

**Proposal To:**

Central Bering Sea Fishermen’s Association  
PO Box 288  
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**Project Names:**

1. Community Events
2. Laborer Positions to Assist with Community Events
3. EMS Equipment
4. Travel Cost for Mateo Paz-Soldan to Attend NPFMC in 2024
5. Fire Hydrants Replacement
6. Matching funding for Small Boat Harbor Utility Expansion Project
7. Street Lights
8. Fuel Trailers
9. Hot Water Sewer and Drainline Jetter
10. EMS Volunteers Stipend

**Applying Organization and Point of Contact:**

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**Background:**

On average between 2018 and 2021 the City collected almost \$2 million taxes annually for the sale of snow crab which made up about 60% of the City’s general fund revenues. In 2023 and in 2024 that tax revenue is \$0. As a result of the closure of the crab fisheries and the complete loss of fisheries tax revenues for the past three seasons, the City of Saint Paul has been forced to implement budgetary cuts, layoffs, hiring freezes, and other painful measures to withstand the loss of revenues and continue to provide essential municipal services. The City has reduced its staff from 42 to 19 employees since the crab closure in 2021. We have taken out loans, requested emergency government funding, and written dozens of grant applications seeking funding for capital improvement projects needing critical repairs and replacements. Yet, we have critical unfunded community needs.

**Projects:**

The City of Saint Paul is requesting funding from CBSFA for the following projects:

1. Community Events

The City would like to request funding from CBSFA for supplies for community events in 2024 (4<sup>th</sup> of July, Labor Day, Christmas Program). The City can continue to provide management of these events and staff for these events.

2. Laborer Positions to Assist with Community Events

The City would like to request funding from CBSFA to fund laborer positions to assist with community events. We would hire two temporary laborer positions at 60 hours each to assist with 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Labor Day, Christmas and other community events.

3. EMS Equipment

The City would like to request funding from CBSFA for a GE VScan Air CL Point-of-Care Ultrasound (POCUS) device and education package. This device will allow EMS to identify more than 50 conditions within EMS providers' scope of education in the field by ultrasound, many of which are difficult or impossible to determine conclusively without medical imaging. In the past six months alone, twenty-two cases were identified where assessment with a POCUS device may have helped definitively diagnose a suspected condition and resulted in a change in EMS or clinic providers' immediate and longterm treatment plan, decision to transport, and intended destination facility for medevacs. The cost below includes the probe and annual membership is required which provides diagnostic and procedural tools and education and training modules, and shipping. Additionally, the City would also like to request funding for a LUCAS Chest Compression System, which provides consistent chest compressions during resuscitation attempts. This system allows for longer and higher quality CPR, and allows the emergency responders to focus on other critical measures. The cost of below includes the machine and shipping.

4. Travel Cost for Mateo Paz-Soldan to Attend NPFMC

The City of Saint Paul has been involved in the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council process for over 20 years and worked in close coordination with CBSFA to protect Saint Paul Island's fisheries resources. This has included spearheading efforts to develop the Crab Rationalization Program and important community protections that benefit Saint Paul Island through CBSFA such as regionalization, ROFRs, Emergency Relief from Regionalization, and increasing crab CDQ allocations to 10%. The City's revenues from fish tax have declined due to the reduced crab quota the past 2 years. The City's continued involvement in the team that has been attending is critical to protecting Saint Paul Island's interests in fishery regulatory bodies, and more important than ever given the potential issues that may be addressed at the Council in 2024 including:

- Crab Rationalization Program Issues – Maintaining Community Protections
- Crab Rebuilding Plans
- Support for Bering Sea Fisheries Ecosystem Plan
- Support for Community Engagement
- Native/Tribal Seats on the Council

The North Pacific Fisheries Management Council meeting schedule for 2024 is:

- February 5-12, 2024 – Seattle, WA
- April 1-9, 2024 – Anchorage, AK
- June 3-11, 2024 – Kodiak, AK
- September 30 - October 8, 2024– Anchorage, AK
- December 2-10, 2024 – Anchorage, AK

We believe it is critical to continue to attend NPFMC meetings for the health and stability of the community. Mateo is a critical part of the Saint Paul Island team and is highly effective at these meetings. The City believes that additional community participation at these meetings in 2024 will be critical, so we are requesting funding for travel for Mateo to attend these meetings. Additionally, City Manager Zavadil should attend the meeting that crab rationalization will be discussed so that is included in the budget.

5. Fire Hydrant Replacement

51 of the 60 fire hydrants on Saint Paul Island are in need of replacement. Rust, corrosion, and general wear and tear have compromised their structural integrity, making them more prone to leaks and failures. Several of the fire hydrants in the City system are not functioning and all the old style hydrants require constant maintenance on the exposed threads of the caps. The aging fire hydrants pose significant challenges due to deterioration and decreased functionality over time. The outdated style hydrant components have further contributed to reduced water flow and pressure, hindering firefighting operations. The cost below includes the 51 hydrants and shipping. The City will cover the cost labor and equipment for the installation.

6. Matching Funds for Small Boat Harbor Utility Expansion Project

On September 8, 2022, the City of Saint Paul was awarded an Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) grant from the US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) for the Saint Paul Small Boat Harbor Utility Expansion Project. This project is a much-needed investment to our community which will benefit the fishing industry, businesses and governmental entities that utilize and rely upon the Harbor. Specifically, the Saint Paul Small Boat Harbor Utility Expansion Project will provide:

- Water service and fire protection flow to the small boat harbor area by extending a new main that would run through the center of the harbor subdivision, providing water service and fire protection flow to future buildings, and providing loop feed through the harbor area which will increase water distribution reliability, improve system circulation, and increase fire flow capacity to the vessel repair facility and future buildings.
- Sewer service through 6 new manholes and 1,000 feet of gravity collection mains, and a new sewer lift station discharging into the existing harbor force main. This new installation provides sewer service to the three existing buildings, proposed harbor office and small boat harbor, and provides framework for future development in the area.
- Electric service to the small boat harbor by installing a new transformer at the proposed harbor master office fed by a new 210-foot underground single-phase power line fed from a new sectionalizing cabinet spliced into the existing main harbor feeder. New building service and small boat harbor site lighting would be provided from this new transformer.

The total project cost is \$2,838,000. The EDA grant funds 80% (\$2,270,400). The City's 20% cost share is \$567,600. The City is struggling to provide the cash match for this EDA grant, and EDA will not allow the City to provide the match through in-kind services. As of 10/31/2023, the City has provided only \$2,538 of its required \$567,600 cash match. The City is requesting half of the remaining match, \$283,800, from CBSFA.

7. Street Lights

The City would like to request funding from CBSFA to replace all the white color streetlight fixtures with the amber color and for 7 new streetlight poles, arms and fixtures for along the Polovina Turnpike extentions. This area is not well lit, especially during winter storms and could benefit from streetlights especially since this road is used to access the school. The total cost includes 7 new light poles, arms, fixtures, wiring and meterbase, as well as 33 new light fixtures in the amber color, and shipping. The City will cover the cost labor and equipment for the installation.

8. Fuel Trailers

The City would like to request funding from CBSFA for purchase of two 1500 gallon fuel trailers. One for diesel and one for gasoline. The trailers will be used primarily for fueling of the local fleet. This year the US Army Corps of Engineers has a harbor maintenance project planned and a constuction barge will be tied up at the City South Dock for much of the summer. The fuel trailers could be staged so that the local fleet can fuel in the small boat harbor this year. The trailers would not require the operator to have a driver's licence and can easily be refueled with the City's existing tankers or towed to the tank farm for refueling in the truck rack. The fuel trailers can also be used as a back up if one of the City's fuel tankers is not operational and are also convenient for remote fueling of equipment. The price below includes two trailers and shipping. See attached estimate, flyer and photo.

9. Hot Water Sewer and Drainline Jetter

The City would like to request funding from CBSFA for trailer mounted hot water sewer and drainline jetter for cleaning of clogged sewer lines and septic tank maintenance. The price below includes trailer mounted jetter, remote service package, and travel to Utah for our operator to attend a training on the unit, and shipping. The hot jet system has 7 adavnatages over the traditional method of snaking sewer lines and simply pumping out septic tanks (see attached flyer). The City would develop a standard rate for septic tank maintenance to cover our labor costs. This rate would not include the jetter cost if CBSFA provides the funding for this unit. See attached estimate and photo.

10. EMS Volunteers Stipend

e City of Saint Paul would like to request funding for an EMS call volunteer responder stipend. Saint Paul Island EMS runs approximately 80 medical calls annually; due to mandatory training, medical leave, simultaneous law enforcement, medical or fire calls there are invariably periods where an additional crewmember is needed to staff the City of Saint Paul Ambulance. Previously, SCF has been compelled to respond to 911 calls. SCF clinic employees may not have a separate prehospital certification or licensure and when, due to staffing complexities are compelled to respond to 911 calls, may place their licensure in jeopardy when operating outside of a fixed facility their licensure is associated with. The City of Saint Paul has placed a significant investment in staffing a combined EMT-3/EMS Instructor position that is currently training community members interested in volunteering, but virtually all have fixed schedules, child-care duties and other legitimate obligations that greatly limited availability and hamper willingness to commit defined hours. 911 calls inherently happen at unpredictable, inconvenient times for volunteers working with fixed schedules and negatively impact their livelihoods. A paid-per-call stipend for which regular

Public Safety employees are not eligible is requested to help augment recruitment, engagement and retention of EMS volunteers.”

**Budget Summary For All Projects:**

<b>Budget Line Item</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>
1. Community Events	\$15,000
2. Laborer Positions to Assist with Community Events	\$3,500
3. EMS Equipment	\$23,134
4. NPFMC Travel	\$31,000
5. Fire Hydrant Replacement	\$147,700
6. Matching Funds for Small Boat Harbor Utility Expansion Project	\$283,800
7. Street Lights	\$47,900
8. Fuel Trailers	\$88,874
9. Sewer Drain Line Jetter	\$75,800
10. EMS Volunteers Stipend	\$4,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$720,308</b>