

**Bethel Scout Battalion - Phase 1 of 5**

**FY2017 Request: \$1,000,000**

**Reference No: 61042**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation

**Project Type:** Equipment / Commodities

**Category:** Public Protection

**Location:** Bethel

**House District:** Lower Kuskokwim (HD 38)

**Impact House District:** Lower Kuskokwim (HD 38)

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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2016 - 06/30/2021

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**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project allows the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to initiate purchase of equipment to support for a new Scout Battalion of the Alaska State Defense Force, to be stationed in Bethel, Alaska, to conduct their mission.

<b>Funding:</b>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2020</u>	<u>FY2021</u>	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>Total</u>
1004 Gen Fund	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000		\$5,000,000
<b>Total:</b>	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$5,000,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input 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:	5,000,000	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>	<b>0</b>

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

This is a new project with no prior funding history.

**Project Description/Justification:**

This project will purchase equipment that is required for a new Scout Battalion in Bethel. It provides vehicles and associated trailers allowing both small unit and individual movement over varying terrain in all seasons. It also provides communications equipment assisting with the command and control of small to large numbers of scouts across varying distances. This Scout Battalion will provide support to local communities during times of natural and manmade disasters. This will be a phased project requiring yearly equipment purchases of approximately \$1 million for the next five years to meet all requisite milestones and establish the foundation for a successful presence in Bethel.