

**Community Block Grants**

**FY2022 Request: \$6,060,000**

**Reference No: 38946**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation

**Category:** Development

**Location:** Statewide

**Impact House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)

**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2021 - 06/30/2027

**Project Type:** Life / Health / Safety

**Recipient:** Various

**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)

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**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Community Block Grants encompass multiple federally funded programs, enabling the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development (DCCED) to provide grants to communities and non-profits that provide services and/or benefits for low to moderate income individuals.

| <b>Funding:</b> | <b>FY2022</b>      | <b>FY2023</b>      | <b>FY2024</b>      | <b>FY2025</b>      | <b>FY2026</b>      | <b>FY2027</b> | <b>Total</b>        |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 1002 Fed Rcpts  | \$6,000,000        | \$6,000,000        | \$6,000,000        | \$6,000,000        | \$6,000,000        |               | \$30,000,000        |
| 1003 G/F Match  | \$60,000           | \$60,000           | \$60,000           | \$60,000           | \$60,000           |               | \$300,000           |
| <b>Total:</b>   | <b>\$6,060,000</b> | <b>\$6,060,000</b> | <b>\$6,060,000</b> | <b>\$6,060,000</b> | <b>\$6,060,000</b> | <b>\$0</b>    | <b>\$30,300,000</b> |

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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"/> 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             |              |
| <b>Totals:</b>       | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>     |

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

- Sec5 Ch8 SLA2020 P64 L19 HB205 \$6,060,000
- Sec1 Ch1 SLA2019 P2 L10 SB2002 \$60,000
- Sec1 Ch3 SLA2019 P2 L26 SB19 \$6,000,000
- Sec1 Ch19 SLA2018 P2 L16 SB142 \$6,060,000
- Sec1 Ch1 SLA2017 P2 L31 SB23 \$6,060,000
- Sec1 Ch2 SLA2016 P2 L22 SB138 \$6,060,000
- Sec1 Ch38 SLA2015 P2 L16 SB26 \$6,060,000
- Sec1 Ch18 SLA2014 P3 L26 SB119 \$6,060,000
- Sec1 Ch16 SLA2013 P4 L5 SB18 \$6,060,000

**Project Description/Justification:**

**Community Services Block Grants:**

This program provides funding to reduce and/or prevent poverty through community based educational activities which lead to a greater degree of self-sufficiency.

As authorized by federal Public Law 97-35, the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has designated 950 Community Action Agencies (CAAs) throughout the United States - all of whom may then receive federal funding that passes-through the appropriate state agency. Within

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Alaska, HHS has designated only one CAA, the non-profit corporation Rural Alaska Community Action Program (RurAL CAP).

RurAL CAP's mission is to protect the heritage of, while also improving the quality of life for low income rural Alaskans. This is accomplished through educational programs such as alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs, fetal alcohol syndrome prevention programs, and child development programs as well as adult training, affordable housing programs, advocacy for low-income individuals, and instruction on how to advocate for themselves.

This program has been in existence since 1965. HHS provides 100 percent of the funding. For FY2022, \$3 million in federal funding is anticipated.

**Community Development Block Grants:**

This program provides grants, not to exceed \$850,000, to municipalities for planning activities, infrastructure projects, and economic development that benefits low to moderate-income individuals.

This program has been in existence since 1983. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides funding, which ranges from \$3 to \$3.5 million annually with a state match of two percent. For FY2022, DCCED anticipates \$3 million in federal funding with a state match of \$60,000.

**Summary of Anticipated Federal and GF Match Funding by Federal Agency:**

| <b>Federal Agency</b> | <b>Federal</b>     | <b>General Fund Match</b> | <b>Total</b>       |
|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| HHS                   | \$3,000,000        | \$0                       | \$3,000,000        |
| HUD                   | \$3,000,000        | \$60,000                  | \$3,060,000        |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>\$6,000,000</b> | <b>\$60,000</b>           | <b>\$6,060,000</b> |