National Petroleum Reserve - Alaska Impact Grant Program FY2016 Request: \$3,502,626 Reference No: AMD 38948

**AP/AL:** Appropriation with Allocations Project Type: Life / Health / Safety

Category: Development **Recipient:** Various

**House District:** Arctic (HD 40) **Location:** North Slope Borough **Impact House District:** Arctic (HD 40) **Contact:** Catherine Reardon Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2015 - 06/30/2020 Contact Phone: (907)465-2506

## **Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The National Petroleum Reserve - Alaska (NPR-A) program provides grants to communities for public facilities and services. Priority is given to those communities directly or severely impacted by the leases and development of oil and gas within the NPR-A. Funding comes from the federal government as a share of the funds received on leases issued within NPR-A. This amendment decreases the estimated National Petroleum Reserve Fund receipts by \$502,995 for a Governor Amended total of \$3,502,626 and updates the project description by adding the FY2016 NPR-A recommended awards to communities.

Funding:	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	I otal
NPR Fund	\$3,502,626	\$3,502,626	\$3,502,626	\$3,502,626	\$3,502,626	\$3,502,626	\$21,015,756
Total:	\$3,502,626	\$3,502,626	\$3,502,626	\$3,502,626	\$3,502,626	\$3,502,626	\$21,015,756
State Match Required ☐ One-Time Project ☐ Phased - new ☐ Phased - underway ☑ On-Going 0% = Minimum State Match % Required ☑ Amendment ☐ Mental Health Bill							

Operating &	Maintenance	Costs:			
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	<u>Amount</u>	Staff
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

## **Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

Sec29 Ch18 SLA2014 P112 L29 SB119 \$4,005,621 Sec24 Ch16 SLA2013 P125 L18 SB18 \$3,876,868 Sec18 Ch17 SLA2012 P176 L4 SB160 \$4,896,872 Sec22 Ch5 SLA2011 P160 L3 SB46 \$5,399,679 Sec26 Ch43 SLA2010 P159 L16 SB230 \$19,481,681 Sec16 Ch15 SLA2009 P63 L6 SB75 \$15,967,840

## **Project Description/Justification:**

As authorized December 12, 1980, by 42 USC Chapter 78, Sections 6501-6508, the federal government, through the US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) manages and allows the exploration and development of oil and gas within the NPR-A. In accordance with 42 USC § 6508, 50 percent of the money received by the federal government from the, "sales, rentals, bonuses, and royalties on leases issued...," within the NPR-A is paid to the State of Alaska.

As required by AS 37.05.530, regulations (3 AAC 150.010 – 150.090) were adopted establishing the NPR-A Impact program which allow municipalities impacted by oil and gas development in the NPR-A to apply for grant assistance to alleviate the impact. Grant applications are considered in accordance with:

- AS 37.05.530(c), participation is limited to municipalities.
- AS 37.05.530(c), (d), and (e), municipalities must demonstrate present impact or the need to determine or plan for future impact.
- AS 37.05.530(c), priority is given to municipalities that are experiencing or will experience the most direct or severe impact from oil and gas development.
- AS 37.05.530(e), municipalities may use the funds to alleviate the impact of the oil and gas development only for the following activities and services: (1) planning: (2) construction. maintenance, and operation of essential public facilities by the municipality; and (3) other necessary public services provided by the municipality.
- AS 37.05.530(f), funds may not be used for the retirement of municipal debt.
- 3 AAC 150.050(c), impact is defined as an effect reasonably attributable to NPR-A oil and gas activities under 42 USC § 6508 on (1) population; (2) employment; (3) finances; (4) social and cultural values; (5) air and water quality; (6) fish and wildlife habitats; (7) the ability to provide essential public services, including health care, public safety, education, transportation, utilities, and government administration; and (8) other things of demonstrable importance to the applicant or the applicant's residents.

As required by Alaska Statute (AS) 37.05.530(g), NPR-A funds received that are not appropriated for the NPR-A Impact program are deposited as follows:(1) 25 percent to the principal of the Alaska Permanent Fund; (2) .5 percent to the Public School Trust Fund (AS 37.14.110); and (3) the remaining amount may be appropriated to the power cost equalization and rural electric capitalization fund (AS 42.45.100).

FY2016 NPR-A Grant Program:

Community	Project	I	ommended Funding
Barrow	Local Government Operations	\$	1,600,000
Wainwright	Retractable Boat Ramp	\$	82,500
Anaktuvuk Pass	General Operations and Renovations	\$	348,872
Atqasuk	Local Government and Youth Program	\$	147,070
Nuiqsut	Local Government Operations and Maintenance	\$	680,352
Wainwright	Local Government Operations	\$	473,964
Nuiqsut	Youth Center Operations and Maintenance	\$	94,868
Wainwright	Youth Program	\$	22,000
Wainwright	City Park Fencing and Lighting	\$	53,000
TOTAL			3,502,626

Expenditure information (thousands):

FY2014 Expenditures	FY2015 Authorization	FY2016 Proposed Appropriation
\$7,890.0	\$4,005.6	\$3,502.6