

North Slope Borough - Lesser Snow Goose Black Brant Monitoring

FY2017 Request: \$168,103
Reference No: AMD 61084

AP/AL: Allocation
Category: Development
Location: North Slope Borough
Impact House District: Arctic (HD 40)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2016 - 06/30/2021
Appropriation: National Petroleum Reserve - Alaska Impact Grant Program

Project Type: Life / Health / Safety
Recipient: North Slope Borough
House District: Arctic (HD 40)
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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This request amends the original Governor’s FY2017 capital budget request by adding allocation level funding of \$168,103. This change is due to the timing of approval of individual National Petroleum Reserve – Alaska grants. This project will provide support to the North Slope Borough Department of Wildlife Management (NSBDWM) to continue a long-term monitoring project that the NSBDWM initiated in the early 1990’s, namely monitoring the population size, trends, and productivity of selected waterfowl that utilize the Alaska National Petroleum Reserve (NPR-A).

Funding:	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	Total
1063 NPR Fund	\$168,103						\$168,103
Total:	\$168,103	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$168,103

<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 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:

Grant funds are requested for labor, fringe benefits, contractual services, materials, supplies, travel and 25 percent administration. Approved for grant under National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska Impact Grant Program under AS 37.05.530(a). See appropriation for prior funding history.

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:

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- 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).