

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)

Grant Recipient: Alaska Association Of Conservation

Districts

Project Title:

Alaska Association of Conservation Districts - Land Development And Project Management

State Funding Requested: \$ 750,000

House District: 14 - G

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Coordinate District work in the execution of statewide natural resource concerns such as invasive plants and to provide financial accountability, training and administrative support for the 12 Alaska Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$750,000

Funding Secured

Other Pending Requests

Anticipated Future Need

Amount FY

Amount FY

Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

This project seeks funding to support the work of the 12 Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Alaska. The soil and water conservation districts, authorized in AS 41.10, provide services to private landowners in all Senate and House Districts in the state. The 12 Alaska Soil and Water Conservation Districts are the critical infrastructure that provides on the ground solutions to natural resource conservation and public information about natural resource and environmental issues around the state. The Soil and Water Conservation Districts seek practical solutions for private and public landowners to conserve soil, water, wetlands, forestry, and wildlife resources.

Soil and Water Conservation Districts assist landowners in developing their lands with the least amount of impact to their resources and surrounding areas and in many cases improve the areas for water quality, habitat, and still allow for human productivity. Alaska is changing rapidly in terms of population, climate change, invasive plants and animals, and increased traffic across fragile lands. All of these issues can be addressed by Soil and Water Conservation Districts in partnership with the Natural Resource Conservation Service and the State Department of Natural Resources. Soil and Water Conservation Districts also provide a critical link to the public for natural resource education and outreach which translates into action that keeps our resources intact by the public. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of remediation.

Project Timeline:

2008-2009

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Alaska Association of Conservation Districts

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No