

**Community Block Grants**

**FY2009 Request: \$6,100,000**  
**Reference No: 38946**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation  
**Category:** Development  
**Location:** Statewide  
**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)  
**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2008 - 06/30/2013

**Project Type:** Health and Safety  
**Recipient:** Various  
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**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Multiple federally-funded programs, enabling Commerce to provide grants to communities and non-profits that provide services and/or benefit low-to moderate-income individuals. This program contributes to the Department's mission of promoting a healthy economy and strong communities by providing economic growth in the communities it serves.

<b>Funding:</b>	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$6,030,000	\$6,030,000	\$6,030,000	\$6,030,000	\$6,030,000		\$30,150,000
G/F Match	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000		\$350,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6,100,000</b>	<b>\$6,100,000</b>	<b>\$6,100,000</b>	<b>\$6,100,000</b>	<b>\$6,100,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$30,500,000</b>

<input checked="" 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
2% = 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
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

Refer to the funding matrix in the detailed description.  
 The Community Development Block Grants program has a 2% State general fund match requirement.

**Project Description/Justification:**

Specific federally-funded programs:

**1. Community Services Block Grants:** As authorized by federal Public Law 97-35, throughout the United States the federal Department of Health and Human Services (H&HS) has designated 950 "Community Action Agencies" (CAA's) -- all of whom may then receive federal funding that passes-through their appropriate state agency. Within Alaska the federal H&HS has designated only one CAA -- that entity is the non-profit corporation Rural Alaska Community Action Program, referred to as RurAL CAP.

RurAL CAP's mission is to protect the heritage of, while also improving the quality of life for, low-income rural Alaskans. This is accomplished through educational programs such as alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs, prevention of fetal alcohol syndrome programs, and child development programs; adult training; affordable housing programs; advocacy of and instructing low-income individuals how to advocate for themselves.

This program has been in existence since before 1980. The federal H&HS provides 100 percent of the funding which has averaged \$2,485,000 annually. For FY2009 Commerce anticipates \$2,485,000 in federal funding.

**2. Food and Nutrition Grants:** This program provides grants to non-profit corporations that work with and/or coordinate efforts of the various entities providing services to the homeless throughout Alaska.

This program has been in existence since before 1980. The federal Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Services provides 100 percent of the funding which averages \$15,000 annually. For FY2009 Commerce anticipates \$15,000 in federal funding.

**3. Community Development Block Grants:** This program provides grants not to exceed \$200,000 to municipalities for planning activities, infrastructure projects, and economic development activities which benefit low- to moderate-income individuals.

This program has been in existence since 1983. The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides the funding, which ranges from \$3,000,000 to \$3,500,000 annually with a State match of \$70,000. For FY2009 Commerce anticipates \$3,400,000 in federal funding with a state match of \$70,000.

**4. Emergency Shelter Grants:** As authorized by federal Public Law 100-71, this program provides grants to non-profit corporations that provide services and/or facilities to the abused or homeless.

This program has been in existence since before 1980. The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides 100 percent of the funding which averages \$130,000 annually. For FY2009 Commerce anticipates \$130,000 in federal funding.

**Summary of Anticipated Federal and GF Match Funding by Federal Agency:**

Federal Agency	Federal	General Fund	Total
HHS	2,500,000		2,500,000
HUD	3,530,000	70,000	3,585,000
Total	6,030,000	70,000	6,100,000

**Funding History**

Year	Amount	Legislation
FY 1995	7,000,000	SLA 1994 Ch 4 Page 31 Line 4
FY 1996	7,000,000	SLA 1995 Ch 103 Page 60 Line 14
FY 1997	9,000,000	SLA 1996 Ch 123 Page 45 Line 34
FY 1998	9,000,000	SLA 1997 Ch 100 Page 42 Line 10
FY 1999	9,000,000	SLA 1998 Ch 139 Page 40 Line 16
FY 2000		None
FY 2001	6,000,000	SLA 00 Ch 135 Page 3 Line 8
FY 2002	9,000,000	SLA 01 Ch 61 Page 3 Line 10
FY 2003	9,000,000	SLA 02 Ch 01 Page 3 Line 17
FY 2004	6,000,000	SLA 03 Ch 82 Page 3 Line 6
FY 2005	6,000,000	SLA 04 Ch 159 Page 3 Line 1
FY 2006	6,115,000	FSSLA 05 Ch 3 Page 3 Line 22
FY 2007	6,115,000	SLA 06 Ch 82 Page 3 Line 24
FY 2008	6,110,000	SLA 07 Ch 30 Page 84 Line 24