

Snowmobile Trail Development Program and Grants

FY2019 Request: \$250,000

Reference No: 33690

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Parks / Recreation

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: 07/01/2018 - 06/30/2023

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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Snowmobiling is one of Alaska’s fastest growing outdoor activities and a very important transportation resource for rural communities. There is a growing demand to develop and maintain trails and trailheads to provide for safe riding opportunities and transportation routes, and to educate riders about safe riding practices. Funds for this program are provided by snowmobile registration fees paid by Alaskans, and are distributed in the form of grants for trail development and maintenance, trail marking and signing, and safety education.

| Funding: | FY2019 | FY2020 | FY2021 | FY2022 | FY2023 | FY2024 | Total |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1195 SnoMachReg | \$250,000 | \$250,000 | \$250,000 | \$250,000 | \$250,000 | \$250,000 | \$1,500,000 |
| Total: | \$250,000 | \$250,000 | \$250,000 | \$250,000 | \$250,000 | \$250,000 | \$1,500,000 |

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| <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 Ch1 SLA2017 P6 L22 SB23 \$250,000
 Sec8 Ch1 SLA2017 P91 L22 HB57 \$250,000
 Sec1 Ch38 SLA2015 P5 L30 SB26 \$250,000
 Sec1 Ch18 SLA2014 P58 L30 SB119 \$226,800
 Sec1 Ch16 SLA2013 P72 L24 SB18 \$250,000

Project Description/Justification:

This project provides grants for a highly popular and successful program for non-profit organizations, businesses, agencies, and local governments to groom snowmobile trails, development and maintenance of trails and trail-related facilities, and provide for snowmobile safety and education programs statewide.

Funds for this program are derived from snowmobile registration receipts paid by Alaskans annually. The Department of Administration, Division of Motor Vehicles collects receipts from snow machine registrations (\$200,000 to \$250,000 annually) and transfers these funds to the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation. While there is no statutory mandate requiring these funds be used for this purpose, it is an excellent example of user pay/user benefit.

In FY2017, the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation awarded funds to the following 17 organizations for snowmobile trail grooming grants, and to one organization for a safety and signage project:

| Area | Organization | Amount |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Big Lake | Alpine General Services | 6,165 |
| Big Lake | Big Lake Trails | 15,934 |
| Caribou Hills - North | Cabin Hoppers | 26,404 |
| Denali Highway | Denali Highway Trail Club | 11,347 |
| Denali Highway | Alpine Creek Lodge | 2,154 |
| Hatcher Pass | Hatcher Pass Contract | 10,435 |
| Juneau | Trail Mix Inc. | 4,895 |
| Lake Louise | Lake Louise Snowmachine Club | 10,253 |
| Lower Su / Lower Yentna | Dave Luce/ Luce's Lodge | 7,108 |
| Mid Su Valley | Mid Valley Trail Club | 8,442 |
| Montana Creek | Motor Musers | 4,349 |
| Chena River SRA | DPOR Northern Region Contract | 7,339 |
| Petersville | AK Snowcat | 41,181 |
| Caribou Hills - South | Snomads | 19,590 |
| Willow | Willow Trail Committee | 17,211 |
| Upper Yentna/ Lower Su | Yentna River Services - Phillips | 3,281 |
| Yukon Quest | Yukon Quest Int. Ltd. | 5,842 |
| Grooming Total | | 201,930 |
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| Signage and Safety | | |
| | City of White Mountain | 8,551 |
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| Total | | 8,551 |
| | | |
| Grand total allocated | | 210,481 |

| Line Item | Amount |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| 1000 – Personal Services | \$25,500 |
| 2000 - Travel | |
| 3000 - Contractual | |
| 4000 - Commodities | |
| 5000 – Capital Outlay | |
| 7000 - Grants | \$224,500 |
| Total Request | \$250,000 |

This project provides partial funding for existing positions located in Anchorage:

(10-5021) Natural Resource Specialist III, PFT

(10-5215) Grant Administrator II, PFT

(10-5244) Accounting Technician II, PFT

