

Village Public Safety Officers for Rural Bootlegging Prevention and Enforcement

FY2007 Request: \$2,000,000
Reference No: 39352

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

Project Type: Health and Safety

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Estimated Project Dates: 10/01/2006 - 09/30/2008

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project will maintain and augment the number of Village Public Safety Officers (VPSO's) to engage primarily in bootlegging prevention and enforcement activities in rural Alaskan villages. Additional VPSO's will help the department achieve its mission to preserve public peace and protect life and property in rural villages.

Funding:	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$2,000,000						\$2,000,000
Total:	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000

<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:

Chapter 3, FSSSLA 2005, Page 63, Line 19-23 \$2,000,000
 Chapter 159, SLA 2004, Page 31, Line 33, \$2,000,000

Project Description/Justification:

This project will use \$2,000,000 in FFY2007 federal funding from the Indian Health Service to hire and equip additional Village Public Safety Officers (VPSO's) in rural Alaskan villages to engage primarily in bootlegging prevention and enforcement activities. \$2,000,000 was also appropriated in FFY2004 and FFY2005 to the Alaska Department of Public Safety.

Rural Alaska continues to endure high rates of violent crimes such as homicides, sexual assaults, and serious domestic assaults. The majority of these crimes are directly connected to alcohol abuse. This grant will be used to hire, train, and equip additional VPSO's to focus primarily on illegal alcohol interdiction and to enforce other state laws. This will help to significantly reduce violent crime, accidental deaths, and suicide resulting from the easy availability of illegal alcohol through VPSO presence, education, and aggressive bootlegging investigations. The additional VPSO's will be located in rural areas of western Alaska such as the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, Bristol Bay, the Aleutian Islands, and Kotzebue region.

The terms of the federal appropriation provide for a continuation of effort provision requiring the State of Alaska use the funds to enhance or expand existing programs, or initiate new projects or programs, and prohibits use of these funds to supplant existing programs. The amount allowed for administrative costs, not more than fifteen percent of the grant award, will be determined when the grant is awarded.