

Statewide Illegal Drug and Alcohol Use**FY2005 Request: \$2,000,000****Reference No: 38477**

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Public Protection
Location: Statewide

Project Type: Health and Safety**Contact:** Dan Spencer, Director, Administrative Services**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-5488**Estimated Project Dates:** 10/01/2004 - 09/30/2006**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Rural Alaska continues to suffer serious, life threatening effects from use of illicit drugs and alcohol. This federal grant will allow the state to enhance the efforts of state troopers, local law enforcement, and community policing teams to reduce illicit drugs and alcohol. The use of these illicit substances increases the prevalence of violent crimes such as homicide, sexual assaults, robberies, burglaries, and serious domestic violence assaults.

Funding:	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$2,000,000						\$2,000,000
Total:	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input 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:	525,000	8
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	525,000	8

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Chapter 1, SSSLA 2002, page 45, line 15 - \$2,000,000

Chapter 82, SLA 2003, page 33, line 28 - \$2,000,000

Project Description/Justification:

This project is designed to enable the state to aggressively increase its illegal drug and alcohol enforcement efforts through increased manpower, investigative resources, and partnership with the communities. The project is designed to supplement Alaska State Trooper (AST) programs currently supported with the AST operating budget as well as by federal funds from the Byrne Formula Grant program.

Many aspects of Alaska's drug and alcohol problem are unique to the state. The troopers assigned to the Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement (ABADE) and all other Alaska state troopers strive to provide for a continuing and coordinated effort that not only meets the needs of Alaska as a whole, but also the needs of the local communities at the lowest grassroots level. The Alaska State Troopers have developed a strategy that will have an immediate and long-term effect on the quality of life within the state.

Rural Alaska continues to suffer the effects from use of illicit drugs and alcohol. The Alaska State Troopers, along with the rural police departments, are faced with the following increasing problems:

- ? The illicit production of marijuana continues to grow as a commercial enterprise. The industry supplies large amounts of very high quality marijuana to all regions of Alaska as well as other states. This activity corrupts social values, erodes the efforts of drug education programs, and feeds an underground economy based on drug monies.

- ? Rural Alaska leads the state in violent crimes such as homicide, sexual assaults, robberies, burglaries, and serious domestic violence assaults. The majority of crimes are connected to alcohol or other substance abuse.
- ? There are an increasing number of clandestine methamphetamine laboratories, resulting in a need for federal, state, and local law enforcement personnel to respond to and dismantle, seize evidence, and eradicate highly dangerous chemicals and hazardous waste. Decontamination of responding personnel is required at the site of each lab investigation.

Proposal

Community Policing: With limited law enforcement personnel in rural Alaska, help is critically needed from the local community residents. This can be accomplished by forming community policing teams comprised of members of the community and local law enforcement. Community policing teams can use community policing components such as community mobilization, problem solving, and action planning. Community policing teams will be established composed of approximately six to seven members per community, including one or two law enforcement representatives. After receiving three days of training in a hub community, the teams will meet to identify community problems and develop community action plans to resolve or improve local problems. Because of the vastness of the state and the many small communities, funds will be required for air transportation and community policing team-training costs.

Enforcement: Funds are needed to enhance the troopers' and local law enforcement agencies' marijuana eradication efforts. Funds will also be used to purchase portable decontamination facilities to be distributed throughout rural Alaska, since the troopers do not currently possess portable decontamination facilities for use during methamphetamine lab investigations or other hazardous materials responses.

Operating Costs: The Department of Public Safety currently has five long-term non-permanent State Trooper positions funded with prior-year Statewide Illegal Drug and Alcohol federal grants. This grant award will pay for three additional positions: a prosecutor, an administrative clerk, and a part-time accounting technician. All of these positions will be funded through reimbursable services agreements with the Department of Law or other AST programs.

These funds will not require any match by state funds.