

Municipality of Anchorage - Hillside Fire Prevention/Mitigation

FY2024 Request: \$200,000
Reference No: AMD 65095

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Transportation
Location: Anchorage Areawide

Project Type: Life / Health / Safety
Recipient: Municipality of Anchorage
House District: Anchorage Areawide (HD 9 - 24)

Impact House District: Anchorage Areawide (HD 9 - 24)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2023 - 06/30/2028

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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Senate Special Session Add for the House.

Windstorm cleanup, spruce bark beetle response, invasive species along greenbelts, various issues impacting forest health on parkland.

Funding:	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	Total
1004 Gen Fund	\$200,000						\$200,000
Total:	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000

<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 checked="" 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:

A reappropriation of \$73,937 was received in FY23 (sec. 49, ch. 11, SLA 2022, page 159, lines 21-27) for improvements to forest health and park safety.

P&R crews and CARES Act funded contractors completed thousands of hours of work in 2020 to remove beetle-kill spruce along trail corridors and adjacent to develop facilities such as playgrounds and picnic shelters. At-risk areas have been identified by the University of Alaska.

Funds will be used to address various issues impacting forest health on parkland. This includes the mitigation of spruce bark beetle kill, the removal of hazard trees from the 2012 windstorm, and the management of invasive species.

Clean up efforts are still needed for areas of forest impacted by the 2012 windstorm event. Additionally, the recent infestation of spruce bark beetle in southcentral Alaska will result in significant loss of spruce trees and will require mitigation to reduce fire danger and ensure public health and

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safety. Also, invasive species along greenbelts are impacting native vegetation and riparian/stream health.

Refer to "Egress Issues Polygon" on UAA's Wildfire & Egress App:

<https://uaa-geomatics.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/interactivelegend/index.html?appid=1cf783e0c7d14205978267e93c964d6a>

Project will begin the summer upon receipt of funds.