

Alaska Federation of Natives - Infrastructure Navigator Program

FY2023 Request: \$0
Reference No: 64209

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Development
Location: Statewide
Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2021 - 06/30/2026

Project Type: Research / Studies / Planning
Recipient: Alaska Federation of Natives
House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)
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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Appropriation supports strengthening the successful Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Navigator Program. The program was originally established in June 2021 through a \$2.5 mill CARES Act grant to develop education, advocacy, and communication strategies to help mitigate the spread of the virus within the Native community, and to help Alaska Native entities secure all available federal COVID resources.

Funding:	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	Total
1004 Gen Fund	\$2,500,000						\$2,500,000
Total:	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,500,000

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

This appropriation will support expanding the AFN Navigator Program to help with the coordination and implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Alaska Native and Tribal organizations are eligible for most of the programs and competitive grant opportunities authorized in the IIJA. There are also programs and funding set-asides that are exclusively reserved for Native and Tribal entities. The Navigator Program will help ensure Alaska maximizes all IIJA programs and opportunities available to federally recognized Alaska Native tribes, for profit village and regional Native corporations, and Tribal organizations. AFN will assist with general education about IIJA, opportunity identification and assessment, capacity building, determining program eligibilities and permitted uses, application development, technical assistance, grant accounting, and financial compliance. The program also helps facilitate coordination and collaboration between state, local government, and Native and Tribal entities who may be perusing complimentary projects or grants – like transportation, sanitation, and broadband.