnering with other organizations to enhance our efforts. Some of our partners with similar missions in addition to the liaisons include: The Capitol Fund of the Juneau Community Foundation, Develop Juneau, Downtown Business Association and KTOO (Gavel Alaska).

We hold meetings monthly at 7 AM on the second Wednesday of every month. all meetings are in-person and via Zoom. Some of the activities/Issues that have addressed over the years are include the following:

- The Community Welcome Reception for the Legislature which is a reception open to the public to welcome the legislators to the capital city. The event includes collecting welcome gift bags for the legislators, Governor and Lt. Governor. We host the reception with help from CBJ and other local organizations

- We support the League of Women Voters Capitol visits for Juneau 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- We sponsor organizations that hold meeting in the capital during the session including SE Conference, Alaska Municipal League, Alaska Chamber of Commerce, Alaska Power Association and others
- We support Gavel Alaska and help them with funding
- We support Develop Juneau a private corporation that developed 3 buildings near the Capitol that contain 16 apartment units that are reserved for legislators and staff. The Alaska Committee was gifted stock in the corporation and we hold about 25% of the stock. We have members on the board of directors
- We have partnered with the Juneau Community Foundation Capitol Fund on projects to improve the Capitol Campus like the conversion of the Assembly Building into Legislative housing, purchase of the Behrends House for the Lt. Governor, construction of Capitol Park, renovation of the Capitol, improvements to the infrastructure for Gavel Alaska
- We partner with Alaska Airlines in the Constituent Fare and provides reduced cost for travel to Juneau during the session.

Activities that we anticipate our involvement in addition to continuing with most of the efforts listed above include:

- Assist KTOO in funding for Gavel Alaska.
- Increasing the awareness of Gavel Alaska.
- Exploring opportunities to improve the Capitol Complex.
- Monitoring legislative move efforts.
- Improving housing for Legislators.

Respectfully,

Wayne Jensen, Chair  
The Alaska Committee



# GAVEL ALASKA



# Statewide Government Access

- Legislative Branch
- Judicial Branch
- Executive Branch



# Juneau Jobs

- Gavel Alaska Executive Producer
- Gavel Alaska Marketing Associate
- Session staff and support roles

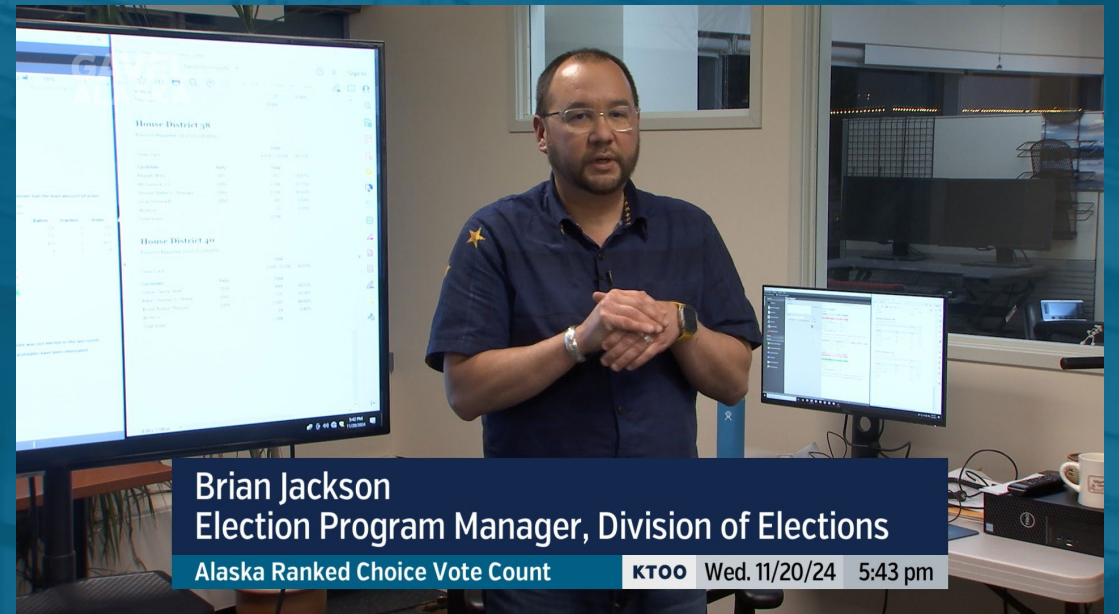


# Statewide Collaboration

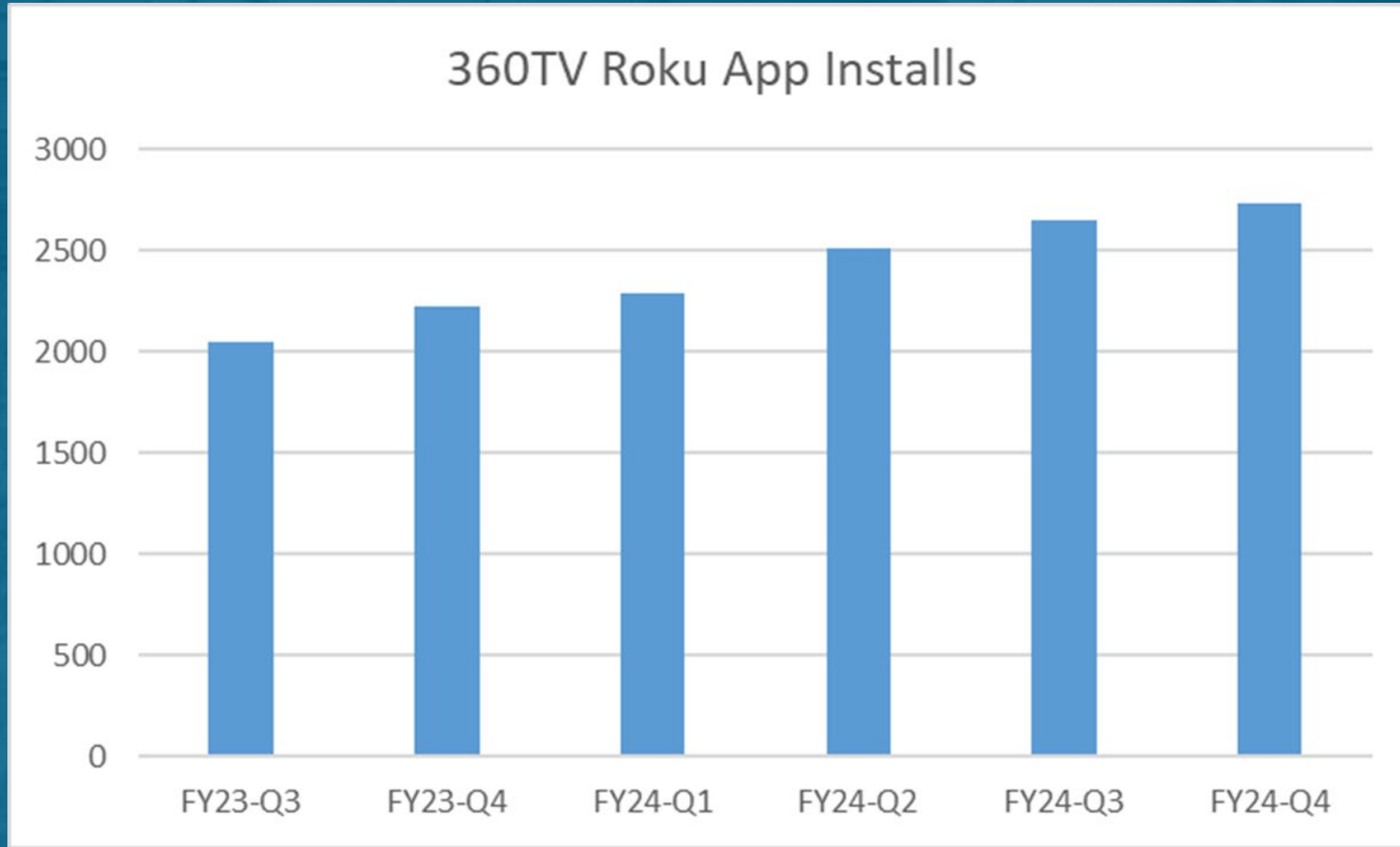
- Alaska Public Media, Anchorage
- KUAC, Fairbanks
- Alaska Rural Communications Service
- Alaska Beacon
- Capitol Views
- KTUU
- Media organizations across the state
- Alaska Legislative Affairs Agency
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# Special Projects



# Bridging the Digital Divide



# Bridging the Digital Divide



# Partnership Outcomes

- Investment in broadcast infrastructure improvements
- Enhanced digital capabilities
- Continued expansion of 360TV and Gavel Alaska digital platforms
- Expanded social media content
- Gavel Alaska email newsletter





January 27, 2025

Mayor and Assembly Finance Committee  
City & Borough of Juneau  
Via email

Re: Report on the FY25 City & Borough of Juneau Social Service Grant Funds

Dear Mayor Weldon and Finance Committee Members;

Thank you for this opportunity to present information on the FY25 grant funding we received to support health and social service nonprofits in Juneau.

2024 (FY25) marked the ninth year the City & Borough of Juneau (CBJ) social service grant funds were distributed with the Juneau Community Foundation's Juneau Hope Endowment and other Foundation funds. Since 2016, the City has provided almost \$9.9 million in health and social service funds through the Foundation. At the same time the Foundation has provided almost \$9.7 million to support Juneau's health and social service nonprofits. In 2024, CBJ provided \$1,756,400 and the Foundation provided \$1,074,138. These funds were distributed in August 2024, after the Foundation received the funding from CBJ. A spreadsheet of all grants provided each year to each agency from 2016 to 2024 accompanies this letter as a separate attachment – listing CBJ and Foundation funds separately.

Juneau social service organizations received grants in the following areas: accessing health care, delivering adult education, increasing income stability, tackling homelessness, preventing suicide, addressing substance abuse, supporting mental health, providing relief for victims of violence, and ensuring hospice services.

The grant program for Hope/CBJ Social Service funding begins in December each year. We alert the community generally as to the availability of these grants and contact grant recipients to see if there are any questions about their grant and remind them of the reporting requirements and upcoming application process. Interim Reports, continuing applications, and letters of interest are required by early January.

Early each year, we hold Listen & Learn session in each of the areas where grant funding is provided. Health, social service, and education organizations and agencies are invited, including school district, police and fire departments, and hospital. The purpose of these meetings is to provide an exchange of information, obtain a collective sense of where funds are most needed,



where there are gaps in programs, and overall wellbeing of the community nonprofit organizations. This last is critical because it is these nonprofit organizations that provide most of the community programming in these areas. Without our partner nonprofits, virtually no one would be addressing some of these issues in our community.

We have also received interim reports on the 2024 grants covering the first five months. We use these interim reports to determine how the projects and programs are progressing and as a first view at what programs will continue to be funded at the same level in the next grant round. A sampling of stories taken from the 2024 reports is attached.

We provide level funding for three-years for organizations where the funding supports a position, and the nonprofit maintains the same or similar request for funding and has stable leadership and positive financials.

In January, we completed the Listen & Learns for the upcoming 2025 grant process. In addition, we have received continuing applications and letters of interest totaling over \$4 million for the \$2,738,000 available. What is clear from the Listen & Learns and the funding request is that our social service nonprofits are stretched thin and stressed due to increased costs for everything from food and utilities to insurance and healthcare; critical programs having closed; the increasing impact of substance abuse and mental health issues on clients; and difficulty hiring personnel to take on stressful jobs at wages and benefits similar or less than those provided elsewhere in Juneau.

While we have agreed to continuing our FY25 funding agreement amount from CBJ for FY26, we will also be coming before the Assembly Finance Committee with an additional funding request from Juneau health and social service organizations as we learn more about the critical needs in our community that they are tasked with handling and the service gaps we are experiencing.

Thank you for the funding that supports Juneau's front line social service nonprofit organizations.

Sincerely,



Amy Skilbred  
Executive Director

Enclosures:  
2024 Hope/CBJ Grants and Utility Waivers  
2024 Grant Funding Success Stories

Attached separately in email:  
2016-2024 Historical Summary of Hope and CBJ Grants

### 2024 Grants and Utility Waivers

Organization	City & Borough of Juneau	Juneau Community Foundation		2024 Grant
	Social Service	HOPE	Foundation	Total
Alaska Legal Service		186,055		186,055
Alaskan AIDS Assistance Assoc	12,760			12,760
AWARE		83,016		83,016
Big Brothers Big Sisters	50,000			50,000
Catholic Community Service	110,000			110,000
Disability Law Center	60,000			60,000
Family Promise of Juneau	25,000			25,000
Gastineau Human Services	150,000	110,000		260,000
Gastineau Human Services – Flex funds		113,000		113,000
JAMHI Health & Wellness	410,400			410,400
Juneau Housing First Collaborative/TGH	392,500		47,500	440,000
Juneau School District		155,000		155,000
Kin Support Program - Haa Yiatx'u Saiani	12,044	2,067	25,889	40,000
NAMI - Juneau	131,696		1,804	133,500
Navigator Program (3 agencies)		225,000		225,000
Polaris House	40,000			40,000
SAIL	175,000			175,000
SERRC	70,000			70,000
Sheiyi Xaat Hit Youth Shelter		200,000		200,000
St. Vincent de Paul			25,000	25,000
United Human Services	67,000			67,000
Juneau Community Foundation	50,000			50,000
<b>Total</b>	1,756,400	1,074,138	100,193	2,930,731

2024 CBJ UTILITY WAIVERS	
AGENCY	AWARD
AWARE	\$10,200
Gastineau Human Services	\$8,100
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$11,000
Glory Hall	\$10,000
Resurrection Lutheran	\$200
JAMHI	\$8,000

## 2024 Grant Funding Success Stories

### **Alaska Legal Services**

A woman came to ALSC for help with an eviction case. She was behind on her rent and very concerned that her family would be homeless if the eviction went through. She had also experienced several maintenance issues in her unit that her landlord had failed to remedy.

ALSC was able to negotiate a settlement where the woman was credited for 3 months of rent, which brought her current on her rent and cured the deficiency. ALSC's assistance helped the woman and her family stay safely housed, remedied problems in her rental, and enforced her rights as a tenant.

### **Gastineau Flexible Funding – Assisting People to Stay Housed**

One of the families the grant assisted, was a family with a young child, who has a learning disability, and a newborn baby. Shortly after the baby was born, she started having multiple seizures every day. This was a very scary time for the family, they were trying get a diagnosis and find the right medication and treatment for this new baby. The family doctor recommended that the parents take the new baby out of town to see a specialist.

The parents had to use their rent money to pay for their travel and hotel costs, but they knew they needed to get answers and help for their baby. The baby received a diagnosis of epilepsy. They were able to get a treatment plan and medication for the baby, and now she is doing much better, not having multiple seizures daily, and is thriving.

The family came to Gastineau seeking help to get their rent paid so they would not lose their housing. And because of the grant they were able to get their rent paid and keep their housing secure. Many of the families this grant helps end up as a "good story." This grant program is part of an important safety net that every community needs.

### **AWARE**

A mom with an infant was living in AWARE's transitional housing facility. The mom made a request to add her adult child who had lost housing and was soon to be homeless. This mom did not want her newly-adulting child to stay somewhere unsafe. This presented a little problem with the unit; it was small, and the preference is to have one primary renter, so we know who to work with when problems arise, and we don't run into issues with "who gets to stay" if the adults cannot live safely together. However, in this case, there were few options but to include the adult child on her mother's lease.

Eventually, the unit became disorganized and cluttered. The family (each adult blaming the other) took in a stray cat without proper maintenance. The family was letting unauthorized persons into the facility, which is a major safety concern. After months of back-and-forth, we asked this family to exit. This set off more chaos, including multiple calls to other agencies about how unfairly they were treated.

Ultimately, an experienced advocate stepped in and we welcomed one of the agencies to work with us, as a partner, in finding this family a larger, more suitable unit to occupy. After a month

of group meetings, with both agencies providing transportation and advocacy, the family was accepted into a new unit. Both agencies provided support for the move-out, and the family ended up thanking AWARE for not giving up and for working in concert with their other supports.

### **Big Brothers, Big Sisters**

A seven-year-old, in Juneau was matched with a Big Sister in May 2024 and the two spent the summer having some good Alaskan fun. As a result of a CBJ Youth Activities Grant (from the citizens of Juneau through sales tax revenues), the Big Sister was able to acquire a free whale watching tour. The “Little” had never been on a whale watching tour before! He had such a great time that for their next activity the match went halibut fishing on Big Sister’s boat. The Little said they caught a couple “baby” halibuts that they had to throw back...but they caught one big one that they got to eat!”

The Little lives with his mom, sister, and several foster siblings, anywhere from two to four additional children have been in their home. Having an additional supportive adult in his life makes a BIG difference! This Big Sister just sent her youngest child off to college and is enjoying spending some of her new free time with her Little Brother.

### **Family Promise**

A mother of two lively boys came to our day center during one of the most challenging seasons of her life. She had recently lost her housing after a string of unforeseen events and was also navigating deep personal grief after the passing of her mother and father. Balancing her emotional struggles while trying to provide for her boys felt overwhelming, but she was determined to rebuild her life.

Each morning, the FPJ van would bring her sons to the day center, where she could help them get ready for the day in a safe and supportive environment. While the boys played quietly or read in the cozy family space, Linda would savor a much-needed cup of coffee—a small comfort in the midst of chaos. She met regularly with a case manager who guided her through housing applications, offering encouragement and practical support. The day center became a haven where the mother could wash clothes, rest, and find a moment of peace to gather her thoughts. Slowly but surely, with the stability and resources the center provided, she began to regain her footing.

### **Gastineau Human Services Substance Abuse Program**

A client worked with their counselor to identify positive means of self-care and relearn coping skills beyond work. This client was able to process losing custody of their children and their divorce while in treatment. The client discharged successfully, strengthened their recovery, maintains their sobriety, and effective January 1st, 2025 now owns the restaurant they began working in when they entered treatment services.

### **Navigator Program**

During this performance period, one impactful case involved a single mother with four children who faced multiple challenges, including previous evictions and financial difficulties. The navigator assisted her in obtaining financial help to clear the debts that were preventing them from securing housing. Additionally, they obtained a voucher to assist with future rent payments.

Despite the significant barriers faced by this family, persistence over the course of nine months paid off. Ultimately, we were able to assist this family with a second chance, and a place to call home.

Another Navigator Program success story involves a single individual who was placed in transitional housing after staying in the shelter. She struggles with her mental health and requires ongoing care. At this point, she is able to remain relatively stable with outpatient services but will likely need a more intensive care facility.

**SERRC**

A 26-year-old, who grew up in Southeast Alaska and had been working in construction since he dropped out of high school as a junior, was ready for a change. He had set his sights on joining the Army, but first he needed to complete his high school equivalency. With this intention and commitment, he came into The Learning Connection ready to work! He studied tirelessly and passed all four subjects after just 5 weeks of working with us! He came in with flowers for the staff and immediately called to set up an appointment with an Army recruiter.

**Spruce Root – Kin Support Program**

A six-year-old lost his mom last year and his family struggled. His dad, who had been in recovery, relapsed, and ended up in jail. Luckily his grandmother lives in town and agreed to take him in. While his father was willing to sign a short-term power of attorney, he has feared losing his son. Our kin attorney has helped grandma file for guardianship and connected her to an online support group for relative caregivers just like her. At the same time, we've offered dad help with housing and benefits through a Family Specialist, and access to an independent parent attorney. We hope that this collaborative, transparent process supports family cooperation for the sake of this child who's been through so much.

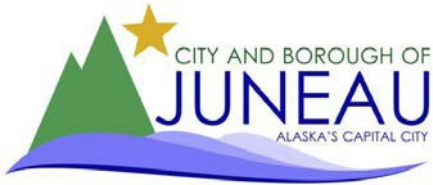
JUNEAU COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
SUMMARY OF CBJ & JUNEAU HOPE ENDOWMENT FUND GRANTS  
FOR YEARS 2016 - 2024

Grantee	Combined Total	Total		2024		2023		2022		2021		2020	
		CBJ	Hope	CBJ	Hope	CBJ	Hope	CBJ	Hope	CBJ	Hope	CBJ	Hope
JCF Operating	320,000.00	320,000.00	-	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	-	30,000.00	-	30,000.00	-
Alaska Development Corp	21,760.00	11,060.00	10,700.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska Legal Services	766,561.21	130,768.21	635,793.00	-	186,055.00	-	97,000.00	19,000.00	78,000.00	-	78,000.00	75,868.21	-
Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association	170,760.00	140,760.00	30,000.00	12,760.00	-	92,000.00	-	21,000.00	-	15,000.00	-	-	15,000.00
Assoc for Education Young Children	140,000.00	25,000.00	115,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AWARE	975,612.00	238,750.00	736,862.00	-	158,016.00	-	158,016.00	58,750.00	-	-	110,000.00	30,000.00	50,000.00
Bartlett Regional Hospital	767,379.37	-	767,379.37	-	-	-	152,594.00	-	200,000.00	-	210,000.00	-	204,785.37
Big Brothers Big Sisters	222,000.00	222,000.00	-	50,000.00	-	-	-	10,000.00	-	15,000.00	-	25,000.00	-
Catholic Community Service	1,711,444.05	997,421.05	714,023.00	110,000.00	-	110,000.00	-	44,000.00	199,241.00	109,881.00	85,000.00	182,140.05	13,850.00
CCTHITA	50,000.00	50,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,000.00	-	-	-
Communities in Schools	25,000.00	-	25,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disability Law Center	388,000.00	258,000.00	130,000.00	60,000.00	-	50,000.00	-	68,000.00	-	35,000.00	-	45,000.00	-
Discovery Southeast	13,000.00	-	13,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Douglas Community United Meth	197,104.00	129,668.00	67,436.00	-	-	29,160.00	-	20,000.00	-	5,508.00	12,436.00	-	25,000.00
Eagle River Methodist Church	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Facing Foster Care Alaska	25,500.00	15,500.00	10,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	5,500.00	-
Family Promise of Juneau	117,000.00	112,000.00	5,000.00	25,000.00	-	20,000.00	-	22,000.00	-	15,000.00	-	15,000.00	-
Front Street Center	15,000.00	15,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gastineau Human Services	3,468,850.00	1,330,757.00	2,138,093.00	150,000.00	223,000.00	200,000.00	182,000.00	165,000.00	240,000.00	155,000.00	200,000.00	94,877.00	268,123.00
Goldbelt Heritage Foundation	8,000.00	8,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	8,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
Haven House	160,000.00	140,000.00	20,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JCCM - Glory Hall	785,000.00	392,520.00	392,480.00	-	-	-	-	150,000.00	90,000.00	-	90,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00
Resurrection Lutheran Church - JUMPP	30,000.00	30,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JAMHI Health & Wellness	921,314.63	921,314.63	-	410,400.00	-	410,400.00	-	95,000.00	-	5,514.63	-	-	-
Juneau Housing First Collaborative	1,627,500.00	942,500.00	685,000.00	392,500.00	75,000.00	357,500.00	152,500.00	100,000.00	-	-	100,000.00	50,000.00	100,000.00
Juneau Family Birth Center	40,750.00	40,750.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,750.00	-	-	-
Juneau Police Department	92,680.00	-	92,680.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,680.00	-	-
Juneau School District	795,665.00	48,500.00	747,165.00	-	155,000.00	-	133,500.00	-	100,765.00	-	90,000.00	-	84,900.00
Juneau Youth Services	630,100.00	327,600.00	302,500.00	-	-	-	-	39,600.00	-	-	-	35,000.00	-
MHSA Community Plan	90,000.00	90,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NAMI - Juneau	656,986.00	533,886.00	123,100.00	131,696.00	-	111,190.00	-	153,000.00	-	113,000.00	-	13,000.00	97,000.00
NCADD	244,782.00	130,000.00	114,782.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Light UM Church - JUMPP	150,000.00	-	150,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polaris House	215,000.00	142,000.00	73,000.00	40,000.00	-	25,000.00	-	25,000.00	-	25,000.00	-	25,000.00	-
SAIL	1,161,261.00	1,006,261.00	155,000.00	175,000.00	-	180,000.00	-	124,000.00	-	147,261.00	-	55,000.00	100,000.00
SERRC	723,783.00	715,000.00	8,783.00	70,000.00	-	60,000.00	-	77,000.00	-	77,000.00	-	77,000.00	-
Sheiyi Xaat Hit Youth Shelter	550,000.00	-	550,000.00	-	200,000.00	-	200,000.00	-	150,000.00	-	-	-	-
Southeast Alaska Food Bank	25,000.00	25,000.00	-	-	-	15,000.00	-	10,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce Root - Haa'Yiat'x'u Saiani	37,861.00	35,794.00	2,067.00	12,044.00	2,067.00	23,750.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Vincent de Paul	753,500.00	169,900.00	583,600.00	-	75,000.00	-	75,000.00	30,000.00	-	-	-	-	50,000.00
United Human Services	210,734.00	202,300.00	8,434.00	67,000.00	-	69,900.00	-	65,400.00	8,434.00	-	-	-	-
Zach Gordon Youth Center	270,000.00	-	270,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	15,000.00	-	165,000.00	-	15,000.00
	19,584,887.26	9,898,009.89	9,686,877.37	1,756,400.00	1,074,138.00	1,803,900.00	1,150,610.00	1,354,750.00	1,086,440.00	811,914.63	1,156,116.00	803,385.26	1,068,658.37
CBJ Annual Funding				1,756,400.00		1,803,900.00		1,354,750.00		806,400.00		806,400.00	
Carryover from prior years										5,514.63		2,499.89	
Refund - NCADD													
Carryover to future years												5,514.63	
Special funding to JCCM - Glory Hall													

JUNEAU COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
SUMMARY OF CBJ & JUNEAU HOPE E  
FOR YEARS 2016 - 2024

Grantee	2019		2018		2017		2016	
	CBJ	Hope	CBJ	Hope	CBJ	Hope	CBJ	Hope
JCF Operating	30,000.00	-	30,000.00	-	25,000.00	-	25,000.00	-
Alaska Development Corp	5,260.00	5,000.00	-	4,500.00	-	-	5,800.00	1,200.00
Alaska Legal Services	-	70,138.00	7,500.00	50,000.00	-	35,000.00	28,400.00	41,600.00
Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association	-	15,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assoc for Education Young Children	-	-	-	-	-	70,000.00	25,000.00	45,000.00
AWARE	40,000.00	40,000.00	20,000.00	60,000.00	-	115,830.00	90,000.00	45,000.00
Bartlett Regional Hospital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Big Brothers Big Sisters	35,000.00	-	35,000.00	-	30,000.00	-	22,000.00	-
Catholic Community Service	85,000.00	115,981.00	119,400.00	99,951.00	90,000.00	150,000.00	147,000.00	50,000.00
CCTHITA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Communities in Schools	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,000.00
Disability Law Center	-	50,000.00	-	80,000.00	-	-	-	-
Discovery Southeast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,000.00
Douglas Community United Meth	25,000.00	-	25,000.00	-	-	30,000.00	25,000.00	-
Eagle River Methodist Church	-	-	-	-	-	10,000.00	-	-
Facing Foster Care Alaska	5,000.00	-	-	5,000.00	-	-	-	-
Family Promise of Juneau	15,000.00	-	-	5,000.00	-	-	-	-
Front Street Center	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,000.00	-
Gastineau Human Services	50,000.00	328,740.00	220,000.00	215,000.00	265,880.00	183,330.00	30,000.00	297,900.00
Goldbelt Heritage Foundation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Haven House	45,000.00	-	25,000.00	20,000.00	45,000.00	-	25,000.00	-
JCCM - Glory Hall	90,000.00	-	35,000.00	55,000.00	22,520.00	22,480.00	50,000.00	90,000.00
Resurrection Lutheran Church - JUMPP	30,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JAMHI Health & Wellness	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Juneau Housing First Collaborative	-	120,000.00	42,500.00	47,500.00	-	90,000.00	-	-
Juneau Family Birth Center	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	-	-	-	12,000.00	-
Juneau Police Department	-	18,500.00	-	11,000.00	-	17,500.00	-	30,000.00
Juneau School District	-	66,500.00	48,500.00	61,500.00	-	25,000.00	-	30,000.00
Juneau Youth Services	80,000.00	60,000.00	25,000.00	51,500.00	58,000.00	95,000.00	90,000.00	96,000.00
MHSA Community Plan	45,000.00	-	45,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
NAMI - Juneau	12,000.00	-	-	10,700.00	-	15,400.00	-	-
NCADD	-	-	-	-	85,000.00	14,782.00	45,000.00	100,000.00
Northern Light UM Church - JUMPP	-	-	-	30,000.00	-	60,000.00	-	60,000.00
Polaris House	-	-	-	25,000.00	-	25,000.00	2,000.00	23,000.00
SAIL	75,000.00	35,000.00	90,000.00	-	85,000.00	-	75,000.00	20,000.00
SERRC	77,000.00	-	77,000.00	-	100,000.00	-	100,000.00	8,783.00
Sheiji Xaat Hit Youth Shelter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Southeast Alaska Food Bank	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce Root - HaaYiatx'u Saiani	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Vincent de Paul	104,900.00	105,100.00	35,000.00	193,000.00	-	57,000.00	-	28,500.00
United Human Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zach Gordon Youth Center	-	15,000.00	-	15,000.00	-	15,000.00	-	30,000.00
	859,160.00	1,044,959.00	889,900.00	1,039,651.00	806,400.00	1,031,322.00	812,200.00	1,034,983.00
CBJ Annual Funding	851,400.00		851,400.00		806,400.00		812,200.00	
Carryover from prior years	10,259.89							
Refund - NCADD	-		48,759.89		-			
Carryover to future years	2,499.89		10,259.89		-			
Special funding to JCCM - Glory Hall	150,000.00							

# MEMORANDUM



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**DATE:** January 27, 2025  
**TO:** Assembly Finance Committee  
**FROM:** Law Department  
**SUBJECT:** Ordinance 2025-09, Section 6

Section 6 of Ordinance 2025-09 amends the CBJC 69.10.023 related to property tax incentives for economic development property.

SB 179, Section 3 amends AS 29.45.050(m) by removing the limitation on exempting all taxes including the local contribution under AS 14.17.410(b)(2).

\* **Sec. 3.** AS 29.45.050(m) is amended to read:

(m) A municipality may by ordinance partially or totally exempt all or some types of economic development property from taxation for a designated period. [EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY AN ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE MUNICIPALITY BEFORE 1 JANUARY 1, 2017, A MUNICIPALITY THAT IS A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY ONLY EXEMPT ALL OR A PORTION OF THE AMOUNT OF TAXES THAT EXCEEDS THE AMOUNT LEVIED ON OTHER PROPERTY FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S REQUIRED LOCAL CONTRIBUTION UNDER AS 14.17.410(b)(2).] A municipality may by ordinance permit deferral of payment of taxes on all or some types of economic development property for a designated period. A municipality may apply an exemption or deferral under this subsection to taxes levied for special services in a service area that is supervised by an elected service area board under AS 29.35.460 unless the elected service area board objects to the exemption or deferral by resolution adopted not later than 60 days after the effective date of the municipal ordinance enacting the tax exemption or deferral. A municipality may adopt an ordinance under this subsection only if, before it is adopted, copies of the proposed ordinance made available at a public hearing on it contain written notice that the ordinance, if adopted, may be repealed by the voters through referendum. An ordinance adopted under this subsection must include specific eligibility requirements and require a written application for each exemption or deferral.

The current version of Ordinance 2025-09 removes the language that is in all caps from CBJC 69.10.023(g) limiting the exemption to only those taxes above the school district's required local contribution under AS 17.17.410(b)(2). However, SB 179 does not mandate that removal. It does not require that all taxes be exempted; it does not require the school district's required local contribution be exempted. Therefore, the Law Department has provided an alternative amendment to CBJC 69.10.023(g), attached, which provides no change to CBJC 69.10.023(g) such that the total potential exemption shall not reduce the amount of taxes below the amount levied on other property for the school district's required local contribution.



Law Department Optional Amendment to 2025-09, Section 6

Amendment \_\_\_\_.

**Section 6. Amendment of Section.** CBJC 69.10.023 Property tax incentives for economic development property, is amended to read:

**69.10.023 Property tax incentives for economic development property.**

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(g) *Magnitude of exemption.* Consistent with this subsection, the total potential exemption shall not reduce the amount of taxes below the amount levied on other property for the school district's required local contribution under AS 14.17.410(b)(2). The taxes eligible for exemption under this section are those attributable only to the newly constructed residential units exclusive of previously existing residential units (whether remodeled or not), all nonresidential improvements, and land. Except as provided by subsection (m), the magnitude of exemption shall be determined on a spatial basis as follows: the square footage of the newly constructed residential units shall be divided by the square footage of all structures on the property, then multiplied by the assessed value of all improvements on the property and by the mill rate applicable to the property.

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TO: Chair Woll and CBJ Finance Committee  
 FROM: Katie Koester, City Manager  
 DATE: January 29, 2025  
 RE: Potential Bond Projects for October 2025 Ballot

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At the January 8<sup>th</sup> Assembly Finance Committee (AFC) the Assembly discussed potential bond projects for the October 2025 ballot. At that meeting, members requested more time to decide whether to task the Joint Assembly/School Board and Utility Advisory Board on developing potential projects.

1. Water and Wastewater (WW) Utility Infrastructure

At the January meeting the AFC expressed an interest in exploring additional bond project projects as a way to defray utility rate increases. I want to caution the Assembly that if we do not increase rates, we risk putting the community in an even worse 'rate shock' scenario in 2030 – years of insufficient rate increases have gotten us to where we are today – needing an annual 12.75% increase in wastewater rates and 10.25% increase in water rates for the next 5 years. Not raising rates compounds the issue over time.

That being said, I appreciate the very real impact utility rate increases will have on each and every household and business in our community. A \$10M bond for wastewater (WW) projects reduces the need for WW rate increases by 3%. Our utility rate model includes \$4M of annual spending in underground utility infrastructure (water and wastewater) that is done in conjunction with street improvements. I have asked our utility rate consultant to model a scenario where we use street sales tax funds to pay for this underground work. This would mean we would be able to do at least 2 fewer street projects a year. Currently we spend \$12M annually in this category on transportation infrastructure including pavement management, stair and sidewalk repairs, transit capital expenditures, and an average of 4-5 streets. Diverting 1/3 of these funds to utility work would have a major impact on our ability to respond to our need to stay on top of our street rehabilitation. However, this would be a way to spend sales tax dollars on utility infrastructure. In the 2025 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) the Assembly approved some sales tax spending on underfunded utility infrastructure due to insufficient funds in the utility. You will see another ask from just short of \$1M in this year's CIP.

<b>Recommended WW Rate increase: 12.75%</b>	
With additional \$10M in capital spending in FY27	9.25%
With \$2M in street sales tax funding annually	5.5%

<b>Recommended Water Rate increase: 10.25%</b>	
With \$2M in street sales tax funding annually	0%

If the Assembly would like to use bonds to offset utility rate increases, I recommend giving the Utility Advisory Board direction to develop a \$10M project or list of projects that can be spent in FY27 and return with a recommendation to the AFC in April. Further committee work needs to be done on offsetting utility rate increases to land on a number the body is comfortable with through sales tax; please let me know what additional questions you have or scenarios you would like to see, and we will bring this back to you at a future AFC.

## 2. Juneau School District (JSD) Capital Improvement Projects

The FY2026 JSD six-year CIP is attached – hot off the press from the 2026 CIP presentation at Public Works & Facilities Committee (PWFC).

The moratorium on new projects for school debt bond reimbursement ends on July 1, 2025. We heard at the Legislative breakfast that it is unlikely legislation to delay that date will pass this session. I have not found easily available information on what a restart to the program will look like, however exploring project eligibility would be part of the work of the Joint Assembly/School Board Facilities Committee. The Capital Grant program and Debt Reimbursement are governed under the same set of [statutes and regulations](#) and can offer guidance. The Capital Grant program receives millions of dollars of submissions from school districts a year. They are scored and the top projects are funded by the Legislature; you will recall we received funding for school roof replacement projects under this program. JSD submits a list of projects to DEED annually.

If the Assembly would like to pursue a school bond this year, I recommend giving guidance to the Joint Assembly/School Board Facilities committee to develop a list of maintenance projects that would meet the program eligibility requirements and a target number (\$10M, for example).

### **Timing**

The Clerks must approve a final copy of ballot language to the printers by early August. I recommend you give the committees until an April AFC meeting to bring you back recommendations. A bond proposition should be introduced no later than the June 9<sup>th</sup> regular Assembly meeting. This gives you one extra meeting should you need additional public hearing or debate.

**Recommendation:** Continue to discuss appetite for potential bond projects on the October '25 ballot. If desired, refer project development to the appropriate committees with a target dollar amount and a deadline to report back at an April AFC meeting.

### DEPARTMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 6 YEAR PRIORITIES

Department: Juneau School District

Date: 12/16/2024

Compiled by: Kristy Germain and Mark Ibias

Phone number: 907-523-1740

Note: Round the estimated project cost to the nearest thousand

Priority	Project	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	Future
<i>EXAMPLE #1</i>	<i>Aurora Harbor Rebuild Phase III</i>	<i>\$1,500,000</i>					
1	JSD Annual Deferred Maintenance	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	
2	JSD Districtwide Security and Safety Upgrades (Legislative)	\$2,000,000					
3	RAS's HVAC Controls Matching funds: JDHS, HBV, GV, KHE, & TMMS		25% matching	25% matching			
4	JDHS Chef Lab Renovation	\$629,000					
5	JDHS Boiler Room Renovation and Dualsource Upgrade (DEED)		\$3,542,000				
6	Kaxdigoowu Heen Boiler and Valve Replacement, Room Renovation		\$872,000				
7	Glacier Valley and Dzantik'i Heeni Boiler Room(s) Renovation			\$1,198,000			
8	JDHS Partial Roof Replacement (DEED CIP)			\$1,450,000			
9	Districtwide HVAC and Boiler Controls Upgrade: GA, DH, AB, MRCS				\$4,000,000		
10	MRCS Restrooms Renovation and Classroom & Hallway carpet (DEED CIP)				\$2,500,000		
11	Dzantik'i Heeni Gym Floor and Bleacher Replacement				\$2,412,000		
Totals:		\$3,629,000	\$5,414,000	\$3,648,000	\$9,912,000	\$1,000,000	\$0



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TO: Chair Woll and Assembly Finance Committee  
DATE: February 5, 2025  
FROM: Robert Barr, Deputy City Manager  
RE: 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Show

The purpose of this memo is to outline the existing history and practices of the CBJ sponsored 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks display and ensure the Assembly and community are aware of the risks and ultimately decide to accept or mitigate those risks.

Current Situation

For some time, through the Assembly grants process, CBJ has been providing funding<sup>1</sup> to purchase fireworks and associated supplies for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks display that has been traditionally discharged from a barge on Gastineau Channel late in the evening on July 3. Two years ago after an accident on the barge, staff became concerned with the risks associated with status quo operations along with the historical procurement practice, which does not align with current CBJ procurement code. Last year, we attempted to negotiate a Memorandum of Agreement with the entity that receives those grant funds, which is typical for other Assembly grants distributed by CBJ. This negotiation was unsuccessful for a variety of reasons:

- A legal entity to receive the funds does not exist
- Attempts to matchmake volunteers who have been successfully conducting the display with a local non-profit were not successful

Risk

Had negotiations been successful, staff planned to propose an increase to the related Assembly grant to pay for additional insurance expenses that we anticipated a non-profit would incur related to the storage and discharging of commercial fireworks. Mitigating the life and property risks of long-term commercial firework storage, set-up, and conducting the fireworks display are CBJ's primary interests. Staff currently believes that CBJ liability is significant because there is no legal entity and CBJ has been paying the fireworks vendor directly. The fireworks are CBJ property, the individuals accessing/discharging them are community volunteers, and CBJ has no place to receive, store, or control their use outside of individual volunteer efforts.

Existing Mitigation

The commercial fireworks vendor supplies an insurance policy that provides up to \$2M of coverage for claims made against the vendor.

CBJ's general liability policy contains a \$350k deductible that is likely to apply for claims.

<sup>1</sup> FY24: \$39,500. FY25: 59,000. FY26 45,000

Mitigation Options

- 1) No change, determine existing situation falls within acceptable levels of risk. In a catastrophic event CBJ's maximum exposure is likely \$350k. It may be too late to issue an RFP and procure the fireworks themselves (still owned by CBJ) this year, but we could do so for July of 2026. The body would need to direct staff to prepare an ordinance exempting the 2025 purchase from the procurement code.
- 2) Issue an RFI or RFP for a professional fireworks business to conduct the show. We expect this would cost significantly more than we currently spend and may not be viable for July of 2025 from a timing perspective.
- 3) Explore other options (e.g. identifying potential local partners, drone shows, other ideas) for 2025 or future years

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends option 1 if the Assembly finds the level of risk acceptable and desires a similar fireworks display to prior years downtown.

**City and Borough of Juneau**  
**Assembly Finance Committee (AFC)**

**FY26 Budget Calendar and Key Dates – as of February 5, 2024**

**April 5<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 am – Special Assembly (Intro)**

- A. Mill Levy Ordinance 2025-03
- B. CIP Resolution 3090
- C. CBJ Budget Ordinance 2025-01
- D. School District Budget Ordinance 2025-02

**April 5<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 am – AFC Meeting #1 (~6-8 hrs)**

- A. Budget Summary & Overview
- B. Capital Improvement Plan
- C. Passenger Fee Plan
- D. Bartlett Regional Hospital
- E. Juneau School District
- F. Docks & Harbors
- G. Juneau International Airport
- H. Eaglecrest

**April 9<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm – AFC Meeting #2**

- A. SKIP

**April 16<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm – AFC Meeting #3**

- A. Assembly Grants & Community Requests
  - a. Assembly Information Needs

**April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 5:30 pm – AFC Meeting #4**

- A. SKIP

**April 28<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm – Regular Assembly (Hearing)**

- A. Mill Levy Ordinance 2025-03
- B. CIP Resolution 3090
- C. CBJ Budget Ordinance 2025-01
- D. School District Budget Ordinance 2025-02
- E. Motion to Establish Local Funding for School District Operations

**April 30<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm – AFC Meeting #5**

- A. Assembly Grants & Community Requests
- B. Youth Activity Grant Funding
- C. Reserved for Additional Discussion

**May 7<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm – AFC Meeting #6**

- A. Manager’s Proposed Increments & Budget Amendments
- B. Capital Improvement Plan Amendments
- C. School District Budget – For Action
- D. Passenger Fee Plan – For Action
- E. Pending List – For Action

**May 14<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm – AFC Meeting #7**

- A. Reserved for Additional Discussion

**May 19<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm – Regular Assembly**

- A. Adoption of the School District’s Budget Ordinance 2025-02

**May 21<sup>st</sup> – 5:30 pm – AFC Meeting #8**

- A. Pending List – For Final Action
- B. Set Mill Rates – For Final Action
- C. Final FY26 Budget Decisions
  - a. CIP Resolution 3090
  - b. Mill Levy Ordinance 2025-03
  - c. CBJ Budget Ordinance 2025-01

**May 28<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm – AFC Meeting #9**

- A. SKIP

**June 4<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm – Regular Business AFC**

- A. TBD

**June 9<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm – Regular Assembly (Adoption)**

- A. Mill Levy Ordinance 2025-03
- B. CIP Resolution 3090
- C. CBJ Budget Ordinance 2025-01

*Public hearings on the budget must be completed by May 1, per Charter Section 9.6*

*Assembly must determine school district instructional funding and notify district within 30 days of receipt of district budget (Charter Section 13.6(b))*

*Assembly must appropriate school district funding by May 31 (Charter Section 13.6(b))*

*Assembly must adopt Operating Budget, Mill Levy, and Capital Improvement Plan by June 15<sup>th</sup> or the manager’s proposal is deemed adopted (Charter Section 9.7 & 9.8)*