

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Wasilla Soil and Water Conservation District****Federal Tax ID: 111111111****Project Title:****Project Type: Planning and Research**

Alaska Association of Conservation Districts - Wasilla District Agriculture Support, Salmon Restoration and Education

State Funding Requested: \$55,800
One-Time Need**House District: Mat-Su Areawide (13-16)****Brief Project Description:**

Promote wise use of natural resources, economic development, fishery enhancement/protection, wholesome recreation, community education & outreach.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$55,800
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$55,800)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Funds are requested to supplement existing District operations that provide underfunded services to the Soil & Water Conservation District area & provide matching funds for various grant match requirements. At times, admin costs are not eligible for smaller natural resource-based grant projects. A point of contact/Coordinator is essential to: 1) prepare proposals & compete for grants; 2) offer stated services; 3) perform admin functions; & 4) complete accurate required reports, & paperwork. In conjunction with our partners, the primary goal is to serve District program cooperators, residents, public-private-home school children, Knik Native Tribe Council members, Veterans & Seniors.

Specific areas of District focus are:

- Soil, Hay & Forage crop testing
- Salmon habitat restoration activities -- stream & lake;side restoration, fishery enhancements, & invasive lake weed surveys
- Promoting safe & sound recreation activities while minimizing impacts
- Watershed education outreach -- school presentations, booth space at community forums, public information newsletters, web site, flyers, posters
- Soil & Water poster contest
- Water quality monitoring -- streams & lakes
- Co-sponsor stream restoration & fish passage training conducted by ADF&G in the valley
- Support milestone events/ days to increase public awareness
 - ex) Arbor Day, Alaska Ag Day, National Groundwater Day, Earth Day

**\$55,800
Approved**

Project Timeline:

FY13

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

Wasilla Soil and Water Conservation District

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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

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