

**City of Wasilla - Sexual Abuse Task Force Investigator**

**FY2007 Request:**

**\$75,000**

**Reference No:**

**41967**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation

**Project Type:** Health and Safety

**Category:** Health/Human Services

**Recipient:** City of Wasilla

**Location:** Wasilla

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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2006 - 06/30/2007

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This funding will permit the Wasilla Police Department to reassign an investigator to the Child Abuse Investigations Unit.

<b>Funding:</b>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$75,000						\$75,000
<b>Total:</b>	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$75,000

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

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

**Project Description/Justification:**

For a number of years, up through the end of FY2005, the Wasilla Police Department (WPD) and the Alaska State Troopers (AST) both assigned investigators to the Child Abuse Investigations Unit (CAIU) located in the Mat-Su area. The unit handled most of the most serious child abuse cases in the area, regardless of jurisdiction. The collaboration between WPD and AST's Alaska Bureau of Investigation has a track record of successful prosecutions of the most severe physical and sexual child abusers.

The WPD investigator was mostly paid from federal grant funds. When the funding ended, the investigator was reassigned to other duties with the WPD. This funding will permit the WPD to reassign that investigator to the Child Abuse Investigations Unit. \$75,000 is estimated to be about 75% of the cost of the investigator position; the Wasilla Police Department will fund the other 25%.