

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Island Trails Network****Federal Tax ID: 20-8024635****Project Title:****Project Type: Maintenance and Repairs**

Island Trails Network - Kodiak Youth Workforce Program

State Funding Requested: \$42,950**House District: 35 / R**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

A workforce program aimed at Kodiak youth aged 16-20 for maintenance of trails, sidewalks, open spaces & scenic byways.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$42,950
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$42,950)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

This project was funded in FY2013 but due to budget constraints, was not funded in FY2014.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Island Trails Network (ITN) requests funding to continue in FY2015 a successful youth workforce program targeting Kodiak youth aged 16-20 and focused on maintenance and beautification of trails, sidewalks, scenic byway corridors and open spaces.

For participating youth this 5-week program would teach them hard skills that will serve them throughout their lives, provide meaningful summer employment, nurture their work ethic, help them identify career paths that may interest them and provide guidance on how to pursue those careers.

The program outcomes would be to maintain pedestrian routes through urban areas, maintain and improve trails through green spaces, supplement the maintenance resources of city, borough and state government agencies, and instill a sense of pride and ownership of community infrastructure.

Partner agencies identified as beneficiaries of the work projects include ADOT&PF, Alaska State Parks, Kodiak City Public Works, Kodiak City Parks & Recreation, and KIB Community Development. ITN proposes to liaison directly with these agencies prior to and during the program to prioritize projects and schedule specific dates of service work based on agency needs and ITN crew availability.

Example outputs may include sidewalk or retaining wall brushing & weeding, trail maintenance & beautification, invasive species removal, rest area and overlook beautification, installation or maintenance of signs, and removal of litter and graffiti.

Youth will be exposed to educational themes of lands management, sustainability, eco-systems, watersheds, native plants, and natural habitat which are embedded in the work. Through the work projects and interaction with ITN staff and agency professionals they will be exposed to opportunities for further education in various fields, and to seasonal and full-time employment opportunities with Kodiak City Public Works, Parks & Recreation, ADOT&PF, ADF&G, State Parks and numerous other state and federal agencies. Program size will be approximately six youth, one professional crew leader, and one crew leader intern. Youth will earn \$10.00 per hour and work up to 40 hours per week. Skills to be developed include teamwork, leadership skills, knowledge of natural resources, work and tool handling safety, and CPR/First Aid.

Project Timeline:

The five-week program will take place July 1 - August 2, with most expenditures taking place during this period. All program funds will be expended by Dec 31, 2014.

The program is scheduled for late summer in FY2015 to help us better serve partner agencies with vegetation removal.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Island Trails Network

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No

**Youth Workforce Program FY2014
Proposed Budget**

Fuel	\$ 1,150.00	ITN vehicle fuel, small engine fuel
Freight	\$ 150.00	For items that can't be obtained locally
Insurance - GL, Auto	\$ 900.00	Insurance premium increases
Insurance - Workers Comp	\$ 1,250.00	
Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 250.00	Small Engine Maint/Repair
Materials	\$ 3,000.00	Gravel, grass seed, topsoil, lumber, hardware
Meals	\$ 200.00	Training Day/Last Day Luncheon
Office Expense	\$ 285.00	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	\$ 75.00	
Professional Services	\$ 1,010.00	Bookkeeping, Legal
Rent	\$ 1,400.00	Office Space, Outdoor Storage
Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	PPE, Rain Gear, Consumables
Tools & Equipment	\$ 900.00	Recurring hand tool replacement
Travel	\$ 1,100.00	Instructor Airfare
Training	\$ 2,500.00	Alaska Trails training
Utilities	\$ 300.00	Telephone, Internet
Vehicle Expense	\$ 750.00	Wear & Tear, Depreciation
Payroll Expense	\$ 16,950.00	5 students, 1 adult professional
Intern Expense	\$ 5,500.00	Student Conservation Association
Administration	\$ 4,280.00	Approximately 11%
TOTAL	\$ 42,950.00	