

City of Bethel Action Memorandum

Action memorandum No.	18-19		
Date action introduced:	March 13, 2018	Introduced by:	Peter Williams, City Manager
Date action taken:	March 13, 2018	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied
Confirmed by:	<i>KM</i>		

Action Title: Direct Administration to sign a Village Safe Water Program Grant Agreement in the amount of \$2,071,473 to fund additional 2018 dredging of the sewer lagoon.

Attachment(s): (1) Grant Agreement for VSW Project #15EQ92, minus the policies.

Department/Individual:	Initials:	Remarks:
Administration	<i>SAW</i>	<i>Recommend</i>
Finance		
Public Works	<i>WJ</i>	<i>RECOMMENDS</i>
Amount of Fiscal Impact	Fiscal Impact Type	Account Information
	No fiscal impact at this time.	
	Funds in City Budget.	
	Requires funding in FY 2019 Budget.	
\$2,071,473	Grant Revenue to City	TBD

Summary Statement

The State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation, Village Safe Water Program, knows and understands the City of Bethel's need to remove additional sludge from the City's Sewer Lagoon and was able to offer the City a grant for that purpose. This grant represents the fifth grant from the Village Safe Water Program to fund the lagoon dredging project. The grant performance period ends September 30, 2018 or later, NOT on June 30, 2018, as it mistakenly appears in the Grant Agreement. The City was assured by email that a formal correction to the Grant Agreement will be made by April 2018.

This grant was timed for the City to take advantage of its current contract with Merrell Bros., Inc., the biosolids management company that dredged the lagoon during summer 2017. A review of State Statutes by City Attorney Burley confirms that the City can modify its current contract with Merrell Bros. to include additional dredging work. The dredge, mixing box, and three belt presses spent the winter in Bethel. Merrell Bros said that they would be happy to supply personnel to run the dredge and equipment during summer 2018.