



FNSB CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

2019 Project Nomination Form

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Nominations will be accepted from **August 12 to October 11**. Please fill out the nomination form as completely as possible. If a section does not apply to the project you are nominating, please leave that section blank. Please attach additional relevant information to this nomination packet as appropriate. There is no limit to the number of projects that can be submitted.

Completed nomination forms can be submitted:

In person at:

Fairbanks North Star Borough
Attn: Mayor's Office
907 Terminal Street
Fairbanks, AK 99701

By mail to:

Fairbanks North Star Borough
Attn: Capital Improvement Program
PO Box 71267
Fairbanks, AK 99707

NOMINATOR'S NAME:	<u>Donnie Hayes</u>	DATE:	<u>10/6/2019</u>
ORGANIZATION (IF APPLICABLE):	<u>FNSB Parks and Recreation</u>		
AFFECTED DEPARTMENT:	<u>Pioneer Park</u>		
PHONE: ()	EMAIL: <u>dhayes@fnsb.us</u>		

Name of Proposed Project: Pioneer Park Office Restoration

Project Scope/Description:

This project proposes to repair, and revitalize the Pioneer Park Office infrastructure and restore this historic home for additional generations.

This project is seeking to fix the roof, foundation, and structural integrity of the Pioneer Park Office. The Roof leaks, and the foundation is failing. Both of these issues need to be addressed so that this home can continue for another 75 plus years.



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SAFETY AND CODE COMPLIANCE

1. Does the project reduce or eliminate a health or safety risk?

Yes No

Please explain:

Pioneer Park's office is not ADA accessible, and due to its failing foundation the floors all slope downward. Even our couch is blocked on one side due to the sloped floors.

2. In your opinion, what is the current condition of the facility?

Poor This is a new facility
 Fair
 Good
 Excellent

Please explain:

Although there are issues as stated above it does have features that are sufficient for the use of the building. Its boiler works, and there are very few plumbing issues.

3. Does the project improve accessibility compliance? (For example: parking lot design, doorway design, counter height, floor access, restroom access, etc.)

Yes No

Please explain:

By fixing the foundation of this home we can also make this building more appropriately ADA accessible by creating stronger and more permanent entrances to the facility.

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FACILITY CONDITION

4. How old is the facility since original construction?

- 41+ years This is a new facility
 31 - 40 years
 21 - 30 years
 11 - 20 years
 0 - 10 years

5. Does the project replace an existing facility?

- Yes No

If yes, please identify the building it would replace and any other supporting information, including the condition of the existing facility (poor, fair, good, excellent):

PROJECT FUNDING

6. What is the status of project funding?

- Fully funded
 Partially funded
 No funding

Please identify the source and amount of any funding that is already secured in support of this project:

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7. Are there grant, foundation, sponsorship, or other alternative sources of funding available for this project?

Yes No

a. If yes, is there a match requirement?

Yes No

b. If a match is required, how much? Please choose the most applicable option.

1 - 10% match required

11 - 20% match required

21 - 30% match required

31 - 40% match required

+41% match required

Please identify the potential funding sources, how the project is eligible for such funds, any work done to commit such funds (i.e., application or proposal submitted and/or approved), and any additionally relevant information:

The Parks and Recreation Department is continually seeking grant and partner funding for all of our projects. Generally match amounts are between 9% and 50%.

As with all park projects, the Rasmuson Foundation is a potential donor. There are a few other small grant opportunities (\$5-20,000) to provide accessible play features.

The Department does not have any current proposals submitted to funding agencies for this project.

8. If applicable, does your organization plan on contributing any funds?

Yes No

If yes, please identify the amount and source of funds planned in contribution of this project:

The Borough may contribute construction funds, matching funds and maintenance funding.

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ENVIRONMENTAL

9. Will the project clean up contamination (such as lead, asbestos, fuel contamination, etc.)?

Yes No

Please explain:

10. Does the project improve air quality?

Yes No

Please explain:

11. Will the project reduce storm water runoff?

Yes No

Please explain:

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12. Will the project improve groundwater quality?

Yes No

Please explain:

13. Will the project improve energy efficiency?

Yes No

Please explain:

The age of this building means that it currently leaks heat like a sieve. by fixing the roof and foundation we can also come in and add insulation that would help to cut down on the significant heat loss.

PUBLIC USE

14. Will the project improve the customer experience?

Yes No

Please explain:

This project will result in a high quality, accessible and inclusive atmosphere for family and community gatherings, events, and activities that are held at Pioneer Park annually. This includes a safe place for planning, reservations, and Park meetings.

The cleanliness, and accessibility of our facilities directly effects the way in which our community, and visitors view our Park.

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15. Is the project served by a fixed transit route?

Yes No

Please explain:

Pioneer Park is served by the Blue Line and Red Line of the Borough's MACS Transit System.

16. Will the project improve facility capacity?

Yes No

Please explain:

The proposed project will improve the existing facility and potentially attract more users but will not create additional capacity.

ONGOING MAINTENANCE COST

17. Will the project reduce utility expenses on a cost per square foot (\$/SF)?

Yes No

Please explain:

Bringing this building up to code through roof fixes, insulation, and windows would significantly save on fuel costs.

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18. Will the project reduce maintenance expenses on a cost per square foot (\$/SF)?

Yes No

Please explain:

A new roof, insulation, and foundation would reduce the maintenance expenses on this facility by cutting down on maintenance on the roof when it rains and leaks.

19. Will the project extend the life of an existing facility?

Yes No

Please explain:

These changes would help this home to live another 25 plus years.

PLANNING AND DESIGN

20. Does the project have complete designs?

Yes No

Please explain:

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21. Have there been any project scope and/or engineering studies done?

Yes No

If yes, please explain all work that has been done on this project to date. Please attach and submit all relevant information as part of the project nomination packet.

BUDGET IMPACT

22. How will the project impact the operation budget for the affected department?

- Increase the operating budget
 Maintain the operating budget
 Decrease the operating budget

Please explain:

The proposed improvements will decrease staff time necessary for maintenance. This will allow staff to spend additional time on other deferred maintenance needs.

This will also decrease the amount of fuel costs incurred annually.

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POPULATION REACHED

23. What type of population will be served by the proposed project?

- Regional areawide users
- Single community
- Multiple neighborhoods
- Single neighborhood

Please describe the area, population served, and the need that will be met by this project:

Pioneer Park contains parks and facilities that serve the entire Fairbanks population. It also has been chosen as one of the top three visitor attractions in Fairbanks for many years by the community. Park use metrics show nearly 300,000 plus visitors to the Park each year. Pioneer Park events fill the parking lots and sidewalks nearly every weeknight during the summer and many winter weekends. This project is expected to serve well over 300,000 plus visitors per year where long summer days draw many people outside onto paths and into parks.

With over 20 separate Pioneer Park managed events yearly, including HalloweenTown, the 4th of July, Ride and Dine with Santa, Military Appreciation Day, the community and its tourists make Pioneer Park a priority.

Pioneer Park is also home to our interior communities history, multiple museums, Fairbanks Arts Association, Fairbanks Folk School, and the Pioneer's of Alaska to name a few.

A vibrant community relies on safe connections and accessible parks. The surrounding neighborhoods, community facilities, event centers, commercial areas, and schools have the potential to draw more use from residents and visitors. Three census blocks within this area have greater than 60% Low-to Moderate Incomes (LMI), this project supports a part of our community in need of investment.

SUPPORT

24. Please select all applicable form of support this project has:

- Resolutions of support (agencies, governments, etc.)
- Letters of support (groups, businesses, organizations, etc.)
- General public support or letters from residents

Please explain levels of support identified above and provide specific examples:

Testimonials from the Spring 2019 Borough Parks and Recreation Survey:

"To an enormous extent, the measure of a community is its commitment to well-maintained, appealing and accessible public spaces. Community is built and strengthened wherever people congregate to socialize, relax, stay healthy through exercise, and develop a love of place. All of that is what makes us choose to stay and support the city we call home."

"Well maintained trails, playgrounds, and facilities really add to the quality of life in the borough."

"Pioneer Park is an extremely valuable and delightful centrally located area and an important attraction for our visitors. Volunteers could help out here, if funds shrink to maintain"

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25. Does this project meet any goals or objectives that are identified in any Borough plans (such as the Comprehensive Plan)?

Yes No

If yes, please identify which goals and objectives in specific plans that this project meets:

Borough Parks and Recreation Plan (1990)
Goal 1, Obj A, Policy 1: "Place emphasis on upgrading and maintaining existing facilities before developing new facilities."
Goal 1, Obj D, Policy 1: "Insure that all facilities provide adequate access for people experiencing disabilities."
Goal 2, Obj B, Policy 1: "Establish maintenance of existing recreational facilities as a priority in Capital Improvement Project requests."
Goal 2, Obj B, Policy 2: "Include safety and accessibility improvements in all budget proposals."

Borough Comprehensive Plan (2005) Community and Human Resources:
Goal 1, Strategy 2, Action A: "Consider special needs of individuals and groups in the development of public and private facilities, programs, and social support services."
Goal 1, Strategy 4, Action B: "Provide quality and economical public services facilities that: Fully utilize and maintain existing facilities; replace antiquated and wasteful facilities; build new space to accommodate needs; improve accessibility to all public facilities."

Pioneer Park Master Plan (2005)
Section 4 Recommendations
"All new structures will comply with industry standards and codes and will meet Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility requirements."
"...the existing park utilities and infrastructure will require ongoing maintenance and repair."

PROJECT COST

26. What is the estimated project cost? \$ 500,000

Please explain why this cost is reasonable and should be allocated to this project:

Pioneer Park makes up over 40 acres of Borough Parks. The playground project is part of an effort by the Borough to create a better customer and community experience.

This park provides an opportunity for a diverse array of community activities in a central location. The area attracts many residents and visitors year round. The playground has reached the end of its useful life and needs to be updated to support Fairbanks as a vibrant, accessible, and inclusive community.

As one survey respondent stated:

"Community Parks and Facilities are what make a town feel like a community. Their availability sends the message that people are welcome here and that individual and family quality of life is valued here."