

Snowmobile Trail Development Program and Grants

FY2016 Request: \$250,000
Reference No: 33690

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Parks / Recreation

Category: Natural Resources

Location: Statewide

House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2015 - 06/30/2020

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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Snowmobiling is one of Alaska’s fastest growing outdoor activities and a very important transportation resource for rural communities. There is a growing demand to develop and maintain trails and trailheads to provide for safe riding opportunities and transportation routes, and to educate riders about safe riding practices. Funds for this program are provided by snowmobile registration fees paid by Alaskans. Funds are distributed in the form of matching grants for trail development and maintenance, trail marking and signing, safety education, and to establish legal trail easements.

Funding:	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	Total
VehRcpts	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$1,500,000
Total:	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$1,500,000

<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 Ch18 SLA2014 P58 L30 SB119 \$226,800
- Sec1 Ch16 SLA2013 P72 L24 SB18 \$250,000
- Sec1 Ch17 SLA2012 P125 L29 SB160 \$250,000
- Sec1 Ch5 SLA2011 P93 L18 SB46 \$250,000
- Sec7 Ch43 SLA2010 P31 L29 SB230 \$250,000
- Sec1 Ch15 SLA2009 P18 L10 SB75 \$250,000
- Sec13 Ch29 SLA2008 P72 L31 SB221 \$250,000

Project Description/Justification:

Issue:

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Non-matching grants are awarded for trail grooming as funds allow. Grants are awarded to organizations, businesses, agencies, local governments, and individuals.

Line Item	Amount
71000 - Personal Services (position detail below)	\$30.0
72000 - Travel	
73000 - Contractual	
74000 - Commodities	
75000 - Capital Outlay	
77000 - Grants	\$270.0
Total Request	\$300.0

Position Detail: (Job Title, Location, and Type)

Partial funding for existing positions located in Anchorage
 (10-5021) Natural Resource Specialist III, PFT
 (10-5215) Grant Administrator II, PFT
 (10-5244) Accounting Tech II, PFT

Status Quo

The state would lose the opportunity to receive \$300.0 for snow mobile related projects.

What was accomplished?

- In 2007 five grants were awarded.
- In 2008 seven grants were awarded.
- In 2009 seven grants were awarded.
- In 2010 five grants were awarded.
- In 2011 seven grants were awarded.
- In 2012 five grants were awarded
- In 2013 all available money went to snowmobile trail grooming. All funds were used to support the snowmobile program statewide.