

**Denali Commission Federal-State Partnership Grant****FY2011 Request: \$3,000,000****Reference No: 49127****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Category:** Development**Location:** Statewide**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2010 - 06/30/2015**Project Type:** Economic Assistance**Recipient:** Denali Commission**Contact:** JoEllen Hanrahan**Contact Phone:** (907)465-2506**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Denali Commission project funding for energy, health facilities, job training, and rural transportation projects. This program contributes to the department's mission of promoting a healthy economy and strong communities by providing economic growth in the communities it serves.

<b>Funding:</b>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>Total</u>
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<b>Total:</b>	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000

<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 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:**

This is the initial state funding for the Denali Commission.

**Project Description/Justification:**

The Denali Commission was created ten years ago as a federal-state partnership to address clean up and replacement of bulk fuel storage tanks in rural Alaska that were not in compliance with the U.S. Coast Guard requirements. In partnership with the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA), federal and state funds have been used to address a substantial backlog of bulk fuel projects as well as rural power system upgrades. Over the years, additional funding has been made available through federal earmarks for energy, health facilities, job training, and rural transportation projects. At the same time, the State of Alaska has provided significant investments in these program areas.

With changes at the federal level regarding earmarks and support from Washington DC for commission programs, it is important for the state to demonstrate its commitment to the Denali Commission through a partnership grant. This will provide flexibility in additional funding for energy, health facilities, job training, and rural transportation projects. These funds are in addition to the \$10 million allocated to match AEA Energy Projects and funding under the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation.