

Agency: Department of Natural Resources**Project Title:****Project Type: Other**

Federal Over-Reach Program

State Funding Requested: \$300,000**House District: Statewide (1-40)**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

The Commission has undertaken the responsibility of documenting Federal over-reach that has occurred since Statehood. The purpose of this grant is to expand the project to include further documentation, solicit more public input, develop alternative approaches to Federal over-reach problems, educate the public on the impacts and make recommendations to the Legislature, the Governor and the Alaska delegation.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$300,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$300,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

This project was started in August of 2013. Funding was requested from the Governor's office to get the project started the first year. The Governor's office transferred \$100,000 to CACFA for the project.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

: CACFA is a 12 member Commission appointed by the Governor, the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The Commission has citizens appointed from around the state plus one member from the Senate and one member from the House. A Summit was held in August of 2013 to document Federal over-reach problems. Presentations were made by the Governor, the Alaska Delegation, members of the Cabinet and private citizens with substantial experience dealing with federal/state relations over the last 50+ years. CACFA provided a summary of the Summit and started the process of involving the public in the documentation effort plus the development of alternative strategies for resolving some of the major conflicts. A report was presented to the Legislature and the Governor this session. The funding for this effort was provided by a grant from the Governor's office. Commission members are convinced that Alaska is entering a crisis period where substantial efforts will be necessary to thwart the continued pressure from the Federal government to preempt State authorities and control the economic future of resource development in Alaska. CACFA is prepared to continue this effort by providing more public input, developing concrete solutions and alternatives for consideration by the Legislature, the Governor and the Alaska delegation. If Alaska intends to develop a more mutually beneficial and cooperative relationship with the Federal Government, efforts must begin now to solicit support from other Western States and agencies plus regional and national organizations to make substantial changes in Federal legislation and develop better relations with regional agency personnel. It is hoped that the Federal elections of 2016 will provide that opportunity. It is anticipated that the initial stages of this project will extend until 2017 or 2018. At that time, the Legislature and the Governor will have to examine the future role of CACFA in developing or monitoring federal /state relationships.

Project Timeline:

The Commission has estimated that the financial needs for the project are about \$100,000 per year. Expenses could be higher if legal assistance has to be solicited from outside the AG's office. However, that is not anticipated at this time.

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

CACFAI base funding for three meetings a year are already included in the DNR operation budget.

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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