

Village Safe Water Feasibility Studies**FY2001 Request: \$3,342,300****Reference No: 32575****AP/AL:** Appropriation with Allocations**Category:** Health/Human Services**Location:** Statewide**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2000 - 06/30/2005**Project Type:** Planning**Recipient:** Various**Contact:** Greg Capito**Contact Phone:** (907)465-5137**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Grants to communities for preparing engineering feasibility studies. The studies identify designs and operating costs for sanitation facilities that are appropriate for the community.

Funding:	FY2001	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	Total
AHFC Div	\$835,575						\$835,575
AHFC Rcpts		\$867,000					\$867,000
Fed Rcpts	\$2,506,725	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000	\$15,506,725
G/F Match			\$867,000	\$867,000	\$867,000	\$867,000	\$3,468,000
Total:	\$3,342,300	\$3,467,000	\$3,467,000	\$3,467,000	\$3,467,000	\$3,467,000	\$20,677,300

<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 \$2,093.2 in FY 98, \$1,805.4 in FY 99 and \$4,148.0 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 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 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 \$547.0 in state funds over FY 2000.