

Parks and Outdoor Recreation Deferred Maintenance - Chugach Region

FY2014 Request: \$360,000
Reference No: 51714

AP/AL: Allocation

Project Type: Deferred Maintenance

Category: Natural Resources

Location: Anchorage Areawide

House District: Anchorage Areawide (HD 11-27)

Impact House District: Anchorage Areawide (HD 11-27)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2013 - 06/30/2017 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-2422

Appropriation: Deferred Maintenance, Renewal, Repair and Equipment

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (Parks) is striving to protect visitor health and safety by providing safe, clean, and well maintained parks. Parks has over \$60 million in deferred maintenance needs which are causing health and safety concerns and are generating significant public comments. This request will fund projects within each of the seven regional areas managed by Parks. On a percentage basis, each area across the state will have funds to decrease their specific deferred maintenance, including upgrades, repairs or replacement of roads, trails, shelters, toilets, drinking water systems, parking areas and other facilities.

| Funding: | <u>FY2014</u> | <u>FY2015</u> | <u>FY2016</u> | <u>FY2017</u> | <u>FY2018</u> | <u>FY2019</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Gen Fund | \$360,000 | \$1,935,065 | \$1,935,065 | \$1,935,065 | \$1,935,065 | \$389,610 | \$8,489,870 |
| Total: | \$360,000 | \$1,935,065 | \$1,935,065 | \$1,935,065 | \$1,935,065 | \$389,610 | \$8,489,870 |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required | <input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project | <input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new | <input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway | <input checked="" 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:

Sec1 Ch17 SLA2012 P126 L25 160 \$635,000

Sec1 Ch5 SLA2011 P94 L17 46 \$351,000

Project Description/Justification:

AS 41.21.020, directs the Department of Natural Resources to maintain state park areas for the general health, welfare, education, and enjoyment of Alaskans and visitors to the state. The Alaska State Park system is a key player in the state's tourism industry, providing outdoor recreation opportunities for over 5 million visits annually. The importance of maintaining park infrastructure so that it is safe, accessible and meets the needs of a variety of park users is a key element of the division's mission.

This proposal is part of a ten year phased approach to catch-up on the deferred maintenance needs within Alaska State Parks. It will eliminate the deferred maintenance backlog and restore the quality and safety of state park facilities for Alaskans and visitors.

WHAT IS THE ISSUE OR PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED?

While the division’s staff is able to do minor repairs to annually maintain park facilities, the overall condition of park facilities has declined so much that the backlog of deferred maintenance work totals \$59.6 million. It takes approximately \$3 million in deferred maintenance funds just to keep up with the growing maintenance needs.

For Parks to fulfill its agency mission and implement the 2007-2017 Strategic Plan, reducing and ultimately eliminating this backlog of deferred maintenance is critical.

WHAT IS THE SCOPE OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED?

Deferred maintenance has increased over the years and has resulted in a state park system where many facilities are “vintage 70’s and 80’s”. Examples of park infrastructure that need repairs are; campsites that are unlevel and undersized for today’s modern recreational vehicles, worn out and pot-holed roads, muddy and dangerous trails, old and difficult to maintain restrooms, and fallen and unstable picnic shelter and structures.

WHY IS THIS PROJECT NEEDED NOW – WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF REMAINING STATUS QUO?

Because park facilities are used so regularly and so heavily, routine maintenance, repairs and replacement will always be required to keep parks safe and to make sure that park facilities provide the amenities visitors need. A detailed deferred maintenance list is prepared every year and park managers identify the most critical needs so that when funding is available the broken facilities that pose the greatest threat to the public are fixed.

WHAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED WITH PRIOR YEAR FUNDING?

| Deferred Maintenance PROJECT STATUS FOR FY 2010 | | |
|--|--------------|------------------|
| Project Title | Award Amount | Percent Complete |
| Chugach Deferred Maintenance | \$33,500.00 | 100 |
| Chugach Trail Equipment | \$149,000.00 | 100 |
| Upper Huffman TH Enhancement | \$225,000.00 | 100 |
| Glen Alps Scenic Overlook | \$275,000.00 | 100 |

| Deferred Maintenance PROJECT STATUS FOR FY 2011 | | |
|---|--------------|------------------|
| Project Title | Award Amount | Percent Complete |
| Chugach Area State Park and Recreation Facility Repair and Renovation | \$33,500.00 | 100 |
| Chugach State Park - Middle Fork, Flat Top, Hillside trails | \$225,000.00 | 50 |
| Chugach State Park - Canyon Road trailhead access | \$225,000.00 | 10 |
| Kachemak Bay State Park - trails, bridges and docks | \$60,000.00 | 100 |

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| Deferred Maintenance PROJECT STATUS FOR FY 2012 | | |
|--|--------------|------------------|
| Project Title | Award Amount | Percent Complete |
| Chugach Area Deferred Maintenance | \$34,100.00 | 50 |
| Eklutna Facilities | \$21,000.00 | 100 |
| Health and Sanitation | \$236,300.00 | 20 |
| Area Signage | \$15,000.00 | 100 |
| Emergency Repairs engineering services | \$15,613.00 | 75 |
| Rocky Lake Match | \$28,987.00 | 20 |

| Deferred Maintenance PROJECT STATUS FOR FY 2013 | | |
|--|--------------|------------------|
| Project Title | Award Amount | Percent Complete |
| Chugach Deferred Maintenance | \$30,000.00 | 50 |
| Eagle River Campground Stream Bank Restoration | \$150,000.00 | 0 |
| Chugach State Park Improvements | \$105,000.00 | 100 |
| Signage | \$30,000.00 | 0 |
| Health and Sanitation | \$320,000.00 | 0 |

SPECIFIC SPENDING DETAIL:

| LINE ITEM | DOLLAR AMOUNT | DESCRIPTION |
|----------------------|----------------|--|
| Personal Services | 90,000 | Admin Services/ Design/ Construction Admin. |
| Travel | | Transportation to/from project site |
| Services | 10,000 | Professional Services |
| Commodities | | |
| Capital Outlay | 260,000 | Contract Award/ payment(s) |
| Grants | | |
| PROJECT TOTAL | 360,000 | |

| Location | Site/Area | Description | FY14 Request |
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| Chugach | Indian to Girdwood Bike Path | Repair 2012 washout | 75.0 |
| Chugach | Bird Creek Valley | Replace Penguin Creek ATV Crossing | 250.0 |
| Chugach | Eagle River Greenbelt Access | Lower Eagle River trail repairs | 35.0 |