

Federal and Local Government Funded Forest Resource and Fire Program

FY2018 Request: \$1,400,000
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: 07/01/2017 - 06/30/2022

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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:	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	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:	\$1,400,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$9,400,000

<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 Ch2 SLA2016 P5 L24 SB138 \$1,800,000
 Sec1 Ch38 SLA2015 P5 L23 SB26 \$1,800,000
 Sec1 Ch18 SLA2014 P57 L32 SB119 \$1,800,000
 Sec1 Ch16 SLA2013 P71 L29 SB18 \$1,500,000
 Sec1 Ch17 SLA2012 P124 L17 SB160 \$1,000,000

Project Description/Justification:

This project provides federal receipts to meet Alaska’s vast forest and fire-related needs. The project enlists cooperation at the local level, throughout Alaska, using a combination of federal resources and other funding provided by municipalities through program receipts. Towns and cities across the state benefit from these projects. This cooperation is especially important given the short field season in Alaska. Projects focus on forest stewardship and restoration, fire prevention education outreach, and training and equipping rural village fire crews. Typical awarded projects include:

- A competitive grant award for Community Wildfire Protection Plan development in the Copper River Basin.

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- Educational outreach throughout the state with the Firewise and Wildland Fire Prevention message delivered to schools and civic groups, and at home shows, fairs and parades.
- New public service announcements and print media development, reinforcing the Firewise and fire prevention messages.
- Training of local emergency firefighters, local government and rural village firefighting crews, and grants to organize, train and equip rural volunteer fire departments for fire response.
- Surveying Alaska's forested landscapes for forest disease and invasive insects - forest restoration projects include ongoing bark beetle mitigation in Tok, Haines and Kenai.
- Development of forest stewardship plans to assist private landowners and native corporations with forest management, including fuel mitigation.

Federal funds are expended in accordance with program and project requirements as approved by the granting agency. Expenditures begin upon grant award.

What was accomplished?

Federally supported State Fire Assistance, Forest Health, Urban & Community Forestry, and Stewardship programs were successfully implemented, leveraging 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 bases 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 South East Alaska.
- Continues to implemented the Tree City USA and Tree Line USA programs.
- Provided 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.
- Developed print media and public service announcements and outreach material for Firewise and Wildland Fire Prevention efforts.
- Passed through grants to rural fire departments for training, equipment, supplies and prevention materials
- Delivered "Fire in a Changing Environment" workshops to 64 educators statewide who in turn conduct workshops in the classroom.
- Continued to improve the CAD Dispatching systems used for the dispatching of forces to wildland fires.
- Training and recurrence training provided to local emergency firefighters and rural village crews; approximately 700 trained annually.
- Continued to develop Stewardship Plans with native corporations and private landowners.

Budget Detail

Line Item	Amount
1000 – Personal Services	\$550,000
2000 – Travel	\$ 55,000
3000 – Services	\$445,000
4000 – Commodities	\$ 50,000
5000 – Capital Outlay	\$0.0
7000 – Grants	\$300,000
Total Project	\$1,400,000

PCNs:

- Stewardship - Forester III – 10-9191
- Stewardship - Forester II - 10-9814
- Stewardship - Forester II - 10-9425
- Urban and Community – NRM I – 10-9742
- Urban and Community – Forester II – 10-0085
- Forest Health – Forester III – 10-9473
- Fire Operations – Forester IV – 10-0395
- Strategic Planner – Forester IV – 10-9628
- Fire Staff Officer – Forester III – 10-9195
- Fire Program - Safety Officer – 10-9802
- Fire Program – Information Officer III – 10-9823
- Air Attack – Wildland Fire Resource Tech V (WFRT V) – 10-9762
- Air Attack – WFRT V – 10-9455
- Commo Tech – WFRT III – 10-9767

Other PCNs will charge to federal receipts from this capital project for implementation of specific projects such as competitive Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) grant fuels mitigation work.