

Construction of a Certified Veterans Cemetery in Fairbanks area **FY2023 Request: \$0**
Reference No: 63932

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Construction
Category: To be determined
Location: Fairbanks North Star Borough **House District:** Fairbanks Areawide (HD 1-5)
 (Richardson/Glenn)
Impact House District: Fairbanks Areawide (HD 1-5) **Contact:** Craig Christenson
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2021 - 06/30/2026 **Contact Phone:** (907)428-6003

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The State of Alaska, with funds obtained from the state and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, will build a certified veterans cemetery in the Fairbanks area. Construction will start in FY2023 if the federal grant is approved for that year, otherwise construction will begin in FY2024.

Funding:	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	Total
1002 Fed Rcpts	\$1,000,000						\$1,000,000
1004 Gen Fund	\$2,270,000						\$2,270,000
Total:	\$3,270,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,270,000

<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:

SFCS1 moved to FY23
<http://www.legfin.state.ak.us/BudgetReports/LY2022/Capital/SenateFinanceCS1/CapitalProjectDetailByAgency.pdf>
 SCS2 moved back to FY22
<http://www.legfin.state.ak.us/BudgetReports/LY2022/Capital/SenateFinanceCS2/CapitalProjectDetailByAgency.pdf>

Project Description/Justification:

This request is to amend the original appropriation to allow for the receipt of additional funding from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for the Interior Alaska Veterans Cemetery project. This request includes general funds needed to match federal funds received from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

This project provides for the planning, design, and construction of a dedicated State Veterans Cemetery in Fairbanks to serve the burial needs of veterans in the interior of Alaska. Currently veterans in this region must travel to Anchorage or Sitka, 350 and 750 miles respectively, to reach the

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nearest veterans' cemetery with available grave space.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has analyzed cemetery projects nationwide and determined that project costs have risen from initial funding estimates and is providing additional funding to meet these costs.

This project supports the Department's priority to support veterans and military families.