

Cost of Living Survey**FY2009 Request: \$400,000**
Reference No: 45653**AP/AL:** Appropriation
Category: General Government
Location: Statewide
House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2008 - 06/30/2009**Project Type:** Planning
Contact: Eric Swanson
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In accordance with AS 39.27.030, funding is requested to conduct a cost of living survey.

| Funding: | FY2009 | FY2010 | FY2011 | FY2012 | FY2013 | FY2014 | Total |
|-----------------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|
| Gen Fund | \$400,000 | | | | | | \$400,000 |
| Total: | \$400,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$400,000 |

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| <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: | 0 | 0 |
| Ongoing Operating: | 0 | 0 |
| One-Time Startup: | 0 | 0 |
| Totals: | 0 | 0 |

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

No funding has been appropriated for this purpose in recent years.

Project Description/Justification:

In accordance with AS 39.27.030, subject to appropriation, the Director of the Division of Personnel and Labor Relations is to conduct a survey at least every five years to review the pay differentials established in AS 39.27.020. The last survey conducted, in 1995, was not implemented.

Funding will be used to contract for the survey. The survey must reflect the costs of living in various election districts of the state, and Seattle, Washington, by using the cost of living in Anchorage as a base.

Studies were also conducted in 1972, 1976, and 1985. The 1976 study was not published and the 1985 study was not adopted by the legislature although the results, modified by an arbitrator's decision, were incorporated into various collective bargaining agreements.