

Northwest Arctic Borough - Kivalina Evacuation and Access Road

FY2014 Request: \$2,500,000
Reference No: 46469

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Development
Location: Northwest Arctic Borough
Impact House District: Arctic (HD 40)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2013 - 06/30/2018

Project Type: Life / Health / Safety
Recipient: Northwest Arctic Borough
House District: Arctic (HD 40)
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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project will provide funding to develop a road that will serve as both an evacuation road for the community and as an access road from the village to the new school site. Funding for this project is time sensitive. Kivalina has had three emergency evacuations in the past five years, two to the existing school for local sheltering and one out of the village. This funding is needed to begin addressing this life, health, and safety project. This is a new FY2014 capital project due to information that was received from the community after the release of the Governor's budget.

Funding:	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	Total
Gen Fund	\$2,500,000						\$2,500,000
Total:	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,500,000

<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

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

No prior funding history

Project Description/Justification:

The village of Kivalina sits on a low-lying barrier island between the Chukchi Sea and Kivalina Lagoon. Due to significant erosion, the community of Kivalina will have to be relocated. In the interim, a series of mitigation measures are being pursued to protect the community as much as possible. Currently, the only way to leave the village is by plane or boat. Both of these means of evacuation would be dangerous, if not impossible, during a large ocean storm. Compounding the situation is the fact that the community is in a remote area making it extremely difficult for outside help to reach the community in time for a successful rescue mission. The community must have a way to safely evacuate themselves. An evacuation road inland meets this need and is necessary to ensure the safety of the residents.

The community has selected a site for the construction of a new school on high ground near Kisimigiuktuk Hill, which is approximately eight miles inland from the existing community. There is currently no road access to the new school site. The proposed road will serve as both an evacuation road and an as an access road to the new school from the village.

