

Interior Alaska Veterans Cemetery

FY2013 Request: \$2,000,000
Reference No: 47882

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Health/Human Services
Location: Fairbanks Areawide

Project Type: Construction
House District: Fairbanks Areawide (HD 7-11)
Contact: McHugh Pierre

Impact House District: Fairbanks Areawide (HD 7-11)

Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2012 - 06/30/2017 **Contact Phone:** (907)428-6003

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Funding authority is requested to allow the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to accept additional federal funds for the Interior Alaska Veterans Cemetery Project. The US Department of Veterans Affairs has determined that cemetery project costs have increased since the initial funding estimates were established and has awarded additional funds to cover these costs.

Funding:	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$2,000,000						\$2,000,000
Total:	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000

<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:	300,000	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	300,000	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

\$5,000,000 Federal Authority, \$750,000 G/F Match, \$250,000 GF - Interior Alaska Veterans Cemetery Design and Planning - Ch 43 SLA 2010 Pg 29 Ln 21.

Project Description/Justification:

This request is to amend the original appropriation to allow for the receipt of additional funding from the US Department of Veterans Affairs for the Interior Alaska Veterans Cemetery project.

This project provides for the planning, design, and construction of a dedicated State Veterans Cemetery in Fairbanks to serve the burial needs of veterans in the interior of Alaska. Currently veterans in this region must travel to Anchorage or Sitka, 350 and 750 miles respectively, to reach the nearest veterans' cemetery with available grave space.

The US Department of Veterans Affairs has analyzed cemetery projects nationwide and determined that project costs have risen from initial funding estimates, and is providing additional funding to meet these costs.

This project supports the department's priority to support veterans and military families.