

Federal and Local Government Funded Forest Resource and Fire Program Receipts

FY2017 Request: \$1,800,000
Reference No: 37769

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Life / Health / Safety

Category: Natural Resources

Location: Statewide

House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

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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 provides receipt authority for federal and local government funded projects including competitive grant awards for hazardous fuels reduction, Firewise and prevention education, special forest disease surveys, forest restoration projects, biomass inventories, towns and cities targeted for community forestry projects and tree plantings, forest stewardship plans, and agreements for one time local government funded field projects.

Funding:	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	Total
1002 Fed Rcpts	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$8,400,000
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Total:	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$10,800,000

<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	0
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

- Sec1 Ch38 SLA2015 P5 L23 26 \$1,800,000
- Sec1 Ch18 SLA2014 P57 L32 119 \$1,800,000
- Sec1 Ch16 SLA2013 P71 L29 18 \$1,500,000
- Sec1 Ch17 SLA2012 P124 L17 160 \$1,000,000
- Sec1 Ch5 SLA2011 P91 L21 75 \$1,800,000
- Sec7 Ch43 SLA2010 P3 L22 221 \$1,800,000
- Sec1 Ch15 SLA2009 P17 L25 75 \$3,500,000
- Sec13 Ch29 SLA2008 P153 L6 221 \$3,000,000

Project Description/Justification:

This project provides receipt authority for one-time federal and local government funded projects.

These projects include:

- A competitive grant award for the Community Wildfire Protection Plan development in the Copper River Basin. Outreach will take place statewide with the Firewise and Wildland Fire

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Prevention message delivered to schools and civic groups, and at home shows, fairs, and parades. New Public Service Announcements (PSAs) and print media will be developed reinforcing the Firewise and Prevention messages.

- Providing training to local emergency firefighters, local government, and rural village firefighting crews.
- Providing pass-through grants to rural volunteer fire departments to organize, train and equip for fire response.
- Surveying Alaska's forested landscapes for forest disease and invasive insects.
- Forest restoration projects including ongoing bark beetle mitigation in Tok, Haines and Kenai. Towns and cities will benefit from community forestry projects and tree plantings. Forest stewardship plans will be developed to assist private landowners and native corporations with forest management.
- Agreement development for one time local government funded field projects, including fuel mitigation. This project meets the mission of continued protection, development and management of the state's natural resources by enlisting cooperation at the local level throughout Alaska.

Federal funds are expended in accordance with program and project requirements as approved by the granting agency. Expenditures begin upon grant award. The short field season in Alaska can be a hindrance in grant activity implementation of forestry and natural resources programs at times but the programs are a valuable benefit to all Alaskans and the health of the natural resources in the state.

What was accomplished?

Federally supported State Fire Assistance, Forest Health, Urban & Community Forestry, and Stewardship programs were successfully implemented. This leveraged the state's resources in the continued protection, development and management of the state's natural resources by enlisting cooperation at the local level throughout Alaska.

Accomplishments include:

- Aerial and ground forest pest surveys.
- Technical assistance to the public regarding forest health and invasive species
- Forest pest prevention, suppression, restoration, and eradication projects in the Northern Interior, South Central and Southeast Alaska.
- Implementation of the Tree City USA and Tree Line USA programs.
- Technical assistance and training to state and local agency employees, arborists, landscape architects and general public.
- Mitigated hazardous fuels in Cooper River, Glennallen, McGrath, McCarthy, Fairbanks, Elkutna Lake, Kenai, and Butte.
- Developing print media and public service announcements and outreach material for Firewise and Wildland Fire Prevention efforts.
- Pass through grants to rural fire departments for training, equipment, supplies and prevention materials.
- Delivering "Fire In a Changing Environment" workshops to 64 educators statewide who in turn conduct workshops in the classroom.
- Improved computer-aided dispatching systems used for the dispatching of forces to wildland fires.

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- Training and recurrence training provided to local emergency firefighters and rural village crews; approximately 700 trained annually.
- Continued development of Stewardship Plans with native corporations and private landowners.

Line Item	Amount
71000 - Personal Services	
72000 - Travel	
73000 - Contractual	\$1,800,000
74000 - Commodities	
75000 - Capital Outlay	
77000 - Grants	
Total Request	\$1,800,000