

Interior Alaska Veterans Cemetery

FY2014 Request: \$2,500,000

Reference No: 47882

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Construction

Category: Health/Human Services

Location: Fairbanks Areawide

House District: Fairbanks Areawide (HD 1-5)

Impact House District: Fairbanks Areawide (HD 1-5)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2013 - 06/30/2015 **Contact Phone:** (907)428-6003

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project continues the acquisition of land for a veteran's cemetery in Interior Alaska.

Funding:	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>Total</u>
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 type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input checked="" 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	
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Sec1 Ch17 SLA2012 P22 L7 SB 160 \$2,000,000

Sec1 Ch43 SLA2010 P29 L21 SB 230 \$6,000,000

Project Description/Justification:

This project continues the acquisition of land for a veteran's cemetery in Interior Alaska. This will provide a dedicated State Veterans Cemetery in the Fairbanks region 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.

This project was originally to be developed on donated land, but the amount of permafrost and poor sub-soils on the proposed location made the site unsuitable for construction. The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs also assessed available state land in the region, but could not find land that would support cemetery development. There is currently \$7 million in federal authority and \$1 million in state funds budgeted for the planning and development of this project.

This project supports the Department's mission by supporting veterans and military families.