

National Recreational Trail Grants Federal Program

FY2012 Request: \$1,500,000

Reference No: 6854

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Parks / Recreation

Category: Natural Resources

Location: Statewide

House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2011 - 06/30/2016

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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Alaskans rely on trails for recreation, subsistence, and transportation. These trails need maintenance to ensure safe passage and to ensure that they remain open and available for use. Funds are distributed by 80-20 matching grants for trail and trailhead development and maintenance, and for education programs relating to trail safety and responsible trail use. Grants are awarded to organizations, agencies and local governments. The end result is a variety of safe, high-quality, year-round trails.

Funding:	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$11,500,000
Total:	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$11,500,000

<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:

SLA2010/CH43	\$ 2000.0	New grants are being issued
SLA2009/CH15	\$ 900.0	46% complete or obligated
SLA2008/CH29	\$ 1,500.0	85% complete or obligated
SLA2007/CH30	\$ 850.0	76% complete or obligated
SLA2006/CH82	\$ 695.0	Complete

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Project Description/Justification:

Detailed Project Justification:

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This program is effectively identifying, maintaining and expanding the Alaska trail system. Legal, safe, well maintained and easy to use trails are reducing trespass situations, search and rescue

occurrences, and public safety concerns. Because this is a matching grant program, grantees provide cash, labor and equipment to match at least 20 percent of grant funds, effectively stretching existing funding. Public recreational trails contribute to Alaska's economy by providing construction and maintenance jobs, attracting tourists and visitors, and by stimulating the business of outfitters, guides and tour companies. In addition, the Recreational Trails Program ensures that:

- Grantees obtain legal access
- Projects are consistent with Federal, State and local land use plans
- Social and economic impacts are analyzed
- Archeological and Historical resources are protected
- The project is analyzed for any impact on threatened or endangered species
- The project is analyzed for any impact on fish and wildlife
- The project is analyzed for its affect on wetlands, flood plains and bodies of water
- Water quality is maintained
- Hazardous waste is checked for and identified
- Air quality is checked
- The noise resulting from the project is analyzed
- There is public involvement

Why is this Project Needed Now?:

Alaska's trails are gradually being lost due to community expansion and development pressure, the lack of legal easements are the lack of maintenance. The grant program provides an opportunity to maintain what we have, establish new trails, and reserve existing recreational access throughout the state.

2010 Recreational Trail Grants		
Grantee	Project Name	Grant Amount
Native Village of Mary's Igloo	Shelter Cabin at New Igloo	\$21,449
Cooper Landing Community Club	Cooper Landing Trail Grooming	\$23,577
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	Point Higgins Trail - Phase II	\$50,000
Girdwood Nordic Ski Club	Girdwood Nordic Ski Trails	\$50,000
Alaska Trails, Inc.	Trail Costing (Education)	\$29,347
Alaska Trails, Inc.	Trail Rendezvous (Education)	\$11,200
Trail Mix, Inc.	Mount Roberts Trail Improvement	\$44,207.00
Trail Mix, Inc.	Mt. Juneau Trail Improvement	\$47,854

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Alaskans for Palmer Hay Flats	Reflections Lake Viewing Platform	\$50,000
The Pratt Museum	Pratt Museum Forest Trails Project	\$50,000
Chena IRA Council	Iktua Bay Trailhead Facility	\$44,653
Fairbanks North Star Borough	CHRS Trail Safety and Maintenance	\$50,000
Mat-Su Borough Trails Council	Moose Range Trail Grooming	\$22,282
Anchorage Horse Council	Ruth Arcand Park Trail Restoration	\$38,228
Goldstream Lyons Club	Goldstream Bike Pump Park	\$15,000
Copper River Watershed Project	Cordova Breakwater Trail	\$6,181
Mining, Land and Water South Central Regional Office	Seven Mile Lake Tr - Phase II	\$50,000
Alaska Trails, Inc.	Ester Dome - Phase II	\$50,000
Alaska State Trails Office	Administrative Allowance	\$135,181
Alaska State Parks - Northern Area	Compeau Connector - Phase III	\$31,000
Alaska State Trails Office	SnowTRAC Supplemental	\$46,226
Alaska State Trails Office	Trail Assessment Project	\$68,755
Alaska State Parks - Interpretation Section	Iditarod Trail in Every Class Room	\$14,082
Alaska State Parks - Southeast Area	Haines Winter Trail Grooming	\$33,600
Alaska State Parks - Southeast Area	Refuge Cove Trail Improvements	\$26,011
Alaska State Parks - Chugach Area	CSP Equipment Purchase	\$23,300
Alaska State Parks - Mat-Su Area	Chicken Lake Cross Park Trail Rehabilitation	\$22,368
Alaska State Parks - Mat-Su Area	Hatcher Pass Winter Trail Markers	\$11,000
Alaska State Parks - Mat-Su Area	Reed Lakes Trail Restoration	\$41,499

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Wood Tik-Chik State Park	Operation Safe Trail Equipment Purchase	\$23,000
Alaska State Parks - Mat-Su Area	Mat-Su Trail Crews	\$65,000
Alaska State Parks - Kenai Area	Kenai Trail Crews	\$65,000
Alaska State Parks - Kodiak Area	Kodiak Trail Crews	\$45,000
Alaska State Parks - Northern Area	Northern Trail Crews	\$65,000
Alaska State Parks - Southeast Area	Southeast Trail Crews	\$65,000
Alaska State Parks - Chugach Area	Chugach Trail Crews	\$65,000
Total for federal fiscal year 2010		\$1,500,000

Specific Spending Detail:

LINE ITEM	DOLLAR AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION (text)
Personal Services	\$ 120,000	State Trails staff
Travel	\$ 11,000	Travel costs assoc with state trails office
Services	\$ 279,000	Grants to state agencies
Commodities	\$8,000	Costs assoc with state trails office
Grants	\$ 1,108,200	Grants to federal and local governments and non profit agencies

State Match Required:

- NO**
- YES**

Project Support:

In addition to all the grantees listed above dozens of Alaska communities, agencies and trail user groups have received grants and support the program.

Some of the communities that have received grants include: Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Matanuska-Susitna Borough, City of Wasilla, Native Village of Fort Yukon, City of Kotlik, City of Homer, City of Barrow, City of Galena, City of Cordova, City of Aleknagik and the Circle Village Council.

Some of the user groups include: Boy Scouts, Trail Mix Inc., Fairbanks Snow Travelers, Caribou Hills Cabin Hoppers, Fairbanks Nordic Ski Club, Peninsula Sled Dog Racing Association, Sitka Recreational Riders, Norton Sound Sled Dog Club, Alaska Botanical Gardens and the Goldstream Valley Trail Users Assn.

Project Opposition:

None.