

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Alaska Moose Federation****Federal Tax ID: 42-1552446****Project Title:****Project Type: Other**

# Alaska Moose Federation - Moose Rescue & Relocation Program

**State Funding Requested: \$3,260,000****House District: Statewide (1-40)**

Future Funding May Be Requested

**Brief Project Description:**

This program allows for moose, located on and around known moose vehicle collision corridors, to primarily be relocated for public safety. These transplanted moose will also help depleted rural moose herd recovery.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$3,260,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$3,260,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:*

*FY 2011/2012 Legislative funding provided \$1,304,500 for the initial capital expenditures for this program.*

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The winter of 2011/ 2012 is on a record for snow fall which has resulted in a large number of moose versus vehicle collisions. The annual average number of collisions in the Mat-su is 270 which was exceeded before the end of December. The anticipated vehicle collision damage from this winter alone in the Mat-Su Borough will exceed \$15,000,000+ million dollars. ADF&G has documented that calves do not leave the collision areas where their cows have been hit by cars. Since 50% of all annual collisions are calves, this program is a solid investment in safety. The ability to relocate moose away from known collisions corridors will increase safety while providing a source of animals which will help depleted rural herds reestablish to healthy populations once again.

Transplant & relocation programs, from Alaska's past, include Musk Ox, Bison, Moose, Goats, Caribou, Elk and other species. Current transplant & relocation programs include bears and the reintroduction of Wood Bison to the Yukon Flats. Orphaned moose calves have created productive herds in Alaska primarily being the creation of the Copper River Delta herd out of Cordova. This population was created entirely from 24 calves between 1949 to 1958. The most calves transported in one year for this effort was 5 calves. From this newly created population, over 5,000 moose have been harvested since 1960. Currently, moose populations are significantly depressed in many rural areas of the state. Targeting these key rural locations that are struggling with recovery, should be a primary objective to utilize urban moose that pose a liability around these known vehicle collision corridors.

**Project Timeline:**

This funding request will enable the program to operate for the next 5 years.

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

Alaska Moose Federation

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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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