

Advance Surveys for all State Lands Including Agriculture and Mariculture **FY2022 Request: \$3,500,000**
Reference No: 63476

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Life / Health / Safety
Category: Development
Location: Statewide **House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)
Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40) **Contact:** Cheri Lowenstein
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2021 - 06/30/2026 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-2422

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Alaska has all the qualities of an ideal environment for agricultural and mariculture development, however access is one of the largest hurdles to the full development of land in Alaska. Building roads and bringing in utilities to quality state lands will stimulate growth and help make large-scale farming successful, which will in turn grow Alaska’s economy. This initial investment will provide the structure for continued, sustainable agriculture and mariculture that will create new jobs and opportunities for businesses and entrepreneurs, a sustainable way of life for farming families, and address food security in Alaska.

Funding:	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>Total</u>
1002 Fed Rcpts							\$0
1004 Gen Fund							\$0
1243 SBR	\$3,500,000						\$3,500,000
Total:	\$3,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,500,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input 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:

Project Description/Justification:

Thriving agriculture and mariculture industries would increase food security and create economic development throughout Alaska. However, the infrastructure for these industries is underdeveloped. To create large-scale, sustainable farming in Alaska, a reserve of land for agricultural use must be developed over an appropriate timeline. Sustainable farming in Alaska also requires infrastructure to ship agriculture products to markets, places to repair farm equipment, a trained workforce, and a demand for grown in Alaska products. This proposal invests in sustainable agriculture and mariculture so that Alaska can realize the prosperity of food security and economic development.

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This initial investment will provide the structure for continued, sustainable agriculture and mariculture that will create new jobs and opportunities for businesses and entrepreneurs, a sustainable way of life for farming families, and address food security in Alaska. These funds will:

- Construct 6.5 miles of new road and utilities to quality agriculture land.
- Streamline and reimagine mariculture permitting and developing.
- Implement a training program for Alaska agriculture and mariculture farming best practices to train new farmers and workers.
- Leverage funds to create public/private partnerships for building farming infrastructure.