

Cooperative Forestry and Fire Pass-Through Federal Grants

FY2005 Request: \$800,000
Reference No: 6883

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Development

Project Type: Planning

Location: Statewide

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2004 - 06/30/2006

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The Division of Forestry utilizes federal funds for 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 land holdings. Federal fund pass-through grants enhance local communities' and local governments' self-sufficiency and self-reliance.

Funding:	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$800,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$6,600,000
Total:	\$800,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$6,600,000

<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	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

SLA00/CH135 - \$250,000

SLA99/CH2 - \$500,000

Urban/community forestry grants, rural community fire protection grants, forest land enhancement 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 Forest Service annually. The division has delivered these federal projects for many years through either operating or capital appropriations. Annual pass through grants can total \$1,000,000.

Project Description/Justification:

Grant funds can go to local vendors and local governments, supporting local economies and jobs, as well as improving conditions and capabilities. More forest resource productivity in local areas results from development of forest land management plans by landowners and professional foresters. More livable communities through enhanced community environments result from community trees/forests that are healthy, attractive and safe. Increased fire protection is a product of equipment purchases by volunteer fire departments.

The Project does not directly raise state revenue. However, it expands the state's effectiveness in both forest management and wildland fire management.

Why is this Project Needed Now:

This project puts federal funding into local economies. Benefits will bolster local security from fire losses, strengthen local communities, improve the "climate" for residential expansion and business opportunities, and enhance local community infrastructure (trees).

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Specific Spending Detail:

Line Item Expenditures:

Grants (Line 700) – 800.0

Line Item Detail Description:

Grants to volunteer fire departments, local communities, native corporations, landowners, and non-profit organizations.

Project Support:

Broad support is anticipated from the general public, local government, non profits, volunteer fire departments and numerous state and federal government cooperating agencies.

Project Opposition:

No opposition is anticipated for this CIP.

State Match Required:

Most pass-through grants require a 50% match. In “passing through” these grants, DNR will require sub-grantees to match with cash or in-kind contribution to the grant projects.

Annual Ongoing Operating and Maintenance Costs:

No annual operating or maintenance costs are anticipated.