

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Alaska Search and Rescue Association****Federal Tax ID: 33-1117695****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

# Alaska Search and Rescue Association - Training and Equipment for Search and Rescue Organizations Statewide

**State Funding Requested: \$200,000****House District: Statewide (1-40)**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

The Alaska Search and Rescue Association (ASARA) is requesting a \$200,000 five-year funding grant to train volunteer search and rescue personnel and provide training and search-related equipment to their member organizations located across the state.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$200,000***There is no other funding needed***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Alaska Search and Rescue Association (ASARA) is a state-wide, non-profit affiliation of search and rescue organizations and individuals. Our mission is to support the training of search and rescue personnel across the state of Alaska and liaison with the Alaska State Troopers on behalf of search and rescue volunteer organizations.

Since 2005, the Alaska Search and Rescue Association has assisted organizations across the state in the training of search and rescue volunteers. ASARA has been successful in obtaining special federal funding and with oversight from its Regional Directors, provided the variety of courses and instructors to train over 500 of Alaska's professional search and rescue volunteers.

Only through continued professional training can ASARA provide highly skilled, competent search and rescue personnel to the critical mission of finding lost and missing persons.

Funding would allow for critical training offered across the state for avalanche rescue, mountain skills and rescue, helicopter escapement, tracking training, wilderness first responder training and certification and various canine rescue workshops. Additionally, the grant would provide for \$17,000 in equipment purchases for training and rescues.

**Project Timeline:**

FY2011-2016

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Alaska Search and Rescue Association

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority?  Yes  No