

Statewide Library Electronic Doorway (SLED)**FY2001 Request: \$90,000**
Reference No: 31859**AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Information Systems**Category:** General Government**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Karen J. Rehfeld**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-8650**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2000 - 06/30/2005**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The Statewide Library Electronic Doorway (SLED) provides managed Internet access to libraries, schools and citizens throughout Alaska.

Funding:	FY2001	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	Total
Gen Fund	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$540,000
Total:	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$540,000

<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	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Since FY96, SLED has received funding in the capital budget. Funding levels for FY96 @ 300.0, FY97 @ 25.0, FY98 @ 100.0, FY99 @ 100.0. This funding provides Internet access to more than 50 communities in Alaska through a cooperative venture between the University of Alaska Fairbanks and the State Library.

Project Description/Justification:

Through a cooperative venture between the University of Alaska Fairbanks and the State Library, SLED provides Internet access to more than 50 communities in Alaska. SLED Brings access to the State and Legislative home pages, to basic government, education, medical and legal information. It also provides access to the major library collections in Alaska and the United States, including the holdings of the Library of Congress. SLED does not provide email or other commercial Internet services. The major goal of SLED is to provide increased information access for Alaskans. Libraries are the access points for those without home computers. This access reduces the information inequities between those families that can afford Internet access and those who cannot. In addition, it helps to reduce the information gap between rural and urban areas.

Since its inception in FY95, SLED has received funding from the state, from libraries, and in-kind support from the private sector. SLED usage has also changed since its inception. As access has become available in urban areas, SLED users are concentrated among urban and rural users who cannot afford commercial services and rural users who as yet have no commercial options.