

**Community Development and Assistance****FY2014 Request: \$290,000****Reference No: 38943****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Economic Assistance**Category:** Development**Recipient:** various**Location:** Statewide**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Impact House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact:** Jo Ellen Hanrahan**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2013 - 06/30/2018 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-2506**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project enables the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development (DCCED) to provide opportunities and assistance to communities and non-profit organizations for community development.

<b>Funding:</b>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$290,000						\$290,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$290,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$290,000</b>

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" 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
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

Sec1 Ch17 SLA2012 P5 L14 SB160 \$1,560,000  
 Sec1 Ch5 SLA2011 P4 L15 SB46 \$4,740,000  
 Sec7 Ch43 SLA2010 P21 L11 SB230 \$2,878,500  
 Sec1 Ch15 SLA2009 P3 L5 SB75 \$2,630,000  
 Sec4 Ch30 SLA2007 P84 L26 SB53 \$11,650,000  
 Sec2 Ch3 SLA2005 P3 L24 SB46 \$14,388,000  
 Sec1 Ch159 SLA2004 P3 L5 SB283 \$26,375,000  
 Sec1 Ch82 SLA2003 P3 L8 SB100 \$3,620,000

**Project Description/Justification:**

**Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) System - \$200,000:** This project will modify an existing CAMA system for use in medium sized municipalities within the state. Municipalities that levy property taxes must first collect property data and then assess, or value the property using the data collected. CAMA systems not only store the data but also allow properties to be valued on a "mass basis" rather than on an individual basis. Commercially available CAMA systems are not affordable for most Alaska municipalities. The Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) has developed an in-house CAMA system that rivals any commercial system available today. The FNSB has agreed to provide the Division of Community and Regional Affairs (DCRA) a copy of the program and allow it to be modified for use by smaller municipalities in the state. This project will fund a contractor to modify the existing system for use by smaller municipalities, pay the contractor to assist municipalities to install and integrate the program with their existing finance programs, and provide maintenance and

technical support for a period of three years. After three years, it is expected that the integration will be stable and the municipalities could pay for the system maintenance directly. There are 15 municipalities in Alaska that have a property tax and currently do not have a CAMA system. Nine of these municipalities (Bristol Bay Borough, Haines Borough, Skagway, Cordova, Dillingham, Nenana, Nome, Petersburg, and Unalaska) have said they would implement this system if it became available.

**Grant Agreement Legal Review – \$90,000:** The DCRA's grant section administers over 2,300 grants awarded under seven unique programs. Grants are executed with a variety of entities including state agencies, municipalities, tribal entities, non-profit, for-profit corporations, and other federally recognized organizations. Total grant funds administered by DCRA as of the start of FY2013 is over \$1.84 billion. The base grant agreement was developed over seven years ago for designated legislative grants. To assure that this agreement and DCRA's grant policies are in compliance with current statutes, regulations, and state and federal policies, the Department of Commerce Community and Economic Development is seeking a review by the Department of Law. This review will also include the development of a third party agreement template and review of other specific issues that have arisen in the administration of grants.