

**Cooperative Forestry Pass Through Federal Grants****FY2001 Request: \$250,000****Reference No: 6883****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Planning**Category:** Development**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Nico Bus**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-2406**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2000 - 06/30/2003**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The Division of Forestry utilizes federal funds as pass-through grants to achieve improved local capabilities for wildland fire suppression; enhanced local community environmental conditions w/tree planting and community forestry; increased productivity from non-industrial private forest landholdings.

<b>Funding:</b>	<b>FY2001</b>	<b>FY2002</b>	<b>FY2003</b>	<b>FY2004</b>	<b>FY2005</b>	<b>FY2006</b>	<b>Total</b>
Fed Rcpts	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$1,500,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>

<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	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

All urban/community forestry grants, rural community fire protection grants, and forest stewardship grants require local matching expenditures of cash or in-kind services on approved projects. These leveraged funds are credited to the state by the USDA-FS in annual accomplishment reports. The division has delivered these federal projects for many years. Annual pass-through grants can total as much as \$250.0/year. \$500.0 authorization was received in SLA99 to allow new grants to be established.

**Project Description/Justification:****Description of Work:**

Prepare and disseminate announcements of grant availability and application process; assess applications and select best local projects; work with grantees or landowners to achieve desired/approved objectives and project completion, and report on grant completion.

**Project Benefits:**

- Grant funds often go to local vendors and local governments, supporting local economies and jobs, as well as improving local conditions and capabilities.
- Improved local fire suppression capabilities in volunteer fire departments.
- More livable communities through enhanced community environments resulting from community trees/forests that are healthy, attractive and safe.
- More forest resource productivity in local areas resulting from development of forest land management plans by landowners and professional foresters.

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**Economic Development:**

Puts pass-through grant funds into local economies.

The projects are not aimed at economic development but beneficial impacts include bolstering local security from fire losses, strengthening local community identity, improving the "climate" for residential expansion and business opportunities, and beautifying and enhancing local community infrastructure (trees).

**Project Support:**

All grantees, local communities.

**Project Opposition:**

None is evident or known.

**Alternative Financing Considered:**

Valid alternative to federal funding does not exist.

**Specific Spending Detail:**

All of these funds will be granted to local entities.