

Public and Community Transportation State Match

FY2016 Request: \$750,000

Reference No: 52032

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Equipment / Commodities

Category: Transportation

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:

This project will provide match to local funds in order to encourage local government support for public transportation systems.

| Funding: | FY2016 | FY2017 | FY2018 | FY2019 | FY2020 | FY2021 | Total |
|-----------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| AIDEA Div | \$750,000 | | | | | | \$750,000 |
| Gen Fund | | \$1,000,000 | \$1,000,000 | \$1,000,000 | \$1,000,000 | \$1,000,000 | \$5,000,000 |
| Total: | \$750,000 | \$1,000,000 | \$1,000,000 | \$1,000,000 | \$1,000,000 | \$1,000,000 | \$5,750,000 |

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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 | |
| Totals: | 0 | 0 |

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

- Sec1 Ch18 SLA2014 P64 L18 SB119 \$1,000,000
- Sec1 Ch16 SLA2013 P80 L23 SB18 \$1,000,000
- Sec1 Ch17 SLA2012 P137 L6 SB160 \$2,000,000
- Sec1 Ch5 SLA2011 P103 L5 SB46 \$1,000,000

Project Description/Justification:

This project is used to encourage local government support for public transportation by matching local funds, and to provide needed match support for effective statewide participation in federal transit discretionary grant program opportunities such as state of good repair, support of transit services, energy reduction and livability. Absent congressional earmarks, these programs provide critical capital funds to purchase new and replacement vehicle needs for Alaska's transit systems.

For many sub-recipients, this program is the determining factor as to how many federal dollars can be awarded to them. Without these funds, rides will be reduced, resulting in the loss of access to crucial destinations, such as jobs, medical appointments and shopping and a decline in the quality of life of riders and reduced economy to the community. The loss of a replacement vehicle may result in the loss of one or more routes, or even the elimination of an entire transit system.

A scoring system has been devised to fairly allocate these funds among all applicants. Public comment will be solicited prior to a final decision.