

**AP/AL:** Appropriation

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

**Category:** Natural Resources

**Location:** Statewide

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

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

**Contact:** Shannon Miller

**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026

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**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This request is for authority for the division to accept sub-awarded federal funds from an Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) grant funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), which strives to significantly expand direct technical assistance to Alaska Native communities. Coastal and riverine Alaska Native communities are increasingly at risk from Alaska’s dynamic coastline and extreme weather events. This grant assists 100 of 144 threatened communities with the development of data and tools to better prepare for risk from flooding, erosion, and permafrost thaw.

Funding:	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031	Total
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<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,000,000</b>

<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 activities include the collection of high-resolution elevation data and historical flooding, erosion, and geologic information, as well as installation of flood and erosion monitoring equipment in collaboration with communities. Models will be developed to predict future floods and landscape changes and presented to communities in targeted outreach and training.

**Project Description/Justification:**

There is no prior funding history for the proposed project.

This \$75 million federal grant to the ANTHC was awarded in July 2024, and its five-year period of performance began in mid-2025. The success of the entire project depends upon the products generated by the division.

The project’s purpose is to fill gaps in the understanding of coastal and riverine hazards in Alaska, involve communities in data collection and ownership, and provide communities with risk assessments that can aid state and local governments and tribes in making informed decisions about property use, infrastructure protection, and personal safety.

The coast of Alaska is populated with over 100 rural communities, navigated by national and international mariners, and utilized for subsistence, sport, and commercial fishing. Many of these Alaska Native communities lack appropriate documentation of their exposure to ever-increasing geologic hazards. This lack of documentation leads to a lack of resources to help mitigate the effects of coastal hazards such as flooding and erosion. A better understanding of risk associated with coastal hazards from assessment reports generated through this project will reduce costs to people, businesses, and the State by helping mitigate associated risks.

The success of the \$75 million federal grant to the ANTHC will be jeopardized. One hundred coastal communities may not receive assessments of risk associated with coastal hazards or assistance using the information, leading to poorly informed decisions that will threaten lives and increase costs and hardship from lost and damaged property and infrastructure.

Line-Item Breakdown:

<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1000 – Personal Services	\$3,352,400
2000 – Travel	\$187,500
3000 – Services	\$1,823,200
4000 – Commodities	\$636,900
5000 – Capital Outlay	\$0
7000 – Grants	\$0
<b>Total Request</b>	<b>\$6,000,000</b>

Position Detail:

Existing positions working part time on project:

- XE, Large Project Coordinator, PCN 103504, R22, Anchorage
- PFT, Geologist 4, PCN 101875, R21, Anchorage
- PFT, GIS Analyst 3, PCN 102238, R19, Fairbanks
- PFT, Geologist 3, PCN 102232, R19, Fairbanks
- PFTS, Geologist 3, PCN 102243, R19, Anchorage
- PFTS, Geologist 2, PCN 102256, R17, Fairbanks
- LTNP, Geologist 2, PCN, 10N23029, R17, Fairbanks
- LTNP, GIS Analyst 2, PCN 10N21063, R17, Anchorage
- LTNP, Geologist 1, PCN 10N21001, R15, Anchorage