

State Park Emergency Repairs**FY2001 Request: \$475,000****Reference No: 6843****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Deferred Maintenance**Category:** Health/Human Services**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Nico Bus**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-2406**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2000 - 06/30/2001**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Funds emergency repairs to park units to prevent further deterioration of park facilities to protect visitor health and safety. Helps preserve the value of existing park assets and prevent much more expensive replacement in the future.

Funding:	<u>FY2001</u>	<u>FY2002</u>	<u>FY2003</u>	<u>FY2004</u>	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$475,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$4,225,000
Total:	\$475,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$4,225,000

<input 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
0% = 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	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

The asset value of State Park facilities is over \$100 million. While Parks is able to do minor repairs and painting to annually maintain these facilities, major repairs require specific funding through the capital process. The last two fiscal years have only provided Parks with \$400.0 to repair health and safety problems on roads, cabins, water systems and toilets. Currently over \$35 million in repairs is needed for deferred maintenance in the park system.

Project Description/Justification:

Description of Work to be done: Upgrade or replace the basic facilities at parks statewide to protect visitor health and safety including outhouses, drinking water systems, safe access roads & trails, safe shelter from harsh weather, safe camping sites and historic buildings.

Project Benefits: Alaska's State Parks are a source of pride for Alaskans and provide for road oriented fishing, camping, hiking, skiing, snowmobiling, hunting, wildlife viewing, cultural and historic site visitation, and other outdoor recreational pursuits for residents and visitors. Alaskans and our visitors participate in outdoor activities at a much higher level than the national average. Because most State Park facilities are on the road system, and therefore more accessible than the national park system, enormous demands are placed on the State Park facilities. State Parks receive over three times the visitation of the national park system, with most visitation coming from Alaskans. Poorly maintained park facilities not only reflect poorly on the state and its effort to increase tourism, but they can be a health and safety hazard to park users.

Economic Development: Whether park users are from Alaska or Outside, local communities benefit greatly from the economic impact of these people buying groceries, gas, fishing tackle, souvenirs, restaurant meals, showers, guidebooks, fishing guides, and sightseeing tours. To continue attracting these visitors, facilities must be repaired and maintained and meet basic health and safety requirements. In addition, each project provides funding for local suppliers of materials needed for these repairs.

Projected Revenue to the State: Making necessary repairs lessens the amount of duct tape, bailing wire, and staff attention needed from the operating budget to keep facilities operating. Repaired facilities are more pleasing to the public, which increases use and the amount of fees collected.

Project Support: State Park visitors, Alaska Visitors Association, Alaska Wilderness Recreation Tourism Association, State Park Advisory Boards, local Chambers of Commerce, recreational user groups, and highway travelers.

Project Opposition: None.

Specific Spending Detail: Park repairs will be accomplished by using State Park maintenance staff, volunteers and procured materials, and by construction contracting using small procurement procedures. Work completed by maintenance staff is typically 50% labor and 50% materials. Projects with volunteer participation are typically 15% labor and 85% materials. Construction contracting is typically 20% design, procurement and contract administration and 80% contractual cost.

Detail for the State Park Emergency Repairs - \$475.0

- SRA - State Recreation Area*
- SRS - State Recreation Site*
- SMP - State Marine Park*
- SHP - State Historical Park*

A. - Toilet replacement/repair -	\$240.0:	
Quartz Lake SRA	\$ 30.0	
Chilkoot Lake SRS	\$ 50.0	
Grindall Island SMP	\$ 5.0	
Glen Alps Trailhead	\$ 40.0	
(Chugach State Park)		
Rocky Lake SRS	\$ 30.0	
Izaak Walton	\$ 40.0	
(Kenai River Special Mngt. Area)		
Fort Abercrombie	\$ 45.0	
 B. - Building repair - \$80.0:		
Finger Lake Ranger Station/emergency exit	\$30.0	
Shuyak Public Use Cabins/replace chimneys & stove	\$10.0	
House of Wickersham SHP/furnace replacement	\$25.0	
Wood-Tikchik Main. Shop/OSHA	\$15.0	
 C. - Roads and Access - \$108.0:		
Chena River SRA/ unsafe road	\$15.0	
Quartz Lake SRA/unsafe road	\$13.0	
Chugach Trails Repair	\$30.0	
Ninilchik SRA access	\$50.0	
 D. - Equipment - \$47.0:		
Mat-Su Radio replacement	\$17.0	
Kodiak repeater repair	\$15.0	
Wood-Tikchik outboard replacement	\$15.0	

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Does this project leverage other funding for the state? Many repairs can be done with volunteer labor. State Parks realizes a funding savings with the use of Volunteer labor that allows project funding to repair more facilities.

Alternative Approaches/Financing Considered: There is no alternative to repairing existing park facilities other than closing park units for lack of adequate facilities. Partnering with the private sector to make these repairs is done wherever possible. Many repairs, such as to cabins, volunteer housing, and picnic shelters can and will be done with volunteer labor.