

Village Safe Water Projects with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Funding **FY2001 Request: \$23,716,969**
Reference No: 32576

AP/AL: Appropriation with Allocations **Project Type:** Construction
Category: Health/Human Services **Recipient:** Various
Location: Statewide **Contact:** Greg Capito
House District: Statewide (HD 1-40) **Contact Phone:** (907)465-5137
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2000 - 06/30/2005

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Village Safe Water construction projects with federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) funding for grants to communities for designing and constructing water, sewerage and solid waste facilities.

| Funding: | FY2001 | FY2002 | FY2003 | FY2004 | FY2005 | FY2006 | Total |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| AHFC Div | \$5,929,242 | | | | | | \$5,929,242 |
| Fed Rcpts | \$17,787,727 | \$18,000,000 | \$18,000,000 | \$18,000,000 | \$18,000,000 | \$18,000,000 | \$107,787,727 |
| G/F Match | | \$6,000,000 | \$6,000,000 | \$6,000,000 | \$6,000,000 | \$6,000,000 | \$30,000,000 |
| Total: | \$23,716,969 | \$24,000,000 | \$24,000,000 | \$24,000,000 | \$24,000,000 | \$24,000,000 | \$143,716,969 |

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| <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 Projects with federal EPA funding has received prior appropriations of \$23,991.0 in FY 98, \$21,881.2 in FY 99 and \$31,097.6 in FY 00.

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 particular appropriation funds grants to communities for designing and constructing water, sewerage and solid waste facilities. The appropriation includes projects funded with a combination of EPA grant funds and state matching funds. Projects funded with USDA-RD grant funds are included in a separate appropriation.

This appropriation is funded entirely using a combination of EPA grant funds and state matching funds. In FY 2000, EPA grant funds were provided at a ratio of two grant dollars for each matching state dollar (a 33 percent match ratio). Due to changes in federal law, in FY 2001, EPA grant funds are available at a ratio of three grant dollars for each state matching dollar (a 25 percent match ratio). This generates a savings of \$4,436.7 in state funds over FY 2000.