

Village Safe Water Projects

FY2004 Request: \$78,327,900

Reference No: 33822

AP/AL: Appropriation with Allocations

Project Type: Construction

Category: Health/Human Services

Recipient: Various

Location: Statewide

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2003 - 06/30/2008

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Grants to communities for designing and constructing water, sewer and solid waste facilities.

Funding:	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	Total
AHFC Div	\$19,583,200						\$19,583,200
Fed Rcpts	\$58,744,700	\$59,250,000	\$59,250,000	\$59,250,000	\$59,250,000	\$59,250,000	\$354,994,700
G/F Match		\$19,750,000	\$19,750,000	\$19,750,000	\$19,750,000	\$19,750,000	\$98,750,000
Total:	\$78,327,900	\$79,000,000	\$79,000,000	\$79,000,000	\$79,000,000	\$79,000,000	\$473,327,900

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Going
25% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Village Safe Water Projects with federal funding has received prior appropriations of 31,396.3 in FY 98, 31,881.2 in FY 99, 37,742.5 in FY 00, 49,669.7 in FY 01, 51,303.9 in FY 02, and 64,811.7 in FY03.

Project Description/Justification:

The Village Safe Water program provides technical and financial support to Alaska's smallest communities to design and construct water, wastewater and solid waste facilities. Each year, grant funds are made available to the state through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Rural Development (USDA-RD) program. Those funds require the state to appropriate matching funds. Communities apply each year to the state for grants for sanitation projects. Applications are scored weighing primarily the extent to which proposed projects address critical public health needs, as well as the communities' capacity to operate and maintain the facilities. Grants are awarded for the highest ranking projects. Village Safe Water program engineers work directly with community officials to make sure that planning results in facilities that are appropriate for each community, that facilities are properly and efficiently constructed, and that state and federal grant funds are used appropriately.

This appropriation funds grants to communities for designing and constructing water, sewerage and solid waste facilities. The appropriation is funded with a combination of EPA and USDA-RD federal grant funds and state matching funds.

An additional \$10.5 million in federal funds is available in FY 2004 over the FY 2003 federal funding level. The associated increase in state match is \$3.5 million. The total \$14.0 million increase for Village Safe Water projects will provide funding for additional rural sanitation infrastructure projects that would otherwise have to wait.