

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

Anchorage - Emergency Medical & Fire Fighting Protective Equipment

State Funding Requested: \$150,000**House District: Anchorage Areawide (17-32)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Purchase of much needed Emergency Medical Protective gear for the Anchorage Fire Fighters Areawide

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$150,000***There is no other funding needed***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

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- Comfort and durability on medical calls. The pants are lighter than turnouts and can be washed more frequently without the negative effects.
- It would give Firefighters an alternative to wearing there station uniforms in the apparatus and on medical calls and then cross contaminating everything they come into contact with after that point. (walking through the station with contaminated shoes, sitting in chairs, laying in bed, anything they contact in the station)
- Reduce the possibility of contamination from dirty turnouts worn into medical calls in Dr's offices, people's homes, etc.
- With the skyrocketing medical and workers compensation costs, this much needed protection should actually pay for its self by lowering the possibility of someone becoming infected with an illness on a call.

Project Timeline:

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Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Anchorage Fire Department

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No



ALASKA PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS

International Association of Fire Fighters, AFL-CIO, CLC

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Thank you for your consideration and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to call.

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