

Cultural and Historic Resource Evaluation Streamlining

FY2016 Request:

\$200,000

Reference No:

54950

AP/AL: Allocation

Project Type: Research / Studies / Planning

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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Appropriation: Surface Transportation Program

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project will streamline project delivery by funding federal and state resource agency liaison positions dedicated to working on Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) projects. This project will fund a cultural resources liaison between DOT&PF and the Department of Natural Resources, Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation/Office of History and Archaeology (OHA) to improve and more efficiently streamline the review process of projects through Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (36 CFR 800 Protection of Historic Properties).

Funding:	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$200,000	\$500,000					\$700,000
Total:	\$200,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$700,000

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
9% = 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 Ch17 SLA2012 P144 L11 SB160 \$450,000

Project Description/Justification:

Regulatory authority for the Alaska State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) review of federal and State projects developed by DOT&PF is provided under Section 106 and AS 41.35.070.

Section 106 requires federal agencies whose undertakings may affect historic properties to take the properties into consideration and consult with SHPO and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to avoid or reduce any adverse effects.

AS 41.35.070 requires that before State funded public construction is undertaken, the Department of Natural Resources must determine if historic, prehistoric, or archaeological resources would be adversely affected and if so, perform all necessary investigation, recording, and salvage of the site(s).

In addition, The Federal Highways Administration (FHWA), Federal transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) environmental documents developed under the National

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Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) 1969, require consultation with SHPO in order to determine the significance of potential project impacts of historic resources.

Current and projected workloads and funding at the Office of History and Archeology (OHA) are such that OHA project review and compliance staff are generally unable to participate in NEPA scoping meetings and must devote their project participation to Section 106 and AS 41.35.070 review and compliance.

Additionally, there is need to reduce the amount of time that it is taking DOT&PF internally to develop regional project documentation related to historic and prehistoric properties and resources, especially with the current and projected workloads at DOT&PF.