



## Project Summary

The City and Borough of Wrangell (CBW) is pursuing funding through the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) Disaster Supplemental – Industry Transformation program to advance a coordinated portfolio of infrastructure investments that strengthen economic recovery resilience, improve industrial competitiveness, and unlock private-sector investment.

*"Wrangell's Economic Revival: Anchoring the Future, Empowering the Region"* portfolio consists of three complementary infrastructure projects. Each addresses a distinct economic need while collectively reducing risk, improving reliability, and increasing confidence for private investment in Wrangell.

## Project Components & Purpose

### 1. Deep Water Port Redevelopment

#### ***\$38.3 Million***

#### *Freight Reliability, Maritime Industry Expansion & Fabrication*

The Deep-Water Port Redevelopment is a cornerstone investment for expanding Wrangell's maritime fabrication and industrial capacity while significantly improving freight reliability and industrial logistics. The project prepares the former mill site for long-term maritime and industrial use by delivering foundational public infrastructure required for fabrication, vessel repair, and marine-dependent industry.

Key elements include:

- Site subdivision and planning to support maritime fabrication, vessel construction and repair, and shipyard-scale operations
- Large, contiguous industrial parcels with adequate laydown space for freight storage, fabrication, assembly, and heavy equipment staging
- Extension and distribution of water, sewer, and high-capacity electrical utilities, including backup generation to support continuous industrial operations
- Waterfront and navigational improvements to support deep-draft vessels, barges, and industrial moorage



This investment supports the creation and retention of skilled, family-wage jobs across welding, machining, electrical, mechanical, construction, and marine trades, and provides a strong platform for workforce training and apprenticeship opportunities. By enabling maritime fabrication, vessel repair, scrap metal processing, and expanded construction capacity, the Deep-Water Port reduces critical infrastructure barriers and improves operational reliability. Coupled with enhanced utility resilience, these improvements position Wrangell as a regional hub for maritime fabrication and marine industrial services, strengthening long-term economic resilience, workforce stability, and overall competitiveness.

## 2. Waterfront Expansion & Marine Infrastructure Improvements

### *\$12.5 Million*

#### *Cruise Tourism, Independent Yachts & Marine Services*

The Waterfront Expansion project focuses on strengthening Wrangell's working waterfront by improving marine access and expanding capacity for cruise tourism, independent yacht traffic, and marine fabrication and service businesses.

Key elements include:

- Expansion and reconfiguration of City Dock to accommodate a broader range of vessels, including ships that currently must lighter passengers offshore
- Improved docking efficiency, passenger access, and port revenue generation
- Infrastructure improvements that enhance redundancy and operational flexibility for marine users

These investments expand seasonal capacity and improve reliability, enabling greater use of the waterfront beyond peak summer months. Enhanced space and infrastructure create opportunities for events, conferences, maritime gatherings, and sporting activities, generating business activity during shoulder and off seasons and smoothing seasonal economic fluctuations. The project supports jobs for young adults, families, and seasonal workers, strengthens pathways into marine trades and fabrication services, supports tourism growth while maintaining a working waterfront, and improves Wrangell's competitiveness as a regional maritime hub serving both industrial and visitor-based maritime activity.



### 3. Water Collection (Flume) System Improvements

*\$2 Million*

#### *Utility Resilience & Investor Confidence*

The Water Collection (Flume) project addresses a critical utility vulnerability by replacing aging infrastructure that feeds Wrangell's upper reservoir.

Key elements include:

- Replacement of deteriorated flume infrastructure with a durable, long-life system
- Improved capture and reliability of available watershed flows
- Access improvements to support long-term maintenance and emergency response

The Water Collection (Flume) project is critical to utility resilience and economic recovery following disasters, strengthening Wrangell's ability to withstand and recover from system disruptions. Expanded and more reliable water capacity supports the continued operation and expansion of water-dependent industries, including seafood processing, restaurants, manufacturing, and technology-based operations. Improved utility reliability also increases Wrangell's overall growth capacity, supporting future residential development and industrial land expansion. By reducing the risk of system failure and improving long-term reliability, this project increases certainty for existing users and provides confidence for future industrial and private investors who depend on a dependable water supply for operations and growth.

### Economic Recovery Resilience & Private Investment Enablement

Together, these projects:

- Improve freight, utility, and marine reliability following disaster-related disruptions
- Reduce infrastructure barriers that currently limit private investment
- Support job creation, workforce stability, and industry diversification
- Provide the certainty and capacity needed for long-term private-sector growth

CBW's public investments are designed to leverage significant private capital, including private construction, equipment investment, operational expansion, and long-term tenancy. The Borough is coordinating closely with prospective investors and beneficiaries to align public infrastructure delivery with private implementation timelines.