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Capital Items:

The capital items can be found within [HB 281](#), the FY23 operating, capital, and supplemental budget, as all the budgets were rolled into the operating budget on the Senate side. However, the capital budget alone totals \$3.7 billion with \$1.1 billion coming from state funds. There are capital items that directly benefit local governments, nonprofits, Tribes, communities, and schools. There are capital items for just about everyone. For the first time in many years, some projects requested by districts are funded.

Some highlights include:

- School major maintenance: \$100 million, which covers funding to about number 55 on the maintenance list.
- Kwethlek power resiliency project, \$614,000.00; Napakiak School, \$54.8 million; \$15,000 for the Anchorage School District Airport Heights Elementary School ice rink; \$302,500 for the Yukon Flats School District Tsuk Taih School water tank roof replacement; \$500,000 for the Anchorage School District Russian Jack Area School pedestrian and safety upgrades; and \$6.1 million for Mt. Edgecumbe High School repairs, along with \$95,000 for bleachers and water survival equipment.
- Volunteers of America: \$960,000 for school-based mental health.
- School Breakfast Expansion: \$600,000.
- Harbor matching grants: \$20 million (including a Homer project).
- Homer large vessel harbor: \$750,000.
- Port of Alaska: \$200 million, \$100 million contingent on receiving federal matching funds.
- Port of Nome: \$175 million.
- Airport improvements: \$400 million (for Homer, \$14.2 million for improvements).
- Federal transit grants: \$26 million.
- Surface transportation: \$868.5 million, with \$33.6 million funding Dalton Highway Projects.
- AMHS, mainline ferry replacement and other ferry funding: \$30 million.
- Alaska Long Trail: \$15 million, with funding scattered throughout the bill.
- Community Block Grants: \$6.3 million.
- Kenai River Bank Stabilization: \$6.5 million.
- Alaska Travel Industry Association: \$5 million.
- NPRA Grants: \$13.8 million.
- Arctic Strategic and Resource Transportation Project: \$2.5 million.
- Critical Minerals Mapping: \$10.5 million.
- Mine Reclamation: \$4.5 million.
- Abandoned well cleanup: \$32.3 million.
- Arctic Fisheries: \$3 million.

- AEA-Renewable Energy Grants: \$15 million, including \$1.9 million in funding for Kotzebue Electric Association plus other AEA funding (bulk fuel, rural power system upgrades, energy efficiency conservation block grants).
- AEA-Bulk Fuel Upgrades: \$13 million.
- AEA-Rural Power Systems Upgrades: \$20 million.
- AEA Energy Conservation grants: \$2 million.
- Electric Vehicle Infrastructure: \$7.7 million.
- Village Safe Water Upgrades and Expansions: \$89.8 million.
- Village Safe Water First Time Projects: \$27 million.
- Increased Clean Water and Drinking Water funds to DEC for revolving loan fund and Village Safe Water.
- Statewide deferred maintenance and repair: \$50 million.
- University of Alaska deferred maintenance and repair: \$50 million.
- Code Blue: \$500,000.
- Crisis Stabilization Center: \$8 million.
- Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund: \$4.4 million.
- Pacific Salmon Treaty Chinook Fishery Mitigation: \$6.4 million.
- Alaska Salmon: \$1.15 million.
- Sport Fish Boater and Angler Access: \$9 million.
- State Parks Facilities Upgrades: \$1.4 million.
- National Recreational Trails Grants: \$1.65 million.
- Ice Roads: \$2 million.
- Community Wildfire grants: \$10 million.
- Snowmachine Trails: \$250,000.
- Marine Fisheries Patrol Improvements: \$1.2 million.
- AHFC Teacher, Health, and Public Safety Housing: \$21.25 million.
- AHFC Energy Programs, Weatherization: \$23.1 million.
- Energy Efficiency Research: \$2.5 million.
- Food Security Agriculture Incentive Grant Program: \$3 million.
- Food Security Mariculture Incentive Grant Program: \$5 million.
- Food Bank Statewide: \$10 million.
- University of Alaska Fairbanks – Bartlett Hall and Moore Hall Modernization and Renewal: \$18.5 million.
- New Broadband Office: \$6 million.
- Cybersecurity grant program (it looks like the five-year amount was appropriated) to local governments.
- Food Aid to Ukraine \$300,000.
- Grants to named recipients: a long list, including AML and AFN for infrastructure support.
- Grants to municipalities: Some CIP list items – Homer large vessel harbor, Kodiak fire hall, Emmonak port completion, Haines Lutak dock, Mat-Su first responder facility, Petersburg public health center, and many other health facilities, community buildings and museum support.
- DPS radio replacement, and VPSO program support.
- And so much more!

Conclusion

Next, the budget heads to Governor Dunleavy to sign and he can exercise his right to veto individual items. Also note, federal grants funds will flow to Alaska over the course of several years and will cover several budget cycles. Additionally, new grant programs are being implemented at both the state and federal level and will provide additional opportunities to fund projects. J&H Consulting will continue to provide information about these opportunities as they arise.

Best regards,

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