HIGHWAY TO SITKA...
PROVIDE EQUITABLE ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY SERVICE

CBS requests the AMHS provide adequate and consistent service to our 9,000 residents and the visitors of our community. The AMHS acts as Sitka’s highway, providing core service critical to our economy. Ferry service needs to be increased to the same level as other mainline ports in Southeast Alaska.

STATE FUNDING FOR STATE FACILITIES...
SUPPORT FOR STATE SERVICES AT SITKA JAIL FACILITIES

CBS requests the State of Alaska to fund the Community Jail Contract at its previous level of $695,000. By law, the State is responsible for caring for persons charged under State law. 89% of our inmates fall into this category. Costs for personnel, food and laundry services have all risen sharply. Sitka’s contract is not sufficient to sustain jail operations.

QUALITY EDUCATION IS OUR FUTURE...
FULLY FUND BASE STUDENT ALLOCATION

CBS requests the State of Alaska fully fund base student allocation (BSA). Sitka’s schools are struggling economically and BSA is critical in determining future staffing, class size and curriculum.

CONTINUED STATE SUPPORT TO MUNICIPALITIES...
LONG TERM FUNDING SOURCE TO SUSTAIN MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING

CBS requests the State of Alaska continue its current level of the Municipal Revenue Sharing Program and work to develop a long term funding source that municipalities can rely on.

MANAGING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKFORCE...
NO INCREASE TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM CONTRIBUTIONS

CBS requests the State of Alaska maintain the current level of 22% of the PERS/TRS unfunded liability. Municipalities currently pay the amount set by the State but requiring a larger percentage could drastically impact already stressed municipal budgets.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR STATE...
SITKA AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES

CBS requests the State of Alaska provide $2,320,000 to Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) to relocate DOT&PF and CBS utilities on Japonski Island along the old access road to the airport and within the airport property. This infrastructure upgrade will create opportunities for additional revenue through new lease space.

FUNDING FOR SITKA SCHOOLS...
SCHOOL BOND DEBT REIMBURSEMENT

CBS requests the State of Alaska resume fully funding the School Bond Debt reimbursement program. The drastic decrease (25%) in FY 2017 left many communities, including Sitka, struggling to come up with revenue to balance the general obligation bonded debt.

LET THE MUNICIPALITIES DECIDE...
SENIOR CITIZEN’S/DISABLED VETERAN’S PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

CBS requests that the State of Alaska fully fund the Senior Citizen’s/Disabled Veteran’s Property Tax exemption as required in AS 29.45.030(g); or convert this mandatory exemption to an optional exemption, giving control to local governments for those decisions. Sitka’s population is aging and thus this mandatory exemption is eroding the local tax base due to this unfunded mandate.

LANDS NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT...
STATE PARCELS SELECTED FOR FUTURE GROWTH

CBS requests the State of Alaska transfer ownership of four land parcels located adjacent the Sitka road system. These parcels have been identified as prime areas for community development. The parcels are known as Millersville, DOE parcel at the end of Seward Avenue, Indian River Valley parcel and Starrigavan/Katlian Bay parcel.
WATER AND SEWER ARE ESSENTIAL SERVICES...
ADEC MUNICIPAL MATCHING GRANT (MMG) REQUESTS

The State of Alaska needs to continue to fund the FY 2018 Alaska Municipal Matching Grant program to help CBS complete these essential infrastructure replacement projects: East DeGroff Street, Lake Street, and Monastery Street Water and Sewer Replacement, Wastewater Treatment Plant HVAC Replacement, and Channel and Brady Lift Stations Replacement.

East DeGroff Street Water and Sewer Replacement...$1,000,000 (Grant Request 43%)...$1,330,000 (CBS Match 57%)
Lake and Monastery Street Water and Sewer Replacement...$2,000,000 (Grant Request 69%)...$900,000 (CBS Match 31%)
WWTP HVAC Replacement...$1,000,000 (Grant Request 30%)...$2,250,000 (CBS Match 70%)
Channel and Brady Lift Stations...$210,000 (Grant Request 30%)...$590,000 (CBS Match 70%)

SUSTAINABLE RESOURCES...
NEW SECONDARY POTABLE WATER SUPPLY

The State of Alaska requires communities serving drinking water to more than 1,000 individuals develop an emergency alternate water supply. In 2012, CBS conducted a groundwater investigation in the Stairrigan Valley to determine the viability of a secondary water source. Results showed that the aquifer is capable of supplying sufficient groundwater to satisfy the demands of the water system. CBS requests $6,304,000 in State funding to develop a secondary potable water source to meet the CBS's needs when the penstock from Blue Lake is not available.

MAINTENANCE OF CRITICAL HARBOR INFRASTRUCTURE...
MUNICIPAL HARBOR FACILITY GRANT PROGRAM

CBS requests that the state fund $5,000,000 for Phase I of the Crescent Harbor Float Replacement Project and $1,500,000 for Eliason Harbor Electrical Replacement under the Municipal Harbor Facility Matching Grant Program.

Crescent Harbor Phase I...$13,500,000 (100%)
FY 2018 State Funding Request...$5,000,000 (100%) Additional Funding Required (CBS Harbor Fund)...$8,500,000 (CBS 63%)
Eliason Harbor Electrical Replacement...$1,500,000 (100%)
FY 2018 State Funding Request...$1,500,000 (43%) Additional Funding Required (CBS Harbor Fund)...$2,000,000 (57%)

SEAFOOD IS INTEGRAL TO OUR ECONOMY...
MARINE SERVICE CENTER BULKHEAD CRITICAL REPAIRS

CBS requests $7,940,000 to complete critical repairs to the Marine Service Center Bulkhead. The bulkhead is the only facility in Sitka with a hoist capable of loading/unloading large fishing vessels and also is used as a transient berthing facility for fishing vessels. The existing bulkhead is at risk of failure.

Total Project Cost...$8,440,000 (100%)
FY 2018 State Funding Request...$7,940,000 (94%)
Additional Funding Required (CBS Harbor Fund)...$500,000 (6%)

_UTILIZING OUR HYDROELECTRIC...
CONVERTING CBS FACILITIES TO RENEWABLE ELECTRIC HEAT

CBS requests $2,159,000 from the Renewable Energy Fund (REF) to support a project which would convert up to six (6) additional CBS buildings, including the Sitka Community Hospital, from oil-fired boilers to clean electric driven heat and to make other energy efficient electrical improvements. This project is designed to effectively utilize the renewable energy from the Blue Lake hydro expansion.

Total Project Cost...$3,359,000 (100%)
FY 2018 State Funding Request...$2,159,000 (64%)
CBS Funding Committed and/or Expended...$1,200,000 (36%)

SUPPORTING EFFICIENT ENERGY...
SITKA ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

CBS requests $667,000 from the Renewable Energy Fund (REF) in conjunction with Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) Municipal Matching Grants (MMC) program to support a project to replace oil-fired boilers at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) with heat pumps and to make other energy-efficiency improvements.

Total Project Cost...$2,905,000 (100%)
FY 2018 State Funding Request...$667,000 (23%)
CBS Funding Committed and/or Expended...$113,000 (4%)
Additional Funding Required...$2,125,000 (73%)