

Federal Emergency Projects

FY2007 Request: \$10,000,000

Reference No: 38424

AP/AL: Allocation

Project Type: Health and Safety

Category: Transportation

Location: Statewide

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2006 - 06/30/2011

Appropriation: Statewide Federal Programs

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Emergency funds from the Federal Highway Administration for declared emergencies. Money spent within 180 days of a declared emergency are funded at 100% federal; after the 180th day, about 9% state match is needed. This appropriation may be used to address issues of an emergency nature with federal airport or highway formula funds. This project contributes to the Department's Mission by reducing injuries, fatalities and property damage and by improving the mobility of people and goods.

Funding:	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$10,000,000						\$10,000,000
Total:	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000

<input 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
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:

FY2006 - \$10,000,000; FY2005 - \$10,000,000; FY2004 - \$25,000,000.

Project Description/Justification:

Funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is available to repair and reconstruct damage resulting from natural disasters. The Denali earthquake was a recent event that severely damaged some of Alaska's interstate highways and other roads. To qualify for the special FHWA Emergency Repair funds, the Governor must declare the event a disaster. Any Maintenance & Operation funds spent within 180 days of the declaration are reimbursed at 100%. Permanent reconstruction and repairs made after 180 days are reimbursed at the regular federal rate: 90.97% or 93.4% depending on the specific road.

No such program is available from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), but there are some occasions when FAA will give emergency projects priority during the nationwide discretionary fund competition.

Other possible uses of this appropriation include emergency security measures implemented because of terrorist threats. This authorization may also be used for the costs of emergency situations not covered by FHWA Emergency repair funds or other special sources. The Commissioner's Office may use this appropriation for immediate preventive maintenance or reconstruction in emergency situations to prevent loss of road or airport structures. This type of use is often the result of the shortage of deferred maintenance funding.

These funds would be used when revised programs are not feasible.