

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Alaska Moose Federation****Federal Tax ID: 42-1552446****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

# **Alaska Moose Federation Conservation Fund, Inc. - Expand Statewide Moose Salvage Program**

**State Funding Requested: \$775,800****House District: Statewide (1-40)**

Future Funding May Be Requested

**Brief Project Description:**

Purchase trucks and related equipment for the salvage of moose and delivery to charities in the Anchorage Bowl, Mat-Su Borough, Kenai Peninsula, and Fairbanks areas.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$775,800
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$775,800)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:*

n/a

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

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The capital costs for the moose salvage program on the statewide road system includes the following expenses:

- Truck purchases (11 additional trucks at \$12,000/truck, 1999-2003 F-350 7.3 Powerstroke diesel trucks) = \$132,000
- Outfit purchased trucks for recover work (11 flat beds, lights, bumpers, winches, studded tires, etc. at \$10,000/truck) = \$110,000
- Equipment (welders, tool boxes, etc.) to outfit the shops (Anchorage, Mat-Su, Kenai, Fairbanks) at \$10,000/shop = \$40,000
- Trailer (tilt deck outfitted with winch to transport/recover moose trucks) = \$20,000
- Administration & travel (statewide coordinator to oversee volunteer operations and equipment maintenance/operations) = \$65,000

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- Fuel: (Anchorage—\$12,000); (Mat-Su Borough—\$20,000); (Kenai Peninsula—\$20,000): (Fairbanks—\$15,000) = \$67,000
- Insurance—Commercial Auto (Anchorage, Mat-Su Borough, Kenai Peninsula, Fairbanks) = \$25,000
- Maintenance (Anchorage—2 trucks; Mat-Su—5 trucks; Kenai—5 trucks; Fairbanks—2 trucks) @ \$2,500/ truck = \$35,000
- Shops leased to house trucks—keep the trucks warm and clean (Anchorage, Mat-Su, Kenai, Fairbanks) 4 @ 2,000/month = \$96,000
- Director = \$85,000
- Office Manager, Partner Coordinator and Contract/ Grant Administrator = \$52,000
- Travel—Juneau, wildlife mitigation conferences & project site visits = \$14,000
- Office Expenses (2 garage bay shop with office positions for 5 people) @ \$2,500/month = \$30,000
- Utilities for office/shop (\$400/month) = \$4,800

**Project Timeline:**

FY 2012

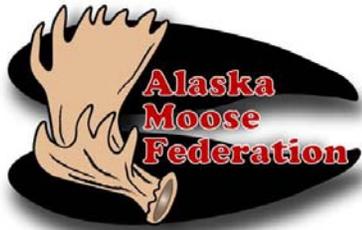
**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Alaska Moose Federation

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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Anchorage, Alaska 99511  
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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



# Alaska Families Initiative Moose Subsistence & Safety

## Capital Budget Requests 2012 Moose Salvage Program Expansion

### Moose Salvage Program Operations and Expansion

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The second page has recent examples where prolonged exposure on the roads is growing extremely hazardous. References for this request include: AST Colonel Audie Holloway @ 269-5641, APD Lt. Dave Parker @ 786-8724, and ADF&G Director Corey Rossi at 465-6137.

### Capital Budget Request for Anchorage Bowl, Mat-Su Borough, Kenai Peninsula and Fairbanks area

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<b>Capital Budget Total Request:</b>	<b>\$775,800</b>

# Capital Budget Requests 2012 Moose Salvage Program Expansion

February 8th, 2010

January 8th, 2010

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## Valley crash closes Parks Highway, injures 3

**HIGHWAY CLOSED:** Parks blocked at Trunk Road when sedan rear-ends trooper vehicle.

By RINDI WHITE  
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Published: February 8th, 2010 11:02 PM  
Last Modified: February 8th, 2010 11:38 PM

**WASILLA --** A stretch of the Parks Highway near Wasilla was closed temporarily and three people were taken to the hospital for treatment Monday after a car rear-ended an Alaska State Trooper pickup and burst into flames.

Alaska State Trooper spokeswoman Megan Peters said trooper Cody Utster, 32, was stopped on the shoulder after checking on a vehicle in distress when the other car hit his pickup from behind.

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RINDI WHITE / Anchorage Daily News

Backed-up traffic waits while emergency medical responders check for injuries following a four-car accident that shut down a portion of the Parks Highway near the Trunk Road overpass Monday afternoon. An Alaska State Trooper stopped his truck to check whether anyone was inside the silver SUV in the ditch near his truck. After he got back in his vehicle, he was rear-ended by another car.

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## Motorist with car trouble killed on Glenn

**FATALITY:** Witness says glare may have contributed as truck hit stalled vehicle.

By JAMES HALPIN  
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Published: January 8th, 2010 08:13 PM  
Last Modified: January 8th, 2010 08:13 PM

**A driver who stopped along the side of the Glenn Highway, possibly with vehicle trouble, was killed Thursday afternoon when a pickup rear-ended his vehicle, throwing it forward some 50 feet and pinning the man underneath it, according to police.**

The driver, Robert Marvin, 76, was trapped with his chest under the front axle of a Volkswagen van after the pickup apparently coming onto the highway from the South Birchwood on-ramp near Chugiak High School struck the van about 3:15 p.m., according to police.

Marvin was standing in front of the unoccupied, parked van at the time

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## Car strikes, kills man walking in darkness on Glenn Highway

**SUNDAY:** Victim, wearing dark clothing, struck by Ford Taurus.

By KYLE HOPKINS  
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Published: October 4th, 2009 04:46 PM  
Last Modified: October 5th, 2009 02:23 PM

**A pedestrian was hit and killed early Sunday morning on the Glenn Highway, police say.**

The collision occurred just after midnight in the inbound lane of the highway, just south of the South Peters Creek exit, said Lt. Dave Parker, a police spokesman. The investigation closed the highway southbound until about 4:50 a.m.

As of Sunday night, police had not released the man's name. He was hit by a Ford Taurus driven by 20-year-old Heather Pollock of Wasilla.

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These are examples of standard salvage protocol where the existing state charities typically butchered moose on the road surface at the point of the collision. Not only do these situations place the charities and the police officers in tremendous danger at the road surface but the traffic is slowed as well. The salvage on the right delayed the Anchorage commute for over 2 hours while people slowed to watch.

# MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE



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*Mayor Dan Sullivan*

May 24, 2010

Mr. Gary Olson, Chairman  
The Alaska Moose Federation  
PO Box 231028  
Anchorage, AK 99523

Re: Support for the Alaska Moose Federation

Dear Mr. Olson:

Thank you for keeping my office informed as to the actions of the Alaska Moose Federation during the past several months.

I sincerely appreciate your efforts to protect drivers along Alaskan roads by managing adjacent habitat, providing safer wildlife crossings, and creating winter connectivity snow trails and diversionary tree cutting to encourage moose to stay away from road surfaces.

The Federation team's rapid response to the scenes of moose-related vehicular accidents to clear the roads has saved countless hours of our Police Department's personnel time and drastically reduced the high risk for correlated accidents, which potentially saves lives.

Further, your volunteer's efforts to salvage then donate the meat to local charities are greatly appreciated, especially by the hundreds of people in our community who need the food.

The Federation is truly living up to your mission, "Believing in the value of healthy moose populations for all Alaskans, the Alaska Moose Federation will be the leader in the effort to both initiate and maintain the quantity and quality of Alaska's moose population."

Thank you and the Federation's board of directors for the hard work and initiative on this worthwhile program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Sullivan".

Dan Sullivan  
Mayor



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**DAVID R. CAREY  
BOROUGH MAYOR**

June 25, 2010

Mr. Gary Olson, Chairman  
The Alaska Moose Federation  
PO Box 231028  
Anchorage AK 99523

Re: Support for the Alaska Moose Federation

Dear Mr. Olson:

Thank you for your unrelenting work on the conservation of Alaska's moose population as well as your efforts to promote harmony between human and moose populations.

As an Alaska resident of over 50 years, I very much appreciate the role that moose play in our daily lives and I recognize the need for programs such as yours. I am extremely impressed with the range of programs you have in place from conservation efforts to public safety and outreach.

Upon review of your testimony at the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly meeting on June 17, 2008, I was troubled to hear that our own Kenai Peninsula has some of the worst moose collision corridors in the state. Since your testimony I have also become aware of the AMF's first successful winter of performing the moose salvage program, under State Trooper oversight, in the Anchorage Bowl where Mayor Sullivan and Colonel Holloway of the Alaska State Troopers are praising the program's increase in safety. As a Borough, we are very interested in determining what this program needs to expand this coming winter to address these very dangerous conditions that our peninsula residents face every day.

Moose are one of the many amazing creatures in our state. They contribute to the natural beauty of our surroundings, subsistence for our residents, and endless entertainment for visitors. I am happy to support your mission to protect Alaska's valuable natural resources.

Once again, thank you for all that you do and please keep me informed on ways that the Kenai Peninsula Borough can help you accomplish our common goal of making Alaska a better place for both moose and people.

Sincerely,

David R. Carey  
Mayor



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Fraternal Order of Alaska State Troopers

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January 25, 2011

Mr. Gary Olson, Chairman  
The Alaska Moose Federation  
PO Box 231028  
Anchorage, AK 99523

Re: Support for the Alaska Moose Federation

Dear Mr. Olson,

As the Chairman of the Alaska Moose Federation you are to be congratulated on your continued efforts regarding moose stewardship. Every Alaskan resident is impacted by our moose population and as such we all need to embrace a positive approach to sharing this wonderful state with these iconic creatures.

The program you have outlined, as it relates to diverting the moose population from our roadsides, providing for the immediate salvage of moose killed on roadsides, relocation of orphaned calves, and the development of moose access trails and feed locations is commendable.

The experience of your volunteers and professional law enforcement officers each road kill clearly indicates a need for a comprehensive plan. The draw on law enforcement hours, human suffering, and vehicle repair and, increased insurance rates cries out for *steps to be taken* for the benefit of all concerned.

All of us want to see a moose, but not on the hood of our car. We marvel at the cute wobbly legged moose calves, but fear for them when they try to cross the road to join their mother on the other side.

Alaska is a wonderful place. Working in a private/ public partnership with volunteers, professionals, and a funding base will enable our state to manage the moose population, in people populated areas:

*'A TREASURE WE MAKE ROOM FOR'*

On behalf of the Fraternal Order of Alaska State Troopers, we wish you well in your continued efforts for all Alaskans. Along with you, we hope the Legislature will see fit to lend their support for this most worthwhile program.

Sincerely,

  
Laura L. Caperton  
Executive Director

Fraternal Order of Alaska State Troopers



# State of Alaska

## Department of Public Safety

# Division of Alaska State Troopers

Sean Parnell, Governor  
Joseph A. Masters, Commissioner

April 26, 2010

Gary Olson  
Alaska Moose Federation  
3320 Windlass Circle  
Anchorage, AK 99516

Dear Mr. Olson,

I would like to thank the Alaska Moose Federation (AMF) for the completion of its first successful season of the Anchorage moose road-kill salvage program. This program consists of the AMF being on-call 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week that enables the AMF to respond to moose collision in a very timely manner. Once the AMF arrives on scene, you then pick up the moose whole and deliver to the charity rather than the charity coming out to the road surface typically in dangerous driving conditions.

As Director of the Alaska State Troopers, I have been aware of your organization's progress since 2007 which was when Alaska's Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) was initiated. The mission of the SHSP is as follows:

*"To improve the safety of everyone through a proactive leadership structure and to focus resources on the most effective solutions using evidence-based engineering, enforcement, and emergency response initiatives".*

The AMF has been an outstanding example in the facilitator role to help the state of Alaska with the 4 moose mitigation strategies which were placed into the SHSP as follows:

- HM.1 Get moose away from roads by managing adjacent habitat*
- HM.2 Get moose away from roads by managing roadside moose browse*
- HM.3 Provide safer wildlife crossings through roadway improvements*
- HM.4 Create winter connectivity snow trails and diversionary tree cutting to encourage moose to stay away from road surfaces*

Your first season of the Anchorage moose road-kill salvage program has now helped to solidify how crucial your organization is to the state and the increasing of safety on Alaska's roads. Through your championship of the public/ private partnership, the AMF is fulfilling action that the state is not able to perform. The moose road-kill salvage program is a primary example of this accomplishment.

Accomplishments through this program include:

- #1 2.5 man hours of Anchorage Police Department time saved per retrieval. Nearly 50 moose collision have been safely removed from highways since December, 2009.

- #2 Replacement of charity volunteers from dangerous road surface by professional-level responders with well-lighted and marked vehicles.
- #3 Collection of moose collision data which was not collected in the past.

I hope this letter of support enables your organization to seek additional partners and funding to help facilitate a much needed statewide moose road-kill salvage program. Because of the success in the Anchorage Bowl this winter, the pursuit of a statewide program will definitely increase safety and will also lead to fewer moose collisions in the future which will save lives.

Sincerely,



Colonel Audie Holloway  
Director

# STATE OF ALASKA

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES  
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March 9, 2009

Gary Olson, Chairman  
The Alaska Moose Federation  
PO Box 231028  
Anchorage, Alaska 99523

Dear Mr. Olson,

I'd like to express my appreciation for the role that the Alaska Moose Federation (AMF) has served in support of the mission of the *Alaska Strategic Highway Safety Plan* (SHSP):

“to improve the safety of everyone through a proactive leadership structure and to focus resources on the most effective solutions using evidence-based engineering, enforcement, education, and emergency response initiatives”.

In a facilitator role, the AMF has been an outstanding proactive partner to the state in implementing the four strategies outlined in the SHSP through an inter-agency public/private partnership, for reducing crashes involving moose:

- HM.1 Get moose away from roads by managing adjacent habitat
- HM.2 Get moose away from roads by managing roadside moose browse
- HM.3 Provide safer wildlife crossings through roadway improvements
- HM.4. Create winter connectivity snow trails and diversionary tree cutting to encourage moose to stay away from road surfaces

In support of HM.3, my office has most recently been active in managing a research project to evaluate the efficacy of “Electro-mat” and fencing system that promises to dramatically reduce moose collisions quickly and cost effectively. Under your leadership, AMF offered to supplement the research with baseline and post installation moose crossing data collected by local high school students. This, in combination with the emergency moose salvage and habitat management initiatives that I am indirectly aware of, embody the proactive leadership, focus on most effective solutions, evidence-based approach, education, and emergency response initiatives promoted by the SHSP mission.

Sincerely,



Clint J. Adler, P.E.  
Chief, RD&TT



February 1, 2011

Mr. Gary Olson, Chairman  
The Alaska Moose Federation  
PO Box 231028  
Anchorage, AK 99524

Re: Support for the Alaska Moose Federation Salvage & Recovery Program

Dear Mr. Olson,

Thank you for keeping the 500 employees of the Anchorage Police Department Employee's Association (APDEA) up to date with your efforts.

Anchorage Police Department (APD) officers and supervisors respond to scores of moose- vehicle collisions annually. Many of these collisions result in the moose either being severely injured or outright killed; ultimately requiring the moose remains to be removed from the roadway and either salvaged or simply discarded.

This process is time consuming and, under some conditions, hazardous to both the public and the officers. I have personally been required to block entire road ways waiting for additional officers to arrive to help me drag moose remains from busy, icy and poorly lit streets.

While I appreciate the efforts of the charity program currently in place – the quality of the response is inconsistent. The volunteers who respond possess skill levels that vary greatly. Vital equipment, such as lighting and safety vests, are frequently lacking. In the past, I have seen harvest crews arrive with young children or under other conditions where safety was not the primary concern.

The idea that a program is being considered that would result in a trained crew arriving within minutes of a "moose down" call is exciting. This would enhance the safety of both APDEA employees and the general public. Also, I would expect a more consistent and efficient harvest of the moose meat.

Please let me know what the employees of the APDEA can do to help!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Derek Hsieh'.

Derek Hsieh  
President  
Anchorage Police Department Employee's Association



**Andy Teuber**  
*ANTHC Chairman and President*

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March 15, 2011

The Honorable Sean Parnell  
Office of the Governor  
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Dear Governor Parnell,

ANTHC acknowledges and appreciates your goal to reduce poverty and domestic abuse in Alaska, especially Rural Alaska. The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) asks you, your administration and the Alaska State Legislature to remember poverty and abuse begin at the breakfast table.

The ANTHC Board of Directors voted to lend our support to the Alaska Moose Federation (AMF) at our March 2011 meeting. We urge that the State of Alaska take action to support the AMF to rescue orphaned moose calves and relocate them to Rural Alaska where they can help restore Alaska's depleted moose habitats.

- Highway orphaned calves are future collisions waiting to happen.
- Rescued orphans reduce future collisions and offer hope to Rural Alaska
- Alaska lost 23% of its harvestable hooved wildlife in 7 years, the highest loss rate in the nation
- 14,000 rural families did not get their winter's food supply
- AMF's calf rescue program is the only solution which solves both an urban and rural crisis
- AMF's solution is supported by both rural and urban Alaskans
- If Alaska fails to get this right, nothing else we do matters.
- No amount of money will bring back those that are lost to animal collisions or suicides
- The AMF solution brings hope to both.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our State.

Sincerely,

Andy Teuber  
Chairman & President



**Alaska Waste  
6301 Rosewood  
Anchorage Alaska 99518**

**Alaska HWY. Safety Office**

**Kathy**

**Alaska Waste several month ago donated a 2000 Chevy hook lift truck with a flat bed to the Moose Federation for the retrieval to help get moose off the highways in a more efficient and effective manor. The estimated value of the truck and flatbed is \$10,000. We here at Alaska Waste are proud to be apart of the Moose Federation and thank the Alaska Highway Safety Office for working with the Moose Federation to help make our roads a safer place to drive. If you should have any questions please feel free to contact me.**

**Sincerely**

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