

**Flood Mitigation Assistance Grants****FY2001 Request: \$350,000****Reference No: 6777****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Construction**Category:** Health/Human Services**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Pat Poland**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)269-4580**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2000 - 06/30/2005**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The Flood Mitigation Assistance grant program is a pre-disaster program aimed at eliminating the long-term risk of flood damage to homes and other flood-insured structures.

<b>Funding:</b>	<u>FY2001</u>	<u>FY2002</u>	<u>FY2003</u>	<u>FY2004</u>	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$350,000						\$350,000
<b>Total:</b>	\$350,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$350,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" 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:****Project Description/Justification:**

On May 21, 1997, the Division of Municipal and Regional Assistance received Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) notice of a Flood Mitigation Assistance grant program newly authorized by Congress. This is a pre-disaster grant program aimed at eliminating the long-term risk of flood damage to homes and other flood-insured structures. The three eligible activities include:

1. Relocation of any structure located on land that is along the shore of a body of water and is certified by an appropriate state or local land use authority to be subject to imminent collapse or subsidence as a result of erosion or flooding.
2. Elevation or flood proofing of structures (including public structures) located in areas of flood risk.
3. Acquisition by states and communities of properties (including public properties) located in areas having flood risk, and properties substantially damaged by flood, for public use.

Existing staff of the Division assist communities in preparing applications acceptable for funding and in implementing approved mitigation and planning projects. There is a 25 percent match requirement for these funds that will be provided by the grantees.

The first year of funding of \$113,700 was requested, and approved, by legislative revised program to the FY 98 operating budget. Subsequently, the Division budgeted for the grant in its FY 99 operating budget, also at the level of \$113,700. Time and experience, however, have proven that these projects take significantly longer than one year to complete due to local contracting requirements and more than one year's time to meet the 25% match.

In FY 99 FEMA requested MRAD pass-through FMA grants to the Kenai Peninsula Borough for emergency stabilization of State of Alaska Capital Project Summary Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development  
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the bluff below Port Graham School and the Fairbanks North Star Borough to begin a mitigation strategy for homes damaged below the Chena Flood Control Project.

The Division anticipates receiving annual grant awards for this program. The mitigation grants are for local activities that have extended over several construction seasons.

Given the length of time these types of projects take and the continuing nature of the federal appropriations, the Division feels this program would best be placed in the capital budget. This FY 2001 request for \$350,000 in federal receipt authority should accommodate several years of funding and allow the Division to more effectively use the grant funds and meet local government needs.