

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Life / Health / Safety
Category: Transportation
Location: Statewide **House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)
Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40) **Contact:** Michael Lamb
Estimated Project Dates: 06/30/2018 - 06/30/2022 **Contact Phone:** (907)771-3000

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The Environmental Mitigation Trust established as part of the Volkswagen (VW) Settlement is explicitly intended for funding Eligible Mitigation Actions (Appendix D-2 of Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement) to fully mitigate the total, lifetime excess NOx emissions from the 2.0L and 3.0L subject vehicles. Alaska has been allocated \$8.125 million to fund eligible actions over the next ten years. The consent decree requires the development of a Beneficiary Mitigation Plan (Plan) that summarizes how the funds will be used to provide the public with insight into the State’s high-level vision for use of the mitigation funds and information about the specific uses for funding.

Funding:	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	Total
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Total:	\$8,125,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,125,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input 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:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

No prior funding history.

Project Description/Justification:

There are several critical deadlines the State must comply with in order to access VW Trust funds. First is the completion of the certification documents, which must be submitted within 60 days of the Trust Effective Date, recently set as October 2, 2017. If Alaska fails to submit the certification documents within 60 days, Alaska will not be eligible to receive the state allocated portion of the settlement. Following submission of the certification documents, the Plan must be submitted within 90 days. Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) must also be given receipt and expend authority for funds, required within two years of court certification. AEA is working with stakeholders, including the Governor’s Office and the Department of Environmental Conservation to ensure Alaska stays on track to meet all required deadlines in order to fully capitalize on the funding and its potential benefits for Alaska communities.

The Alaska Energy Authority has worked with the Denali Commission to secure financial support to help cover administrative costs related to management of the VW Settlement Trust funds, with a

focus on assisting Tribes in identifying and developing projects that are eligible for the \$54.5 million VW Settlement Tribal allocation which is open to all Tribes nationwide.

Additional information on the timeline and the Volkswagen Diesel Settlement is online at <http://www.akenergyauthority.org/programs/vwsettlement>.