

Haines Fire Facility Modular Replacements

FY2012 Request: \$100,000

Reference No: 51822

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Renewal and Replacement

Category: Natural Resources

Location: Haines Borough

House District: Cordova/Southeast Islands (HD 5)

Impact House District: Cordova/Southeast Islands (HD 5)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2011 - 06/30/2016 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-2422

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project provides construction funds to replace a building in Haines used to keep fire-ready in excess of \$125.0 in fire fighting tools and equipment. This small building is also the sole facility for Haines forestry staff to work on tools and equipment. The building has deteriorated to the point where current use is marginal, and replacement is the necessary step to have a viable facility.

Funding:	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	Total
Gen Fund	\$100,000						\$100,000
Total:	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000

<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:

None

Project Description/Justification:

This project replaces a "cache" structure that has a leaky roof and rotting superstructure. The Haines Area office is responsible for wildland fire protection on 1.5 million acres, and administers resource management on more than 12.9 million acres in Southeast Alaska. The old structure is used by Forestry staff to maintain and store vehicles, firefighting tools and equipment, and resource management tools and equipment. It provides a workbench and a vehicle bay, the only such workspace for Forestry in the entire Haines area. The current state of the old building endangers personnel, and the vehicles and firefighting inventory it contains.

By Statute (AS41.15.010 – 41.15.170), the Division of Forestry manages state forested lands for sustainable use and protects more than 180 million acres of natural resources and other values at risk from threat of wildland fire. The Division's geographic areas of responsibility encompass 6 large parts of the State and include offices for Fairbanks, Delta, Tok and interior Alaska; Soldotna/Kenai and the Kenai Peninsula; Palmer/Wasilla and the Mat-Su Valley and Southcentral Alaska including Anchorage; McGrath and Southwest Alaska; Glennallen and the interior and coastal Copper River Valley; and Haines and the northern portion of Southeast Alaska. State offices, including many

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Forestry buildings where the public visits and where staff regularly works, have critical deferred maintenance needs.

Continued stopgap repairs to substandard structures and limited funding available for permanent maintenance solutions have resulted in operational inefficiencies, damage to goods and equipment, and compromise to safe storage of fuel, equipment, and hazardous materials. The state continues to occupy deteriorating buildings where the public regularly visits to obtain burning and wood-cutting permits ; negotiate and sign timber sale contracts; provide contracted firefighting equipment and services; obtain fire and resource information; and attend public meetings. State staff also works from these to prepare for and manage wildland fires, and administer forest management activities.

Assuring that spaces in State public facilities meet state needs is critical to continuing division operations. Addressing this responsibility now ensures suitable protection of \$125.0 in firefighting tools and equipment in Haines.

Specific Spending Detail:

LINE ITEM	DOLLAR AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION (text)
Personal Services	\$ 3,000	Construction project oversight, specification development.
Services	\$ 97,000	The work will be accomplished by private sector contractors and small businesses.

State Match Required:

- NO**
 YES

Project Support:

Public served from facilities; state, federal, and local governments cooperating in wildland firefighting and resource management activities (volunteer and structure fire departments, boroughs, municipalities, Alaska Fire Service, US Forest Service); state employees labor organizations (ASEA, APEA, Local 71); local suppliers of professional services, labor, materials and equipment for the project; State employees; resources and fire management organizations (Alaska Fire Chiefs Association, Board of Forestry, forest councils and citizens advisory boards).

Project Opposition:

None known.