

Language Section: Electrical Emergencies

FY2003 Request: \$350,000

Reference No: 32590

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Health and Safety

Category: Health/Human Services

Location: Statewide

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2002 - 06/30/2004

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This appropriation is requested to provide funds for the Electrical Emergencies Program which provides technical support when an electric utility has lost the ability to generate or transmit power to its customers and the condition is a threat to life, health, and property in the rural community.

Funding:	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	Total
Rural Elec	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$2,100,000
Total:	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$2,100,000

<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:

	Amount	Staff
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

This program has been funded in the language section since FY 97.

Project Description/Justification:

Purpose of the Appropriation

The Electrical Emergencies Program provides funds and technical support when an electric utility has lost the ability to generate or transmit power to its customers and the condition is a threat to life, health, and property in the community. Emergencies of this type result in the loss of communications, lights, refrigeration systems, washeterias, water and sewer systems, and the use of other basic infrastructure and equipment. Extended power outages can be costly and hazardous during winter months. Water and sewer systems are subject to freezing and bursting, fire hazards increase, medical clinics and other public facilities may close, and public safety can be compromised. Based on past experience, out of the 80 small independent utilities in the state, emergency assistance is provided to an average of 7 or 8 utilities per year.

In FY2001 AEA responded to emergencies in 8 communities. The emergencies involved both power plant failures and/or distribution system failures. The expansion of the language for this capital request will allow AEA the ability to respond to the emergency and provide technical assistance for catastrophe prevention as required under AS 42.45.400. AEA will be better able to solve the immediate emergency and provide some upgrades to prevent future emergencies.

Total Capital Appropriation Requested: \$350,000