

**EVOS Chugach Regional Ocean Monitoring Program**

**FY2024 Request: \$0**  
**Reference No: 64743**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation **Project Type:** Research / Studies / Planning  
**Category:** General Government  
**Location:** Statewide **House District:** Statewide (HD 1 - 40)  
**Impact House District:** Statewide (HD 1 - 40) **Contact:** Melissa Hill  
**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2022 - 06/30/2027 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-4208

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Chugach Regional Ocean Monitoring Program is a 10-year tribally led initiative to monitor baseline oceanic conditions and phytoplankton dynamics for safe shellfish harvest in the spill-affected areas of Prince William Sound and Lower Cook Inlet, Alaska.

<b>Funding:</b>	<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>Total</u>
1018 EVOSS	\$5,766,271						\$5,766,271
<b>Total:</b>	\$5,766,271	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,766,271

<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
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

**Project Description/Justification:**

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council (EVOS-TC) was formed to oversee restoration of the injured ecosystem using the \$900 million civil settlement.

This project will expand and improve Chugach Regional Resources Commission (CRRC)/Alutiiq Pride Marine Institute’s (APMI) existing Chugach Regional Ocean Monitoring program to include more comprehensive and quantitative methods of monitoring for harmful phytoplankton species, shellfish toxins, and total seawater chemistry through a long-term monitoring effort. Final data will be utilized to provide 1) weekly reports of these findings to both Tribal members and the general public to inform safe harvest opportunities, and 2) baseline phytoplankton abundance, shellfish biotoxin, and seawater chemistry profiles across the costal Gulf of Alaska region to understand precipitating factors for HAB (harmful algal bloom) events. The overall goal of this project is to build regional Tribal capacity through CRRC/APMI to monitor and study harmful algae and biotoxins in native shellfish in order to support safe and sustainable harvest opportunities for both local communities and the shellfish industry in southcentral Alaska.

This is for a 10-year project started in FY22 with a total funding amount of \$5,766,271 which includes a 9% general administrative amount for the managing state agency.

<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1000 - Personal Services	\$3,850,546
2000 – Travel	\$266,560
3000 - Services	\$139,850
4000 - Commodities	\$181,050
5000 - Capital Outlay	\$190,000
7000 - Grants	
Indirect Cost	\$662,151
General Administration	\$476,114
<b>Total Request</b>	<b>\$5,766,271</b>

**Project will fund existing positions:**

Actual execution of the project will be contracted to outside entities.