

**Critical Safety Maintenance to Firefighting Aircraft**

**FY2025 Request: \$320,000**  
**Reference No: 65245**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation

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

**Category:** Public Protection

**Location:** Statewide

**House District:** Statewide (HD 1 - 40)

**Impact House District:** Statewide (HD 1 - 40)

**Contact:** Theresa Cross

**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2024 - 07/01/2029

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**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The Division of Forestry & Fire Protection (DOF) owns and maintains four firefighting aircraft which are used to support the mission of protecting 150 million acres of state, private and municipal lands from the destructive effects of wildland fires. The division requests one-time funding to provide critical preventative maintenance and conduct corrosion and airframe worthiness inspections.

<b>Funding:</b>	<b>FY2025</b>	<b>FY2026</b>	<b>FY2027</b>	<b>FY2028</b>	<b>FY2029</b>	<b>FY2030</b>	<b>Total</b>
1004 Gen Fund	\$320,000						\$320,000
<b>Total:</b>	\$320,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$320,000

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

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

**Project Description/Justification:**

The four DOF-owned aircraft have not had corrosion inspections in over 22 years, which is well outside the industry standard. The maintenance process will strip existing paint, treat corrosion, and repair any revealed damage. New primer and paint will be applied, which will reduce aircraft weight and enhance capabilities. These aircraft work in challenging, low altitude, high stress flying environments due to their function as lead planes for the firefighting air tankers and helicopters. Preventative maintenance and airframe inspections result in safer operations for pilots and crew.

This request will ensure that firefighting aircraft are available and in a safe state of readiness whenever they are needed to protect the lives and property of Alaskans.

**Line-Item Breakdown:**

<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1000 – Personal Services	
2000 – Travel	
3000 – Services	\$320,000
4000 – Commodities	

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5000 – Capital Outlay	
7000 – Grants	
<b>Total Request</b>	<b>\$320,000</b>