

Municipal Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Matching Grant Projects **FY2003 Request: \$23,921,900**
Reference No: 33824

AP/AL: Appropriation with Allocations **Project Type:** Construction
Category: Health/Human Services **Recipient:** Various
Location: Statewide **Contact:** Dan Easton
House District: Statewide (HD 1-40) **Contact Phone:** (907)465-5135
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2002 - 06/30/2007

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Grants to larger communities for municipal water, sewer, and solid waste planning, design and construction projects. Grants require a local match of 15% - 50% of project costs.

| Funding: | FY2003 | FY2004 | FY2005 | FY2006 | FY2007 | FY2008 | Total |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| AHFC Bonds | \$4,400,000 | | | | | | \$4,400,000 |
| AHFC Div | \$2,282,900 | | | | | | \$2,282,900 |
| Fed Rcpts | \$8,517,800 | \$8,625,000 | \$8,625,000 | \$8,625,000 | \$8,625,000 | \$8,625,000 | \$51,642,800 |
| G/F Match | \$2,839,700 | \$2,875,000 | \$2,875,000 | \$2,875,000 | \$2,875,000 | \$2,875,000 | \$17,214,700 |
| Gen Fund | \$5,881,500 | \$12,500,000 | \$12,500,000 | \$12,500,000 | \$12,500,000 | \$12,500,000 | \$68,381,500 |
| Total: | \$23,921,900 | \$24,000,000 | \$24,000,000 | \$24,000,000 | \$24,000,000 | \$24,000,000 | \$143,921,900 |

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| <input checked="" 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 |
| 25% = 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 |
| Totals: | 0 | 0 |

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Municipal Water, Sewerage, and Solid Waste Matching Grants has received prior appropriations of 16,547.0 in FY 98, 17,750.8 in FY 99, 18,164.2 in FY 00, 19,599.7 in FY 01, and 23,510.6 in FY 02.

Project Description/Justification:

The Municipal Water, Sewerage, and Solid Waste Matching Grants program provides technical and financial assistance to Alaska's larger, incorporated communities to design and construct water, wastewater and solid waste facilities. Each year, communities apply for grants for sanitation projects. Applications are scored weighing primarily the extent to which proposed projects address critical public health needs. Grants are awarded for the highest ranking projects. Program engineers assist communities by providing technical assistance with planning, design and construction, as well as helping secure needed state and federal authorizations and approvals. The engineers review and approve all grant disbursements to make sure that state and federal dollars are invested wisely, and each project is audited to make sure that all funds are used appropriately.

This appropriation funds grants to communities for the highest ranking sanitation projects proposed by the communities. The communities are required to contribute matching funds for between 15 and 50 percent of the total project costs depending on community size. The appropriation consists mainly of state funds, though federal grant funds available through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are used to fund projects in smaller communities that are considered "rural." The appropriation request makes use of the maximum amount of federal grant funds allowed by federal law.