

Winter Trail Grooming Grants

FY2025 Request: \$185,000
Reference No: 65104

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Parks / Recreation

Category: Transportation

Location: Statewide

House District: Statewide (HD 1 - 40)

Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1 - 40)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2024 - 06/30/2029

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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Provide assistance to local winter trail grooming organizations to maintain a well-groomed trail system for utility and recreational uses by snow machiners, skiers, dog mushers, and other winter trail users. Funds for this program are provided by snow machine registration fees paid by Alaskans and are distributed in the form of grants for trail development and maintenance, trail marking and signing, and safety education. These funds may be combined with federal surface transportation block grants set aside in 23 USC 133(k) to further enhance winter trail grooming activities throughout the state.

Funding:	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>Total</u>
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Total:	\$185,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$185,000

<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 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:

- Sec14 Ch1 SLA2023 P93 L25 HB39 \$250,000
- Sec1 Ch19 SLA2018 P8 L18 SB142 \$250,000
- Sec1 Ch1 SLA2017 P6 L22 SB23 \$250,000
- Sec8 Ch1 SLA2017 P91 L22 HB57 \$250,000
- Sec1 Ch38 SLA2015 P5 L30 SB26 \$250,000
- Sec1 Ch18 SLA2014 P58 L30 SB119 \$226,800
- Sec1 Ch16 SLA2013 P72 L24 SB18 \$250,000

Project Description/Justification:

Access to the outdoors is critical to the health and well-being of Alaskan residents. Supporting Alaska's wintertime trail network enhances economic vitality and provides Alaskans with recreational opportunities during the winter months. Many of Alaska's recreational opportunities are located off the contiguous road network, and the winter trail system serves as a second road network for residents.

Funds for this program are derived from snow machine registration receipts. The Department of Administration, Division of Motor Vehicles collects receipts from snow machine registrations

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(\$120,000 to \$185,000 annually) and transfers these funds to the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.