

**Operation Renew Hope**

**FY2002 Request: \$30,500,000**

**Reference No: 33932**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation

**Project Type:** Health and Safety

**Category:** Development

**Location:** Statewide

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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2001 - 06/30/2006

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Federal funding for Operation Renew Hope

**Funding:**

|               | FY2002              | FY2003     | FY2004     | FY2005     | FY2006     | FY2007     | Total               |
|---------------|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------------|
| Fed Rcpts     | \$30,000,000        |            |            |            |            |            | \$30,000,000        |
| G/F Match     | \$500,000           |            |            |            |            |            | \$500,000           |
| <b>Total:</b> | <b>\$30,500,000</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$30,500,000</b> |

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Match Required | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project | <input type="checkbox"/> Phased Project | <input type="checkbox"/> On-Going Project   |
| 30% = Minimum State Match % Required                     |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment      | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill |

**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

|                                  | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Staff</u> |
|----------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Total Operating Impact:          | 0             | 0            |
| One-Time Startup Costs:          | 0             |              |
| Additional Estimated Annual O&M: | 0             | 0            |

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

There has been no prior funding requested for this project.

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**Operation Renew Hope****Need for Funding**

The 2000 salmon returns in some areas of Alaska are significantly less than 50 percent of the twenty-year average. This, compounded by significantly reduced salmon runs in 1997 and 1998, has resulted in food shortages and imminent widespread threats to health and safety to individuals and communities throughout the Yukon River drainage, the Kuskokwim River drainage and the Norton Sound.

On July 19, 2000, Governor Knowles declared a disaster emergency for this region following the Disaster Policy Cabinet's recommendation that the situation was of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a disaster declaration. Federal funding was then requested to:

- Address the loss of local employment in rural economies based almost entirely on fishing;
- Address the loss of local government revenue stream from sales tax & property tax;
- Protect State's multi-million dollar investment in rural facilities;
- Keep the essential infrastructure/services operational in villages (water & sewer, roads, fuel plants, docks) and ensure that families have adequate heat and fuel for the winter;
- Address the loss of subsistence foods so that no one goes hungry or suffers from malnutrition;
- Address solid waste sanitation needs currently not being addressed to reduce the incident of infectious diseases or the degradation of the environment;
- Address social consequences of fisheries failures, such as increased substance abuse, domestic violent, suicide, violent and petty crimes;
- Work with the fishing industry to help insure fishermen do not lose boats, motors, nets, fishing permits because of inability to pay debts (banks, IRS, etc.);
- Work to reduce the impact of loss of global markets due to fisheries failure; and
- Provide employment and training opportunities for individuals that want to move out of the fishing economy into the State's broader economy.

**Program Focus**

The funds will be primarily used to address the consequences of a fisheries failure on an impacted community/region by:

- Providing short term employment opportunities;
- Ensuring that impacted fishing families can meet their basic food and shelter needs;
- Decreasing a community' total dependency upon the fishing economy; and
- Developing strategies for local economic development and fisheries disaster mitigation strategies.

**Program Management**

Operation Renew Hope pulls together all the various state and federal programs that could respond to the short and long term disaster impacts under this organizational umbrella. The Department of Community and Economic Development coordinates Operation Renew Hope. The program will be managed using the following objectives:

- Restrictions on the use of these funds must be clearly identified before the process of local involvement in the planning process begins.
- The CRP (Coordinated Response Partnership) process should be used to determine the uses of funds within each region. What is needed on the Kuskokwim may differ from the Yukon.
- Communities should decide the most appropriate organization to manage the projects funded with these funds (municipal, tribal, regional non-profit, borough, etc.). Resolutions a community for the municipal & tribal governments must support this decision.

**\$500,000 Request State Funding**

The requested federal funds will require varying levels of non-federal match depending upon the program source. The requested \$500,000 will be used as a source of match funding. The State would use the match funds to cover administrative costs associated with the administration and implementation of the federal grants.