

Rural Trooper Housing Repairs and Renovation**FY2005 Request: \$147,500****Reference No: 38995**

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Public Protection
Location: Statewide

Project Type: Deferred Maintenance**Contact:** Dan Spencer, Director, Administrative Services**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-5488**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2004 - 06/30/2005**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The Department's Rural Trooper Housing program provides state owned employee housing in rural Alaska locations where housing is traditionally scarce. This project will fund repairs and renovation of these state-owned units, all of which were built 30 or more years ago.

Funding:	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$147,500			\$147,500			\$295,000
Total:	\$147,500	\$0	\$0	\$147,500	\$0	\$0	\$295,000

<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:**Project Description/Justification:**

The Department of Public Safety operates and maintains 15 state-owned housing units in 8 locations in Western and Interior Alaska for state troopers and their families to live. These units are all 30 years of age or older and in many cases were transferred to the department from federal agencies such as the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) or the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Ten of these 15 housing units are off the road system, resulting in significant transportation costs for contractors and materials.

Normal wear and tear requires repair and renovation to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of state-owned units. Regular maintenance also helps to provide a housing standard equivalent to that currently provided by other state and federal agencies who provide employee housing in rural Alaska.

Housing units need regular maintenance, with all appliances and electrical, water, plumbing, and heating systems fully operational.

The Rural Trooper Housing operating budget contains funds to make lease payments and utilities, with a minimal amount available for minor maintenance or emergency repairs for immediate health and safety concerns and renovations associated with short-notice or unplanned trooper relocations. This capital request will provide funding for major repairs to these facilities. Projects include:

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- ? Major Systems: Preventative maintenance and replacement of furnace/boiler systems, water pumping/filtration/purification/heating systems, and electrical systems including upgrades to comply with building and fire prevention codes.
- ? Major appliances: Repair and replacement of refrigerators, dishwashers, washers, and dryers.
- ? Major Fixtures: Repairs and replacement of bathroom and kitchen sinks, bathtubs and shower units, exterior and interior room door(s) replacement, and rekeying of locks and lockset replacement.
- ? Interior: Sheet rock/wall covering spot repairs, spot and large scale interior painting, light fixture repair and replacement, carpet and floor covering cleaning, repair, and replacement.
- ? Exterior: Painting, roof repairs and replacement, drainage systems, and glass window and screen repairs and replacement.

It is most cost effective to perform major repairs when the unit is vacant. Occupancy turns over in about 10 of the 34 state-owned units each fiscal year, but is not entirely predictable, so expenses in some years will be greater than in other years. This project funds expected costs for a three-year period.

Preventative maintenance actions are performed during the summer using DOT&PF Northern Region personnel who travel to locations where DPS has housing, so travel expenses are shared to make best advantage of planned trips. Virtually every unit needs some level of maintenance annually, but efforts have been limited due to lack of funds.

If this project is not approved, substantial funding presently dedicated to providing direct law enforcement services to the public will have to be diverted to keep these facilities usable and ensure that troopers posted to rural assignments have housing available. Trooper willingness to relocate to rural Alaska is directly influenced by the availability and quality of family housing.