Mission * Purpose * Objectives

The purpose of the Alaska Municipal League is:

- To safeguard the interests, rights, and privileges of Alaskan municipalities as they may be affected by Federal and State governmental actions.
- To secure cooperation among municipalities of the State in a thorough study of local problems and in the application of efficient methods of local government.
- To provide means whereby municipal officials may interchange ideas, experiences, and obtain expert advice.

The objectives of the Alaska Municipal League are:

- To perpetuate and develop the League as an agency for the cooperation of municipalities in the state of Alaska for the practical study of municipal affairs.
- To promote application of the best methods in all branches of municipal service by holding at least one conference annually for the discussion of problems of administration.
- To gather and circulate information and experience concerning the most approved methods of municipal administration.
- To secure general and municipal legislation at the state and federal levels which will be beneficial to the municipalities and inhabitants thereof, and to oppose legislation injurious thereto.
- To engage in the study and preparation of uniform ordinances, resolutions, and practices; and to do any and all other things necessary and proper for the benefit of the municipalities of Alaska.
- To develop appropriate membership services and programs that strengthen Alaskan local governments’ ability to govern their own affairs and improve
Tennessee’s Road to Public Pension Plan Success

State officials explain the importance of outreach and education around retirement readiness

November 4, 2022
Read time: 7 min

Projects: Public Sector Retirement Systems
Fiscal crisis hits home with a drastic FY19 budget proposal.

Supreme Court Wayfair case opens up opportunity for remote sales tax collection.

Public health emergency and economic crisis.

Federal relief packages - $1 billion to local governments.

Infrastructure package results in five years of formula and competitive grant cycle.

Five Years

2018 ARSSTC
2019 VBB
2020 COVID CARES
2021 ARPA
2022 BIL
Federal Funding Coordination

Maximizing Alaska's benefits from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

Between federal relief and infrastructure investment, Alaska's State, local, and Tribal governments have the opportunity to make formative change and address incredible need.

This website is a clearinghouse for information and resources to help Alaska organizations make the most of federal funding available under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). This collaborative effort focus on resources relevant to Alaskans, tracking funds coming to Alaska as well as current grant opportunities.
Roles to Remember

- National Association of Counties
- National League of Cities
- Alaska Infrastructure Coordinating Committee
- AML Joint Insurance Association
- AML Investment Pool
- Federal Lands Access Program
- Alaska Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities

AML ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Cybersecurity Advisory Council
NACo WIR Board of Directors
DOT&PF
PDC/TWIG/FLAP
AMLIP
AICC
AMLJIA
NLC Board of Directors
Denali Commission
Partnerships
ALASKA’S LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
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Education
34 municipal school districts
4 greater than State contribution

Public Safety
70 with police powers
40 with combined budgets $75 million more than DPS

Transportation/Public Works
Road Miles = DOT&PF
37 Electric Utilities
72 Ports and Harbors
112 Water/Wastewater

Quality of Life
47 Public Libraries
Parks and Recreation
Community Pools
Borough Classification

- Non-unified Home Rule
- Unified Home Rule
- First Class Borough
- Second Class Borough
- Unorganized Borough
Cities in Unorganized Borough

- Home Rule City
- First Class City
- Second Class City
- Registered Under Federal Law
Cities in borough

- Home Rule City
- First Class City
- Second Class City
- Registered Under Federal Law
Sales Taxes
- Home Rule City
- First Class City
- Second Class City
- Registered Under Federal Law
Property Taxes

- Home Rule City
- First Class City
- Second Class City
- Registered Under Federal Law
PERS
- Home Rule City
- First Class City
- Second Class City
- Registered Under Federal Law
Municipal Hospitals

- Home Rule City
- First Class City
- Second Class City
- Registered Under Federal Law
Fisheries Taxes

- Home Rule City
- First Class City
- Second Class City
- Registered Under Federal Law
PCE

- Home Rule City
- First Class City
- Second Class City
- Registered Under Federal Law
AML MEMBER PRIORITIES AND ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS
Cross-Cutting Impacts

Inflation Is Cutting Into States’ Big Infrastructure Windfall

Projects Affected by Supply Chain Issues
Project Breakdown by Percentage of ‘Mentions’

- Water & Wastewater: 33%
- Bridges: 14%
- Parks: 17%
- Public Transit: 25%
- Other: 3%
- Light: 8%

Sources: Capital Plans from over 20,000 Municipalities and 3,000 Counties. Analysis results are generated from a search of over 1.6B documents in the Citytics Data Warehouse with results isolated for cities with an existing groundwater source.

Average sales price changes for single-family homes, 2013-2022

- Alaska
- U.S.

Annual components of Alaska population change

- Births
- Outmigration
- In-migration

From July 1 to June 30 each year

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section

KEVIN POWELL / Anchorage Daily News
LOCAL GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES

PERS

• Remove high interest rate on non-payment

• Evaluate and payoff arrearages

• Evaluate and remove salary floor

• Increase State contributions to reduce non-State employer rate

• Evaluate opportunity for State to take over liability for employers who try to leave system
Education

• Increase the BSA and adjust for inflation

• Evaluate statewide local contribution

• Replace school bond debt reimbursement program

• Implement base allocation for school construction and major maintenance

• Support ability for districts to consolidate schools without penalty
Local Government Priorities

Economic Development

Housing
- AML conducting statewide review of municipal code, fees, and processes to identify efficiencies
- Ensure State investment into access and utilities on developable State lands
- Review of intergovernmental regulatory alignment

Child Care
- Evaluate public sector role in managing assets or employing workforce, thereby extending benefits and cost consolidation
- Ensure effective State-level distribution of resources
- Review of intergovernmental regulatory alignment

Spending Breakdown for U.S. Parents

- Housing: 30%
- Food: 16%
- Transportation: 14%
- Clothing: 6%
- Health Care: 8%
- Child Care & Education: 18%
- Miscellaneous: 8%

Transportation

1. Budget estimates higher than local planning
2. Transfer of ownership and maintenance
3. Contingency amounts required at the beginning of design and the construction
4. Municipal Harbor Facility Matching Grants
5. Amend statute to encourage RTPOs
Energy

1. Renewable Energy Fund
   • Ensure adequately funded for community-level projects

2. PCE uses
   • Reimburse municipal investments that bring down cost below PCE subsidy threshold

3. Bulk Fuel Loan
   • Increasing cap and lowering rates

4. Grid Resilience
   • State funding from IIJA to support local utilities
Fiscal Policy

1. Mandatory Exemptions
   • Reimbursement according to statute

2. Presumption Trust
   • Unfunded mandate of State-level presumptions that apply mainly to local government workers compensation; provide State reimbursement fund

3. Ensure Sustainability of Community Assistance
   • $30 million shortfall for recapitalization minimum
   • Allow Fund to accrue return on investments
   • Provide for non-federal match access beyond formula
Local Government Priorities

Public Health

Opioid Settlement
• Ensure ability to make both short-term investments, while maintaining sustainability of settlement funding
• Encourage multi-jurisdictional investments
• Envision infrastructure development as needed for support system

Public Health Dashboard
• Ensure continued use and maintenance of public health data for effective local decision-making

Increase capacity of local government role in public health, through health assessments and grant funding
1. Confidential disclosure of real estate transactions statewide

2. Removing audit requirement from Community Assistance

3. Amend AS 29.45.500 to reduce interest rates on overpayment of taxes

4. Reducing burden of commercial public records requests

5. Making flexible the number of required city council officials

6. Supporting authority to regulate activities that affect public safety

7. Accelerating transfer of State lands to municipal governments

8. Improve Best Practices direct support to communities

9. Local Boundary Commission oversight
Public Safety

1. Community Jails
   • Local governments providing detainee facilities for State

2. Village Police Officers
   • Basic levels of training, heavy responsibilities, little funding

3. Police Standards
   • Working with AACOP on a grant request to help fund statewide standards model

4. Local Emergency Planning Committees
   • Discontinued State support but still a helpful way to ensure communities are prepared

5. Capital Needs
   • Facilities and equipment needs for effective response
STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT
AML & DOT&PF Partner to Capture Transportation Funding for Alaska

National infrastructure law provides transportation grant opportunities for local & tribal governments.

(ANCHORAGE, Alaska) – Alaska’s local and tribal governments have two powerful allies working together to help them capture federal transportation grant funding for their local marine facilities, roadways, bridges, and trails. The Alaska Municipal League (AML) and Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) have signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to partner and share resources to support local and tribal governments in order to capture competitive, discretionary grants for local transportation projects.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (also known as the “Bipartisan Infrastructure Law”), passed in November 2021, providing a once in a generation investment in the nation’s transportation infrastructure, including airports, highways, ports, bridges, and trails.
AML and Alaska DOT&PF

Alaska DOT&PF and Alaska Municipal League (AML) have partnered to help you pair your project with a funding program that will best suit your project goals. Once you submit a project intake survey, the information you provide will be used to match the project with opportunities your project is likely to be competitive for. If a match can be found, Alaska DOT&PF or AML will reach out to you to gather more information and help you submit a successful application. The survey is comprehensive in order to help identify the best opportunity match, any information you don’t know can be determined at a later date.

Submit a Project

Discover State Programs

The Alaska Transportation Funding Opportunity Hub currently provides information and support for the TIP and CTP programs. From the program page you can view the program application schedule, review evaluation criteria and submit a notice of intent to apply.

Not sure which to apply for, or want your project to be considered for all available opportunities? Submit a project intake survey and it will also act as the Notice of Intent to Apply (NOIA) for state programs. Alaska DOT&PF will add programs as they become available. Be sure and check back regularly.

Discover Federal Opportunities

Review the list of currently available federal NOFOs. From the Federal Grants page you can view the grant application schedule, review evaluation criteria and submit a project intake survey. AML and DOT&PF will help pair your project with the best federal opportunities. Not sure if you should apply for state programs or federal grants? Submit a project intake survey and it will be considered for both.

Project Map

[Map showing project locations]
Infrastructure Collaboration
Community Planning and Infrastructure Management

- Community Planning and Prioritization
- Grant Development and Response
- Grant Award, Partnerships, and Match
- Procurement and Workforce
- Project Management
- Grant Reporting and Outcomes
- Maintenance and Operations
- Asset Management and Sustainability
Strengthening
Local Governments

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