

Coastal Impact Assistance Program Funds

FY2016 Request: \$5,000,000

Reference No: AMD 41648

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Development
Location: Anderson

Project Type: Renewal and Replacement

House District: Eielson/Denali/Upper Yukon/Border (HD 6)

Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2015 - 06/30/2020

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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is the lead agency to administer the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP), federal funding disbursed under the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (R.R.6.). Federal CIAP funds may only be applied to existing CIAP grants. The funds will be received by the DNR and sent to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED) via reimbursable services agreement (RSA) to be applied to CIAP approved projects or to the Statewide Digital Mapping Initiative (SDMI) project with DNR. This action allows the funds to go to the projects that best meet the federal timelines and parameters of CIAP.

Funding:	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$5,000,000						\$5,000,000
Total:	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000,000

<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 checked="" 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:

Sec39 Ch15 SLA2009 P79 L28 SB75 \$25,200,000

Additional \$27,481,207 federal receipt authority appropriated to DNR via Legislative Budget and Audit Committee in FY2010 (RPL10-0-5003).

Project Description/Justification:

History

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Act) amended the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to provide for the disbursement of \$250,000,000 each year 2007 to 2010 to producing states and eligible coastal political subdivisions. A producing state is a coastal state with a coastal seaward boundary within 200 nautical miles of the geographic center of a leased tract within any area of the outer Continental Shelf. Eligible coastal political subdivisions are any political subdivisions of a coastal state within the coastal zone (as defined under the Coastal Zone Management Act) on the date of the enactment of the Energy Policy Act and not more than 200 nautical miles from the geographic center of any leased tract.

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To receive its share of the \$250,000,000, a producing state must have an approved Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) Plan. CIAP funds can only be used for one or more of the following purposes: projects and activities for the conservation, protection, or restoration of coastal areas, including wetlands; mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, or natural resources; planning assistance and the administrative costs of complying with CIAP; implementation of a federally-approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan; mitigation of the impact of outer Continental Shelf activities through funding of onshore infrastructure projects and public service needs.

In SLA2009 the Legislature appropriated \$16,000,000 in federally funded, CIAP funds to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED) for publically solicited projects, and \$10,900,000 in CIAP funds to 12 named recipients including municipalities and coastal resource service areas (CRSAs). In SLA2012 the Legislature reappropriated the unexpended and unobligated funds originally appropriated to the CRSAs to DCCED for other named recipients. This was necessitated by the elimination of the CRSAs when the Alaska Coastal Management Program expired on June 30, 2011.

Description

Federal CIAP funds may only be applied to existing CIAP grants and are required to pass through a single department. The funds will be received by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), as CIAP funds currently are, and sent to DCCED via Reimbursable Services Agreements (RSA) to be applied to CIAP approved projects. There are over 50 CIAP grants for publically solicited and named recipient projects. It is anticipated that several of these projects will be completed under budget or will not be fully pursued, resulting in an estimated \$5,000,000 of unexpended and unobligated CIAP funds. This project provides DCCED with the ability to apply such funds to the other publically solicited or named recipient CIAP grants without the limitations imposed by the original SLA2009 appropriation and the SLA2012 reappropriation. This flexibility will allow the funds to go to the projects that can best meet the federal timelines and parameters of CIAP.

The Statewide Digital Mapping Initiative (SDMI) is managed by DNR and is a CIAP approved project. Once DCCED has applied the funds to the publically solicited and named recipient projects that can best meet the federal timelines and parameters of CIAP, the remaining unexpended and unobligated funds as of December 31, 2015, will be used for the SDMI project. Without this flexibility, CIAP funds will likely go unspent. All CIAP funds lapse December 31, 2016.