

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Alaska Farmland Trust****Federal Tax ID: 20-2860877****Project Title:****Project Type: Other****Alaska Farmland Trust - Agricultural Land Preservation****State Funding Requested: \$500,000****House District: Statewide (1-40)**

Future Funding May Be Requested

**Brief Project Description:**

Preserve Alaska's agricultural and farmlands

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$500,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$500,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Alaska Farmland Trust(AFTC)has a statewide mission to protect Agro/farmlands for continued and future production. This funding will assist the AFTC accomplish that mission. The Trust is committed to educating residents on the importance of local agriculture and farmland preservation, and expanding Alaska's agricultural infrastructure.

The Alaska Alaska Farmland was established in 2006, since then it has worked to protect 120 acres of prime agricultural lands. Trust works collaboratively with landowners who wish to protect the special features of their farmland through voluntary private action. They also cooperate with resource agencies and non-government organizations on projects that benefit the community. Working collaboratively with farmers, agricultural affiliates and other Alaskan based land trusts, grocery retailers, farmers markets, and community leaders to increase demand for Alaska's agricultural products through direct marketing and coalition building.

**Project Timeline:**

This funding will support FY 2011 &amp; FY 2012 conservation projects.

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

Alaska Farmland Trust

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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

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