

Federal and Local Government Funded Forest Resource and Fire Program

FY2020 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: 07/01/2019 - 06/30/2024

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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 government funded field projects.

Funding:	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	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
Total:	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$8,400,000

<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 Ch19 SLA2018 P7 L33 SB142 \$1,400,000
- Sec1 Ch1 SLA2017 P6 L9 SB23 \$1,400,000
- 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

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. 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.
- 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.

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- 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.

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.
- Ongoing forest pest prevention, suppression, restoration and eradication projects in the Northern Interior, South Central and Southeast Alaska.
- Continued to implement the Tree City USA and Tree Line USA programs.
- Completed tree canopy assessment for the Anchorage bowl area.
- Implementation of the competitive Landscape Scale Restoration Grant “Fish Need a Forest”.
- Provided technical assistance and training to state and local agency employees, arborists, landscape architects and general public.
- Mitigated hazardous fuels in Kenai, Fairbanks, Mentasta, Anchorage/Eagle River.
- Community Wildfire Protection Plan development for the communities of Gulkana, Gakona and Chistochina.
- Developed print media and public service announcements and outreach material for Firewise and Wildland Fire Prevention efforts on a statewide level.
- Passed through grants to rural fire departments for training, equipment, supplies and prevention materials.
- Continued to improve the Computer-Aided Design Dispatching systems used for the dispatching of forces to wildland fires.
- Training and recurrence training provided to local government, local emergency firefighters and rural village crews; approximately 700 trained annually.
- Continued to develop Stewardship Plans with native corporations and private landowners.

Line Item	Amount
1000 – Personal Services	\$400,000
2000 – Travel	\$55,000
3000 – Services	\$595,000
4000 – Commodities	\$50,000
5000 – Capital Outlay	
7000 – Grants	\$300,000
Total	\$1,400,000

Positions:

Stewardship:

10-9191, Forester II, Palmer, PFT 10-9814, Forester II,
Homer, PFT
10-9425, Forester II, Fairbanks, PFT Urban and

Community:

10-9742, Natural Resource Manager I, Anchorage, PFT 10-0085, Forester II,
Anchorage, PFT

Forest Health:

10-9473, Forester III, Anchorage, PFT Fire Operations:
10-0395, Forester IV, Fort Wainwright, PFT Strategic Planner:
10-9628, Forester IV, Fairbanks, PFT Fire Staff Officer:
10-9195, Forester III, Anchorage, PFT Fire Program:
10-9802, Safety Officer, Palmer, PFT
10-9823, Information Officer III, Fort Wainwright, Seasonal FT Air Attack:
10-9762, Wildland Forestry Tech III, Palmer, Seasonal FT
10-9455, Wildland Forestry Tech III, Fort Wainwright, Seasonal FT

Commo Tech:

10-9767, Wildland Fire/Resource Tech III, Fairbanks, Seasonal FT

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.