

Denali Commission Match for Rural Transportation

FY2010 Request: \$5,000,000
Reference No: 47878

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Transportation
Location: Statewide
House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2009 - 06/30/2014

Project Type: Construction
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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project is to enhance the Denali Commission's efforts to fund cost-effective road construction in rural Alaska. Alaska needs significant resources for transportation improvements. Improved surface transportation can have many positive effects on communities across Alaska including lowering the costs of goods and services, improving village-to-village connection, providing access to resources and helping create jobs and economic development. With over 30,000 miles of shoreline, Alaska's marine facilities are also integral to the local, statewide and international transportation of goods and services.

Funding:	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>Total</u>
AK Cap Inc	\$5,000,000						\$5,000,000
Total:	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000,000

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

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

New Appropriation

Project Description/Justification:

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

This project provides funding in connection with the Denali Commission's efforts to fund cost-effective road construction opportunities in rural Alaska.

Because of its vast geographic expanse and young age as a state, Alaska continues to require significant resources for transportation improvements. Improved surface transportation can have many positive effects on communities across Alaska including lowering the costs of goods and services, improving village-to-village connection, and providing access to resources, jobs and economic development. With over 30,000 miles of shoreline Alaska's marine facilities are also integral to the local, statewide and international transportation of goods and services.

On August 10, 2005, the President signed H.R. 3 - Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) into law. This Act provides the Denali Commission with \$15 million annually for federal fiscal years 2005 through 2009 for a Village Roads Program. The Act also provides the Commission \$10 million annually for federal fiscal years 2005

through 2009 for docks, waterfront development projects and related transportation infrastructure. The Act required the formation of an advisory committee consisting of members appointed by the Governor to counsel the Commission.

Key committee responsibilities include:

- Recommending transportation priorities and funding strategies
- Developing public involvement and coordinated planning programs
- Developing annual capital budget recommendations
- Providing coordination on multi-region projects

The Act also outlines the array of road projects Denali Access System is designed to target:

- Rural community streets and roads
- Roads between rural communities
- Roads between rural communities and the State highway system
- Roads to access resource development

The Denali Access System's \$100 million authorization over the past four years is broken out as follows:

Section 1960 - \$15 million for each of 4 years (\$60 million total)-Roads

Section 1934 - \$5 million for each of 4 years (\$20 million total)-Waterfront Development

Section 3011 - \$5 million for each of 4 years (\$20 million total)-Waterfront Development

(2 Sections together provide the total \$10 million each year)

Appropriation bills passed each year by Congress determine each year's actual federal funding level.

CURRENT YEAR PROJECTS AND CRITERIA

This section will be updated as soon as the data becomes available. Information on prior year project criteria is provided below.

PRIOR YEAR PROJECT CRITERIA

Transportation Advisory Committee Project Ranking Considerations

1. The Denali Commission will contact project sponsors to review project nominations as part of its due diligence on behalf of the Committee. Staff may ask for records or other information that confirms statements in the project nomination form so the Committee may conduct its business in an efficient and thorough manner.
2. The project sponsor must own the facility it nominates, or have the owner's authority to submit the project to the Committee. A joint resolution between the owner and sponsor is required. Alaska DOT&PF owned and/or operated road and harbor projects may only be submitted for consideration by DOT&PF.
3. All project nomination packages must be postmarked by a certain date, to be considered in the project selection process for a fiscal year. Project sponsors are notified if their project is not going to be considered because it came in late.
4. Project requests in a Fiscal Year can be up to 5% of the available program funds or \$1,000,000 in either road or waterfront development programs

5. Projects can be funded for a phase of work (planning, design, construction), but cannot be funded twice for the same phase of work. Design funding will generally be no more than 20% of the construction estimate. Additionally, Denali Commission will not provide additional funding for a project area or project class if construction funds have been allocated to that area or class in a previous year.
6. Project nominations need to demonstrate logical termini and a stand-alone scope of work. A project sponsor may not bring phases of a project to the Committee that do not meet a logical termini standard. This is designed to prevent projects being segmented into sections that meet the Denali Commission's funding limits, but do not function as complete projects.
7. Construction-phase project nominations will be evaluated on approved Plans, Specifications and Estimates package submitted as part of the project nomination package. The project package will also need to include approved National Environmental Policy Act documents and permitting documentation.
8. Basic road and waterfront development projects in small community projects may be fully funded by the Commission given the limitation on available resources.
9. Larger projects with multiple funding or agency responsibility, or projects in larger communities with local or regional funding sources including tax and bond capacity, need to demonstrate a funding partnership, which the Denali Commission may become a partner through its funding decisions.
10. ATV-Hardened Trail projects are becoming active in several federal agency programs. Agencies with active programs and funding capacity may bring projects to the Committee for consideration.