Community Block Grants | **FY2027 Request: $6,315,000** | **Reference No: 38946**

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Development
Location: Statewide
Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1 - 40)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2026 - 06/30/2031

Project Type: Life / Health / Safety
Recipient: NA
House District: Statewide (HD 1 - 40)
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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:
Community Block Grants encompass multiple federally funded programs, enabling the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED) to provide grants to communities and non-profits that provide services and/or benefits for low to moderate income individuals.

Funding:	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031	FY2032	Total
1002 Fed Rcpts	$6,250,000						$6,250,000
1003 GF/Match	$65,000						$65,000
Total:	$6,315,000	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$6,315,000

☐ State Match Required ☐ One-Time Project ☐ Phased - new ☐ Phased - underway ☑ Ongoing
0% = Minimum State Match % Required ☐ Amendment ☐ Mental Health Bill

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	Amount	Staff
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:
Sec1 Ch12 SLA2025 P3 L7 SB57 $6,315,000
Sec1 Ch8 SLA2024 P3 L29 SB187 $6,315,000
Sec14 Ch1 SLA2023 P82 L25 HB39 $6,315,000
Sec11 Ch11 SLA2022 P86 L10 HB281 $6,315,000
Sec8 Ch1 SLA2021 P70 L10 HB69 $6,060,000
Sec5 Ch8 SLA2020 P64 L19 HB205 $6,060,000
Sec1 Ch1 SLA2019 P2 L10 SB2002 $60,000
Sec1 Ch3 SLA2019 P2 L26 SB19 $6,000,000
Sec1 Ch19 SLA2018 P2 L16 SB142 $6,060,000
Sec1 Ch1 SLA2017 P2 L31 SB23 $6,060,000
Sec1 Ch2 SLA2016 P2 L22 SB138 $6,060,000
Sec1 Ch38 SLA2015 P2 L16 SB26 $6,060,000
Sec1 Ch18 SLA2014 P3 L26 SB119 $6,060,000
Sec1 Ch16 SLA2013 P4 L5 SB18 $6,060,000

Project Description/Justification:
Community Services Block Grants:

This program provides funding to reduce and/or prevent poverty through community based educational activities, which lead to a greater degree of self-sufficiency.

As authorized by federal Public Law 97-35, the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has designated 950 Community Action Agencies (CAAs) throughout the United States - all of whom may then receive federal funding that passes-through the appropriate state agency. Within Alaska, HHS has designated, the non-profit corporation Rural Alaska Community Action Program (RurAL CAP) as the CAA.

The RurAL CAP's mission is to protect the heritage of, while also improving the quality of life for low-income rural Alaskans. This is accomplished through educational programs such as alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs, fetal alcohol syndrome prevention programs, and child development programs, as well as adult training, affordable housing programs, advocacy for low-income individuals, and instruction on how to advocate for themselves.

This program has been in existence since 1965. The HHS provides 100 percent of the funding. For fiscal year (FY) 2027, $3 million in federal funding is anticipated.

Community Development Block Grants:
This program provides grants, not to exceed $850,000 each, to municipalities for planning activities, infrastructure projects, and economic development that benefit low to moderate-income individuals.

This program has been in existence since 1983. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides funding, which ranges from $3 to $3.5 million annually with a State match of two percent. For FY2027, the DCCED anticipates $3.25 million in federal funding with a State match of $65,000.

Summary of Anticipated Federal and General Fund Match Funding by Federal Agency:

Federal Agency	Federal	General Fund Match	Total
HHS	$3,000,000	$0	$3,000,000
HUD	$3,250,000	$65,000	$3,315,000
Total	**$6,250,000**	**$65,000**	**$6,315,000**