

Additional Village Public Safety Officers for Rural Bootlegging Prevention & Enforcement Activities

FY2005 Request: \$2,000,000
Reference No: AMD 39352

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Health and Safety

Category: Law and Justice

Location: Statewide

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2004 - 06/30/2009

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Federal funding to hire and equip additional Village Public Safety Officers to engage primarily in bootlegging prevention and enforcement activities.

Funding:	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$2,000,000						\$2,000,000
Total:	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input checked="" 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

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Project Description/Justification:

This project will use \$2 million in FFY 2004 federal funding included in the Interior Appropriations bill (PL 108-108) through the Indian Health Service to increase and equip the number of Village Public Safety Officers (VPSO's) in rural Alaskan villages to engage in bootlegging prevention and enforcement activities.

Rural Alaska continues to endure high rates of violent crimes such as homicides, sexual assaults, and serious domestic assaults. The majority of these crimes are directly connected to alcohol abuse. This grant will be used to hire, train, and equip additional VPSO's to focus primarily on illegal alcohol interdiction and to enforce other state laws. This will help to significantly reduce violent crime, accidental deaths, and suicide resulting from the easy availability of illegal alcohol through VPSO presence, education, and aggressive bootlegging investigations. The additional VPSO's will be located in rural areas of western Alaska such as the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, Bristol Bay, the Aleutian Islands, Seward Peninsula, and Kotzebue region.

The terms of the federal appropriation include a maintenance of effort provision requiring the State of Alaska use the funds to enhance or expand existing programs, or initiate new projects or programs, and prohibiting use of these funds to supplant existing programs.

The amount allowed for administrative costs, no more than ten percent of the grant award, will be determined when the grant is awarded.