

Village Safe Water Feasibility Studies

FY2005 Request: \$1,222,500

Reference No: 33821

AP/AL: Appropriation with Allocations
Category: Health/Human Services
Location: Statewide
House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2004 - 06/30/2009

Project Type: Planning
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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This proposed project provides funding for grants to small communities to plan water and sewer facilities. It contributes to the agency's End Result 2 -- Citizens are Protected from Unsafe Sanitary Practices. Drinking water and sewerage facilities constructed with grant funds protect rural residents from unsafe sanitary practices.

Funding:	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>Total</u>
AHFC Bonds	\$305,800						\$305,800
Fed Rcpts	\$916,700	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$5,416,700
G/F Match		\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$1,500,000
Total:	\$1,222,500	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$7,222,500

<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	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Village Safe Water Feasibility Studies has received prior appropriations of 1,805.4 in FY1999; 4,148.0 in FY2000; 3,342.3 in FY2001; 3,825.0 in FY2002; 3,319.1 in FY2003; and 2,645.8 in FY2004.

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 preparing engineering feasibility studies. Those studies identify designs for sanitation facilities that are appropriate for the community taking into account local physical features, community operation and maintenance capabilities, capital costs and operating costs.

This appropriation is funded with a combination of EPA and USDA federal grant funds and state matching funds.