

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Transitional
Category: Natural Resources
Location: Statewide **Contact:** Nico Bus
House District: Statewide (HD 1-40) **Contact Phone:** (907)465-2406
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2003 - 06/30/2005

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

National Coastal Wetland Conservation Grants, from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (Dept. of Interior), are available to the Division of Parks, working in cooperation with local governments and private non-profit organizations, to secure protection of valuable wetlands across Alaska.

Funding:	<u>FY2004</u>	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$2,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$10,000,000
Total:	\$2,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$10,000,000

<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:

This is a new project request.

Project Description/Justification:

Alaska has just started taking advantage of this federal program and is working closely with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to identify and develop proposals that can compete nationally for these funds. In the fall of 2002, two projects submitted through the Dept. of Natural Resources competed successfully, one of which will be funded through this project (the other was requested in the supplemental bill):

\$1,000,000. Funding for this project will be passed through to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation which is coordinating with the Kodiak Island Brown Bear Trust to purchase critical wildlife habitat on northern Afognak Island. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation will receive the grant and will provide the match. This one-time grant is for wildlife habitat and outdoor recreation purposes.

The grant award was announced in November 2002. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation will use these grants funds as leverage with private funders, the EVOS Trustee Council, and corporate sponsors for their support of the full purchase package. Private foundation funders, the EVOS Trustee Council and corporate sponsors are all currently reviewing funding applications for their participation in the project. This federal grant is important leverage in their current decision making processes.

BUDGETARY ISSUES

Additional proposals are anticipated in the next round of federal granting, which begins in spring 2003. All projects are matched 50% by local government or private funds. No state funds are used for match.

National Coastal Wetland Conservation Grants Program

FY2004 Request: \$2,500,000
Reference No: 37962

These grants are 100% pass-through.

All funding is requested to be placed in the 77000 (grants) line item.