

**Emmonak Bunkhouse Replacement****FY2009 Request: \$550,000****Reference No: AMD 42979****AP/AL:** Allocation**Project Type:** Construction**Category:** Housing/Social Services**Location:** Emmonak**Contact:** Tom Lawson**House District:** Bering Straits (HD 39)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-5999**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2008 - 06/30/2011**Appropriation:** Statewide Facility Deferred Maintenance Projects**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project provides funding to contract for the design, construction, site preparations, transportation and installation of a modular bunkhouse/employee housing structure to be located on the department's existing compound in Emmonak. The compound is located at the mouth of the Yukon river and the location is critical for monitoring salmon for commercial fishing purposes. The office is opened seasonally from May through September and staffed with up to 20 Commercial Fisheries employees. This amendment changes the ASLC Bonds fund source to the Alaska Capital Income Fund since credit market concerns preclude the ASLC from returning capital to the state in FY09.

<b>Funding:</b>	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	Total
AK Cap Inc	\$550,000						\$550,000
<b>Total:</b>	\$550,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$550,000

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

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

No prior funding.

**Project Description/Justification:**

The construction and maintenance of a staff bunkhouse facility in Emmonak is essential to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the department's Lower Yukon management staff. The department has land available that is directly behind the office which can accommodate a new bunkhouse facility.

The existing leased bunkhouse/kitchen facilities are woefully inadequate for existing staff but the landlord does not have the ability or inclination to upgrade the facility.

Existing sleeping accommodations are located above the existing kitchen and dining/bathroom areas and emergency egress is also quite limited. During the busiest portion of the season the Emmonak office can be staffed with up to 20 people and the bunkhouse is routinely over-crowded. The current bunkhouse provides a single open sleeping loft and provides enough room for eight single beds only, which is insufficient for the large crew. The lack of privacy in the open loft area poses additional problems as many occupants find it difficult to acquire adequate sleep to work safely and efficiently throughout the season. The kitchen and dining space is also inadequate to provide for a large dining table and chairs suitable to seat a large crew and there is also insufficient cabinet/countertop/sink space in the kitchen area to provide meals suitable for a large crew. Additionally, the limited space in the kitchen area only allows for a single standard size refrigerator/freezer which can pose food storage/sanitation and health risks.

Further compounding problems: the bunkhouse only has one small bathroom with a single shower stall and a single toilet that is insufficient to accommodate the crew; and the existing small utility area is only large enough to support a single small capacity laundry/dryer which is also inadequate during the busiest portion of the year. In a location such as Emmonak the ability to do several loads of laundry at a time is imperative, especially when the field camp crew comes in from a remote location.

In the past the department has approached this overcrowding problem by securing rental properties from local vendors to provide housing for upper-level, full-time, and overflow seasonal lower-level staff. The process of finding and securing rental properties that will accommodate our timeframe of occupancy can be very difficult and expensive in the village of Emmonak, as the options are quite limited. The administrative process of securing a rental lease can take a significant amount of effort every year and not all of the housing needs are always met. The primary disadvantage of occupying the rental housing units is that they are inconveniently located away from the office, bunkhouse, and radio/telephone lines. Due to the nature of the work that is done out of the Emmonak office, there is a need to stay in close contact with all staff throughout the workday. Subsequently, the rental units are used solely as a place to sleep and the bunkhouse remains the focal point for all activities, as it is conveniently located next to the office, storage van containers, test fishery dock, and the remainder of the staff that occupies the bunkhouse.

The proposed new bunkhouse located next to the office will be designed to provide up to six double occupancy private bedrooms, a large bathroom with a private shower room, a laundry room accommodating several large capacity machines, and a living room area with an attached kitchenette.