

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Southeast Alaska Guidance Association****Federal Tax ID: 92-0129698****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

# Southeast Alaska Guidance Association - Vehicle and Safety Equipment

**State Funding Requested: \$50,000****House District: Juneau Areawide (31-32)**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

This project will be to purchase essential equipment, vehicle and safety supplies needed for the 2013/2014 ASC field season.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$67,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$8,233)
FY2014 State Funding Request:	(\$50,000)
Project Deficit:	\$8,767

*Funding Details:*

2008- \$390,447 grant from the Northwest Service Academy

2009- \$387,803 grant from the Northwest Service Academy

2010- \$217,550 grant from the Serve Alaska State Commission/ Corporation for National Service

2011- \$211,259 grant from the Serve Alaska State Commission/ Corporation for National Service

2012- \$8,323 grant from the Serve Alaska State Commission/ Corporation for National Service

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Since 1986, the Southeast Alaska Guidance Association (SAGA) has partnered with AmeriCorps and local, state and federal land management agencies to recruit and train young Alaskans to conduct hands-on environmental stewardship activities on public lands in Alaska through the Alaska Service Corps (ASC) program.

In a November 2010 report in the Governors' Capital Operating Budget, Alaska State Parks estimated that the cost to address deferred maintenance projects on Alaskan parklands was between \$13.5 billion and \$19.9 billion. According to a 2011 report entitled, "Investment Strategy in Support of Rural Communities in Southeast Alaska 2011-2013" the US Department of Agriculture estimated that more than \$100 million is needed to address watershed restoration work on the Tongass National Forest. According to that report, at the current funding rate of the U.S. Forest Service it will take over 50 years to address the major problems affecting fish and wildlife habitat on the Tongass.

Due to federal funding constraints, this year SAGA received only a fraction of expected funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). SAGA is seeking capital investment for the ASC program in order to purchase essential equipment, vehicles, and safety supplies needed for the 2013 ASC field season.

Equipment to be procured for the ASC program includes fleet repair supplies, luggage racks, chainsaws and brushers for field projects. Supply costs include wall tents, propane, safety gear, first aid supplies, hand tools, shop tools, and electronic support tools (laptops, digi cameras, and Sat phone). The total 2013 line item budget for equipment and supplies for the ASC program is \$30,000.

SAGA will purchase a 10-passenger van for our ASC crews. SAGA's fleet is rapidly aging and we are two years behind on our vehicle replacement schedule. Due to federal funding limitations, SAGA needs to raise unrestricted funding to purchase new vehicles instead of using CNCS grant funding, which requires us to sell or return vehicles after our grant contracts end. The total 2013 line item budget for vehicle replacement is \$20,000.

**Project Timeline:**

All supplies, equipment and vehicle will be purchased and distributed between June 2013 and August 2013.

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

SAGA

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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