

**Agriculture Specialty Crop Block Grant**

**FY2022 Request: \$4,500,000**

**Reference No: 63141**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation

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

**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:** 07/01/2021 - 06/30/2026

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**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Agriculture, requests federal grant receipt authority for the Specialty Crop Block Grant, Technical Specialty Crop Block Program, Food Security Micro-Grant, and other federal programs awarded to and managed by the division.

<b>Funding:</b>	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>Total</u>
1002 Fed Rcpts	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000		\$22,500,000
<b>Total:</b>	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$0	\$22,500,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input 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:**

**Project Description/Justification:**

The Division of Agriculture (DoAg) administers the university research program for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The research leads to the effective management of specialty crops by defining proper inputs, developing strategies to deal with pests, and other problems. It also increases market opportunities and gains better product quality, and in return, helps with market development and cooperative industry coordination.

This federal receipt authority will be used for the Specialty Crop Block Grant, Technical Specialty Crop Block Program, Food Security Micro-Grant, and other federal program funds awarded to and managed by the Division of Agriculture.

The mission of the division is to promote and encourage the development of an agriculture industry in the State. DoAg serves Alaska producers all over the State with programs operated out of the division's Plant Materials Center to service research, maintain foundation class seed, seed cleaning for producers, and houses the inspection staff for DoAg. Other organizational services include marketing, revolving loan fund, land sales/leasing, and grant programs.