

Parks and Outdoor Recreation Statewide Emergency Repairs

FY2013 Request: \$300,000
Reference No: 51786

AP/AL: Allocation **Project Type:** Deferred Maintenance
Category: Natural Resources
Location: Statewide **House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)
Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40) **Contact:** Jean Davis
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2012 - 06/30/2017 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-2422
Appropriation: Deferred Maintenance, Renewal, Repair and Equipment

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This funding is used to fix unexpected damage in state parks caused by winter snows, floods, vandalism, systems failures or wear from use. It is essential in keeping parks open, safe, clean and well maintained. Project repairs can include buildings, walkways, roads, boat launches, latrines, drinking water and waste systems, trails, shelters, campgrounds, aircraft repairs and bridges.

Funding:	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	Total
Gen Fund	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$1,800,000
Total:	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$1,800,000

<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"/> On-Going
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	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Project Description/Justification:

The asset value of State Park facilities is over \$100 million. Alaska Statute 41.21.020 requires the Department of Natural Resources to maintain state parks and recreation areas for the general health, welfare, education, and enjoyment of Alaskans and visitors to the state. While Parks is able to do minor repairs and painting to maintain these facilities, larger repairs require funding through the capital process. This year's request for \$300,000 will fund the most critical park emergency repairs needed as the result of weather events, systems and equipment failures, vandalism and heavy use. Parks contracts with private sector contractors for this work wherever possible, and some repairs to cabins, volunteer housing and picnic shelters is done with volunteer labor.

Alaska's State Parks are a source of pride for Alaskans and provide for road accessible fishing, camping, hiking, skiing, snowmobiling, hunting, wildlife viewing, cultural and historic site visitation, and other outdoor recreational pursuits. Alaskans and our visitors participate in outdoor activities at a much higher level than the national average with 5.4 million annual visits to State Parks. Because most State Park facilities are on the road system and easily accessible they receive over three times the visitation of the National Park system, with nearly 80% of the visitation coming from Alaskan residents.

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Projects Funded in FY 2011		
Project Title	Award Amount	Percent Complete
Buskin Road Safety Repair	\$10,000	100
Ram Site Road Repair	\$10,000	100
Chena Septic Repair	\$20,000	100
Northern Area Bank Stabilization	\$10,000	50
Harding Lake Road Repairs	\$10,000	90
Wickersham SHS Repairs	\$38,000	100
Gruening Deck Replacement	\$5,000	60
Aleknagik Ramp Repair	\$13,000	100
Ketchikan Tree Removal	\$3,000	100
Vet Memorial Generator Shed Repair	\$12,000	100
Interpretive Panel Replacement	\$20,000	100
Ninilchik Ranger Station Repair	\$2,500	100
Kenai Area PUC Repairs	\$22,500	100
Eagle River Water	\$29,000	100
Bike Path Paving	\$20,000	0
Kenai Boat	\$3,000	100
Northern Area Maintenance	\$70,000	100
Wood Tik-Chik SP	\$46,000	50
Lake Gertude Trail	\$25,000	20
Ram Site Renovation	\$20,000	25
Blueberry Lake	\$19,500	100
Worthington Glacier	\$24,500	75
Gruening Heat	\$8,000	100
Oliver Tram Repairs	\$15,000	60
Lost Lake Campsite	\$15,000	90
Quartz Lake Roof	\$10,000	70
Blueberry Lake	\$10,500	100
Worthington Glacier	\$6,500	20
TOTAL	\$452,000	

Why is this Project Needed Now?:

Addressing park emergency repairs is essential to keeping parks open, clean, safe, and in good repair. As park facilities get older they are more prone to unexpected damage from wind, snow, floods, vandalism and systems failures, and they require higher levels of maintenance and repair. This project ensures funds are available to address repairs to those facilities that pose the largest threat to the public.

Whether park users are from Alaska or Outside, local communities benefit greatly from the economic impact of park visitors buying groceries, gas, fishing tackle, souvenirs, restaurant meals, showers, guidebooks, fishing guides, and sightseeing tours. To continue attracting these visitors, facilities must be repaired and maintained and meet basic health and safety requirements.

Specific Spending Detail:

LINE ITEM	DOLLAR AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION (text)
Personal Services	\$47.0	State Park staff performing emergency repairs, design, and construction administration.
Travel	\$3.0	Staff travel to project sites requiring repairs. .
Services	\$250.0	Construction contracting for repairs.

State Match Required:

☒ **NO**
☐ **YES**

Project Support:

State Park visitors, Alaska Travel Industry Alliance, Alaska Wilderness Recreation Tourism Association, State Park Advisory Boards, local Chambers of The asset value of State Park facilities is over \$100 million. Alaska Statute 41.21.020 requires the Department of Natural Resources to maintain state parks and recreation areas for the general health, welfare, education, and enjoyment of Alaskans and visitors to the state. While Parks is able to do minor repairs and painting to maintain these facilities, larger repairs require funding through the capital process. This year's request for \$300,000 will fund the most critical park emergency repairs needed as the result of weather events, systems and equipment failures, vandalism and heavy use. Parks contracts with private sector contractors for this work wherever possible, and some repairs to cabins, volunteer housing and picnic shelters is done with volunteer labor.

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Project Opposition:
None