

Village Safe Water Projects

FY2002 Request: \$51,303,900
Reference No: 33822

AP/AL: Appropriation with Allocations
Category: Health/Human Services
Location: Statewide
House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2001 - 06/30/2006

Project Type: Construction
Recipient: Various
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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Grants to communities for designing and constructing water, sewer and solid waste facilities.

Funding:	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	Total
AHFC Div	\$12,826,600						\$12,826,600
Fed Rcpts	\$38,477,300	\$38,500,000	\$38,500,000	\$38,500,000	\$38,500,000	\$38,500,000	\$230,977,300
G/F Match		\$12,900,000	\$12,900,000	\$12,900,000	\$12,900,000	\$12,900,000	\$64,500,000
Total:	\$51,303,900	\$51,400,000	\$51,400,000	\$51,400,000	\$51,400,000	\$51,400,000	\$308,303,900

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input 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	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Village Safe Water Projects with federal funding has received prior appropriations of \$31,396.3 in FY 98, \$31,881.2 in FY 99, \$37,742.5 in FY 00, and \$49,669.7 in FY 2001.

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 is funded with a combination of federal grant funds and state matching funds at a ratio of three federal grant dollars for each matching state dollar (a 25% state match).

In previous years separate appropriations were requested for projects funded with EPA funds and projects funded with USDA-RD funds. This was necessary because of differences in federal program requirements and procedures. Recent federal program changes eliminated these differences making it possible to match both federal grants with a single state appropriation.