

State Park Electronic Fee Stations

FY2021 Request: \$220,000
Reference No: 61854

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) **Contact:** Raquel Solomon-Gross
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2020 - 06/30/2025 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-2422

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 revenue, decreasing loss from vandalism, and increasing administrative efficiency.

| Funding: | <u>FY2021</u> | <u>FY2022</u> | <u>FY2023</u> | <u>FY2024</u> | <u>FY2025</u> | <u>FY2026</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1005 GF/Prgm | \$220,000 | | | | | | \$220,000 |
| Total: | \$220,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$220,000 |

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|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| <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"/> Ongoing |
| 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 P8 L20 SB142 \$310,000

Project Description/Justification:

The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation will purchase and install twenty electronic fee stations with this funding. These fee stations will be at the 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 14 electronic fee payment machines in high traffic facilities like Glen Alps trailhead in Chugach State Park and Chena River State Recreation Site in Fairbanks.

Increased revenue: The use of this system can increase fee generation at a facility by as much as 30% and, based on the locations under consideration, could generate upwards of \$100,000 in additional yearly program revenue.

Losses from vandalism: Recent years have seen increased vandalism of the cash-based "iron ranger" collection systems. These cash-based pay stations are a target for vandals, and costs associated with stolen cash along with repair and redesign costs for these pay stations are a burden to Division Field Operations.

Administrative liability and gained efficiency: The use of electronic fee stations will decrease the

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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.

What was accomplished with prior funding?

Fee stations installed with prior funding. (FY19 CIP)

- Chugach State Park: South Fork Trailhead, Thunderbird Falls Trailhead
- Independence Mine State Historical Park
- Willow Creek State Recreation Area
- Nancy Lake State Recreation Area, South Rolly Campground
- Kenai River Special Management Area, Pillars, Bing's Landing
- Crooked Creek State Recreation Area
- Chena River State Recreation Area- Angel Rocks Trailhead

NOTE: More projects are being engineered for installation.

Position Detail

Full-time 10-5084, Maint Sub-Journeyman, Range 58, located in Eagle River

Full-time 10-5179, Maint Gen Journeyman, Range 54, located in Juneau

Full-time 10-5265, Maint Gen Journeyman II, Range 56, located in Soldotna

Full-time 10-5032, Engineer Asst I/II, Range 17/19, located in Anchorage

Line Item Detail

| Line Item | Amount |
|------------------------|------------------|
| 1000 Personal Services | \$ 40,000 |
| 2000 Travel | \$ 15,000 |
| 3000 Services | |
| 4000 Commodities | |
| 5000 Capital Outlay | \$165,000 |
| 7000 Grants | |
| Total Request | \$220,000 |