

Land and Water Conservation Fund Federal Grant Program FY2011 Request: \$600,000
Reference No: 32552

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Parks / Recreation
Category: Natural Resources
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2010 - 06/30/2015

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) provides funding to state agencies and local governments for development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities. More than any other people in the U.S., Alaskans recreate outdoors, and the need for outdoor recreation facilities continues to grow with Alaska's population. This grant provides an opportunity for local, regional or state applicants to receive up to 50% of the cost of projects that are important to the people and communities they serve. LWCF is consistent with DNR's mission in that, in terms of outdoor recreation, it develops, conserves and maximizes Alaska's natural (outdoor recreation) resources consistent with the public interest.

Funding:	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$600,000						\$600,000
Total:	\$600,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$600,000

<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
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

SLA2009/CH15 \$ 600,000 Grants are being awarded
 SLA2008/CH29 \$ 600,000 complete
 SLA2007/CH30 \$ 1,250,000 complete
 SLA2006/CH82 \$ 1,000,000 complete
 SLA2005/CH3 \$ 1,500,000 complete

Project Description/Justification:

This federal grant program was established through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Act in 1965 to provide a nationwide legacy of accessibility for all to high-quality outdoor recreation. Projects such as downhill ski areas, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant trails, neighborhood parks, rifle ranges and sports fields have been funded in Alaska through LWCF. The funding provided by LWCF can make the difference between build/no build for important outdoor recreation opportunities. These projects benefit the people of Alaska by providing both facility development and open space. Each development project provides short-term jobs for planning,

construction and management during the construction phase as well as continued long-term positive economic impact from ongoing utilization of the park site.

This grant is a 50/50 match program. Local governments provide their share of match, and the state provides match through existing CIP grants for deferred maintenance.

Why is this Project Needed Now?

Authorization will allow DNR to access federal funds that will become available for FY11.

Specific Spending Detail:

LINE ITEM	DOLLAR AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION (text)
Grants	\$600,000	Grants will be awarded to municipalities, cities and boroughs throughout Alaska, and are also awarded to state agencies when appropriate.

State Match Required: (check one)

- NO
- YES

Match is provided by grantees.

Project Support:

LWCF projects are currently located in approximately 60 communities throughout Alaska. These communities all benefit not only by the increased recreational opportunities created, but also by the financial investment associated with actual development at the site, and subsequent positive financial impact many of these facilities create by drawing users to the area. These communities and the multitude of individuals and groups that use the effected facilities support LWCF.

Project Opposition:

None