

**Snowmobile Trail Development and Program Grants****FY2004 Request:****\$200,000****Reference No:****33690****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Health and Safety**Category:** Transportation**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Nico Bus**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-2406**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2002 - 06/30/2006**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Funds for this program are provided by snowmobile registration fees paid by Alaskans, and are needed to develop and maintain trails and trailheads to provide for safe riding opportunities and to educate riders about safety concerns. Funds are distributed in the form of matching grants for trail and trailhead development and maintenance, safety education, and trail identification. Grants are to organizations, businesses, agencies, local governments, and individuals.

<b>Funding:</b>	<b>FY2004</b>	<b>FY2005</b>	<b>FY2006</b>	<b>FY2007</b>	<b>FY2008</b>	<b>FY2009</b>	<b>Total</b>
Rcpt Svcs	\$200,000	\$225,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$275,000	\$275,000	\$1,475,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$225,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$275,000</b>	<b>\$275,000</b>	<b>\$1,475,000</b>

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

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

SSLA02/CH1 - \$200,000

SLA01/CH61 - \$200,000

SLA00/CH135 - \$188,800

SLA99/CH2 - \$120,000

**Project Description/Justification:**

These are funds paid by snowmobile registrations through the passage of the point-of-sale snowmobile registration bill (SLA98/CH134), to be used for snowmobile trail and trailhead development and safety education programs. Parks has provided these grants for four years. This request is for the program's fifth year. Grant decisions are made with the consultation of a Snowmobile Trails Advisory Committee (SnoTRAC), a citizen committee appointed by the Park Director, to assist in determining which grants to fund.

Snowmobile users benefit from the registration fees they pay on their snowmobiles by having marked and maintained snowmobile trails. This provides safety benefits to riders. Alaskans die in snowmobile accidents at twice the rate of any other state. This is in part due to the lack of signed and maintained trails. It also has the potential of reducing search and rescue costs by reducing the chances of snowmobilers getting lost. Trespass is also reduced if snowmobilers have marked and maintained trails to stay on. Because this is a matching grant program, grantees provide cash, labor and equipment to match at least 25 percent of state provided grant funds, effectively stretching state funds. Anchorage Economic Development Corporation estimates that snowmobile sales and activity in Alaska results in approximately \$54 million in annual private sector expenditures.

**Why is this Project Needed Now:**

State of Alaska Capital Project Summary

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Department of Natural Resources

Reference No: 33690

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This is an ongoing project to return snowmobile registration funds back to snowmobile programs. The State has established this grant program as an annual project and snowmobile groups and agencies around the state are relying upon these funds to do safety & education programs as well as improve and maintain trails for safe riding.

**Specific Spending Detail:**Line Item Expenditures:

Personal Services \$23,600  
Travel \$7,300  
Supplies \$600  
Grants \$193,500

Line Item Detail Description:

Personal Services – funds a part time position that acts as the grant administrator, supports the Snowmobile Trails Advisory Committee (SnowTRAC), and works with snowmobile groups and agencies around the state on a comprehensive snowmobile safety & education program.

Travel – funds the travel for four meetings of the SnowTRAC Board.

Supplies – Covers supplies needed for the SnowTRAC Board.

Grants – These are competitive grants provided annually to snowmobile clubs and agencies for trail development and maintenance and for rider safety & education training.

**Project Support:**

Alaska State Snowmobile Association; Alaska Snowmobile Representatives Alliance; Anchorage Economic Development Corporation; Anchorage Convention and Visitors Bureau; Alaska Travel Industry Alliance; local snowmobile organizations and dealers; Division of Motor Vehicles.

**Project Opposition:**

None known.