

Snowmobile Trail Development Program and Grants

FY2022 Request: \$250,000
Reference No: 33690

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)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2020 - 06/30/2025

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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

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Snowmobiling is one of Alaska’s fastest growing outdoor activities and a very important transportation resource for rural communities. There is a growing demand to develop and maintain trails and trailheads to provide for safe riding opportunities and transportation routes, and to educate riders about safe riding practices. Funds for this program are provided by snowmobile registration fees paid by Alaskans and are distributed in the form of grants for trail development and maintenance, trail marking and signing, and safety education.

Funding:	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	Total
1195 SnoMachReg	\$250,000						\$250,000
Total:	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000

<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"/> 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 L18 SB142 \$250,000
- Sec1 Ch1 SLA2017 P6 L22 SB23 \$250,000
- Sec8 Ch1 SLA2017 P91 L22 HB57 \$250,000
- Sec1 Ch38 SLA2015 P5 L30 SB26 \$250,000
- Sec1 Ch18 SLA2014 P58 L30 SB119 \$226,800
- Sec1 Ch16 SLA2013 P72 L24 SB18 \$250,000

Project Description/Justification:

This project provides grants for a highly popular and successful program for non-profit organizations, businesses, agencies, and local governments to groom snowmobile trails, development, maintenance of trails and trail-related facilities, and provide for snowmobile safety and education programs statewide.

Funds for this program are derived from snowmobile registration receipts paid by Alaskans annually. The Department of Administration, Division of Motor Vehicles collects receipts from snow machine registrations (\$200,000 to \$250,000 annually) and transfers these funds to the Division of Parks and

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Outdoor Recreation (DPOR). While there is no statutory mandate requiring these funds be used for this purpose, it is an excellent example of user pay/user benefit.

What was accomplished?

In FY2018, DPOR awarded funds to the following 16 organizations for snowmobile trail grooming grants:

Area/Organization	Amount	
Big Lake	Alpine General Services	\$4,969
Big Lake	Big Lake Trails	\$12,899
Caribou Hills - North	Cabin Hoppers	\$21,341
Denali Highway	Denali Highway Trail Club	\$9,608
Denali Highway	Denali Snowcat Service	\$18,585
Hatcher Pass	Hatcher Pass Contract	\$15,981
Juneau	Trail Mix Inc.	\$3,975
Lake Louise	Lake Louise Snowmachine Club	\$12,919
Lower Su / Lower Yentna	Dave Luce/ Luce's Lodge	\$7,445
Mid Su Valley	Mid Valley Trail Club	\$6,809
Montana Creek	Motor Mushers	\$3,727
Chena River SRA	DPOR Northern Region Contract	\$5,960
Petersville	AK Snowcat	\$33,345
Caribou Hills - South	Snomads	\$16,212
Willow	Willow Trail Committee	\$14,659
Upper Yentna/ Lower Su	Yentna River Services - Phillips	\$4,534
Grand total allocated		\$192,968

Line Item	Amount
1000-Personal Services	\$25,500
2000 – Travel	
3000 - Services	\$25,000
4000 - Commodities	\$150
7000 - Grants	\$199,350
Total Request	\$250,000

Project will partially fund existing positions:

(10-5021) Natural Resource Specialist III, Full-time, Anchorage

(10-5215) Grant Administrator II, Full-time, Anchorage

(10-5004) Accounting Technician II, Full-time, Anchorage