

State Parks Electronic Fee Stations

FY2019 Request: \$310,000

Reference No: 61854

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Equipment / Commodities

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:

This project will fund the purchase, engineering costs, and installation of twenty electronic fee stations in State Parks with the goal of increasing fee compliance, decreasing loss from vandalism, and increasing administrative efficiency and safety.

Funding:	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2020</u>	<u>FY2021</u>	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>Total</u>
1005 GF/Prgm	\$310,000						\$310,000
Total:	\$310,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$310,000

<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:

The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation will purchase and install 20 electronic fee stations with this funding, replacing 20 of 40 iron rangers (metal cash collection stations) in locations with power and cellular coverage. These fee stations will be located at our highest demand day use areas, boat launches, and campgrounds. Locations will be strategically chosen based on revenue generating potential in the specific facility.

The division is successfully operating four electronic fee payment machines in high traffic facilities including Glen Alps trailhead in Chugach State Park and Chena River State Recreation Site in Fairbanks.

Increased Fee Compliance: The use of this system increases fee compliance by making it possible for park patrons to pay with credit cards, as opposed to the traditional method of cash collection, which is cumbersome and inefficient. Depending on the location, electronic fee stations have the ability to increase fee collection and program receipts for the division.

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Losses from Vandalism: Recent years have seen increased vandalism of the cash-based iron ranger collection systems which are a target for vandals. Costs associated with stolen cash along with repair and redesign costs are a burden to field operations.

Administrative Efficiency & Safety: The use of electronic fee stations will decrease the amount of cash that is handled by division employees. The excessive handling of cash presents health concerns for staff members, and potential liability from theft and slippage. Minimizing this cash handling function will create administrative efficiency and reduce liability and potential losses.

Line Item	Amount
1000 – Personal Services	\$40,000
2000 - Travel	\$20,000
3000 - Contractual	
4000 - Commodities	
5000 – Capital Outlay	\$250,000
7000 - Grants	
Total Request	\$310,000

Partial funding for existing positions:
 (10-5084) PFT Maint Sub-Journeyman, Eagle River
 (10-5179) PFT Maint Gen Journeyman, Juneau
 (10-5265) PFT Maint Gen Journeyman II, Soldotna
 (10-5032) PFT Engineer Asst I/II, Anchorage