

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Water / Sewer / Solid Waste
Category: Health/Human Services **Recipient:** Various
Location: Statewide **House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)
Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40) **Contact:** Randy Bates
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2020 - 06/30/2025 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-5307

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The Congressional delegation was successful in securing an additional \$11 million in federal appropriations for Alaska's Village Safe Water program in FY2021, which requires additional State match of \$3.65 million. The Department has sufficient existing federal authority. The Village Safe Water program provides financial and technical assistance to rural communities to plan, design, and construct water and sewer system improvements. Sixty percent of the funding provides first-time service to communities while forty percent is used for expansion, upgrade, and replacement of existing service.

Funding:	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Total
1003 G/F Match							\$0
1139 AHFC Div	\$3,650,000						\$3,650,000
Total:	\$3,650,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,650,000

<input checked="" 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
25% = 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:

- Sec5 Ch8 SLA2020 P65 L5 HB205 \$64,830,000
- Sec1 Ch1 SLA2019 P4 L14 SB2002 \$12,080,000
- Sec1 Ch3 SLA2019 P3 L23 SB19 \$52,750,000
- Sec1 Ch19 SLA2018 P5 L7 SB142 \$68,830,000
- Sec1 Ch1 SLA2017 P4 L48 SB23 \$64,830,000
- Sec1 Ch2 SLA2016 P4 L9 SB138 \$64,830,000
- Sec1 Ch38 SLA2015 P3 L32 SB26 \$51,500,000
- Sec1 Ch18 SLA2014 P51 L14 SB119 \$51,500,000
- Sec1 Ch16 SLA2013 P63 L15 SB18 \$51,500,000
- Sec1 Ch17 SLA2012 P113 L22 SB160 \$51,500,000

Project Description/Justification:

The Department of Environmental Conservation provides technical and financial support to Alaska's communities to design and construct drinking water and sanitation facilities. Communities apply each year to the State for grants for these projects. Applications are scored based primarily on the extent to which proposed projects address critical public health needs, as well as the communities' capacity to operate and maintain the facilities. High-ranking projects are placed on a multi-year priority list, which identifies projects to receive funding over the next several years. The majority of project awards made under this program are eligible for grant funds made available to the State through the federal government. A portion of the federal grant monies available requires the State to appropriate matching funds.

Each year communities propose more projects than the State has funding available. When projects are proposed, total costs are estimated based on the best information available but are subject to change. Balances in these projects may be shifted to augment other projects that were underestimated or applied to other approved projects on the waiting list based on a first-ready, first-served basis.

A portion of federal and State match funds may be used for the planning and development of alternative safe drinking water and sanitation technologies.