

**Fairbanks Veterans Cemetery - Gold Rush Historic Ditch Mitigation**      **FY2015 Request: \$100,000**  
**Reference No: 47882**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation      **Project Type:** Construction  
**Category:** Public Protection  
**Location:** Fairbanks Areawide      **House District:** Fairbanks Areawide (HD 1-5)  
**Impact House District:** Fairbanks Areawide (HD 1-5)      **Contact:** McHugh Pierre  
**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2014 - 06/30/2019      **Contact Phone:** (907)428-6003

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project fulfills a requirement to preserve a historic section of the Interior Alaska Veterans' Cemetery site.

<b>Funding:</b>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2020</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$100,000						\$100,000
<b>Total:</b>	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000

<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
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

Sec1 Ch16 SLA2013 P69 L17 SB 18 \$2,000,000  
 Sec1 Ch17 SLA2012 P122 L7 SB 160 \$2,000,000  
 Sec1 Ch43 SLA2010 P29 L21 SB 230 \$6,000,000

**Project Description/Justification:**

The land on which the Interior Alaska Cemetery is to be developed requires that the State of Alaska mitigate, or preserve, the impacts of development to the western end of the property. This section of the property has a portion of the Davidson Ditch, a 90 mile conduit built in the 1920s to supply water to gold mining dredges in central Alaska and is a part of Fairbanks Gold Rush history. Federal law prevents the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs from giving the state any money for the cemetery project until this issue is resolved. This issue was unknown before as it is site specific. Mitigation on this property will include the physical preservation, minor restoration and documentation of the site to provide public information and access to this section of the Davidson Ditch, which will then allow for construction of the cemetery in accordance with current historic preservation laws. The Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs (DMVA) is working cooperatively with the Department of Natural Resources State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and they will be providing federal matching funds for this project.