

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:	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2020</u>	<u>FY2021</u>	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>Total</u>
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

<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
Signage and Safety		
	City of White Mountain	8,551
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

