

Date Request Submitted: February 1, 2008

Priority: ___ of ___

FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

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Name of project: Natural Resources

Where is the project located? AVCP Region

Which appropriations bill (if known)? _____

Which agency (if known)? _____

Which account and sub-account (if known)? _____

Amount of federal funding requested for Fiscal Year 2009: \$440,645.00

Total amount of federal funding needed for the project: \$440,000.00

Number of years to fund this project: 5 years

Source and amount of any matching funds (State, local, private or other):

Organizational Contribution:

Supervisory contribution of \$83,471 per annum X 5 years = \$417,355

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Alaska Region \$21,000 X 5 years = \$105,000

Was it in a prior appropriations bill(s)? No

If so, which bill(s) and which fiscal year(s)? _____

How much has been funded in each appropriations bill by fiscal year?

Is it in President Bush's budget for FY2009? No

If so, how much and which agency and account (if known)? _____

Have you requested funding for this project from any other congressional office or federal agency? If so, please list the recipient(s) of this request: Alaska's Congressional Delegation

Is funding for this project authorized by federal law? If so, please list the appropriate law (Public Law Number or U.S. Code citation): A portion of the funding fulfills obligations of the Migratory Bird Treaty Protocol Amendment Act of 1996

Contact Information in Alaska:

Name: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Work Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Project Description (Include additional pages, if necessary):

Attached

Detailed Project Justification - including an explanation of the essential federal government purpose of this funding request (include additional pages, if necessary):

Attached.

Project Budget Outline (include additional pages, if necessary):

Attached.

Association of Village Council Presidents**2009 Initiative Title: Natural Resources****Contact:****Proposal**

This proposal attempts to solicit additional dollars necessary to provide resource advocacy for the entire AVCP Region. The Alaska Department of Fish & Game and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services - Office of Subsistence Management hires the most competent staff to fulfill their statutory missions, goals and objectives. On the other hand, we are primarily driven by the subsistence requirements of our clientele. This proposal would enable us to provide the best possible service to our villages and society in general.

Background

The department is currently funded for two employees by 32 of 56 villages that compact their resource programs with AVCP. The two former positions were professional level fisheries biologists provided by the Office of Subsistence Management as Partners biologists were not funded this year. Under our current funding regimes, we do not have enough funding to adequately meet the needs of the people that reside in the region. We are in need of the additional appropriation to make our program more effective to represent all resource users within the region. The issues that drive the importance of this proposal are the decreasing resources due to environmental and meteorological aberrations, increased human competition, and conflict between various user groups. Current and future resource development in the region is also one of the factors that may drive the importance of this proposal.

Additional Information

Subsistence is most important to the people in the AVCP region. Statistics collected and formulated by various organizations indicate that the people in our region consume over 600 pounds per capita in wild food per year (ISER 2004 Status of Alaska Natives). The collection, distribution and sharing of information is crucial for wise decision-making by our tribal councils. This appropriation would allow professional well qualified staff to advocate for the villages in the region, in state, national and international regulatory bodies.

Budget

Staff Salaries and Supplies:	\$302,309	
Resource Specialist: Four FTE positions \$47,998 each X 4		191,992
Fringe Benefits at 46%		88,317
Supplies		2,000
Equipment		20,000
Total Travel Costs:	\$163,884	

Travel is required for the Resource Specialists in the region as well as out-of-region by common carriers. The transportation infrastructure in our region is limited to primarily commercial aircraft. The travel costs in this proposal reflect the very high costs of energy and business within our region.

Total Initiative**\$440,645.00**

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Name of project: Realty Surveying Program

Where is the project located? Bethel, AK

Which appropriations bill (if known)? _____

Which agency (if known)? _____

Which account and sub-account (if known)? _____

Amount of federal funding requested for Fiscal Year 2009: \$1,000,000.00

Total amount of federal funding needed for the project: \$1,000,000.00

Number of years to fund this project: 2

Source and amount of any matching funds (State, local, private or other): None

Was it in a prior appropriations bill(s)? No

If so, which bill(s) and which fiscal year(s)? _____

How much has been funded in each appropriations bill by fiscal year?

Is it in President Bush's budget for FY2009? No

If so, how much and which agency and account (if known)? _____

Have you requested funding for this project from any other congressional office or

federal agency? If so, please list the recipient(s) of this

request: No

Is funding for this project authorized by federal law? If so, please list the appropriate law

(Public Law Number or U.S. Code citation): _____

Project Description (Include additional pages, if necessary):

The AVCP Realty Department intends to establish a Survey Section and hire six full-time staff to develop an effective system.

Detailed Project Justification - including an explanation of the essential federal government purpose of this funding request (Include additional pages, if necessary):

The Survey Section will establish procedures for beneficiaries to transfer land and assist core trust processes including beneficiary services, probate, title, appraisal, Cadastral survey and surface asset management. An efficient team would be enabled to guide for the preparation of boundary evidence in land acquisitions, fee to trust and trust to trust conversions, divisions of trust lands, and trust asset management in the region.

Project Budget Outline (include additional pages, if necessary):

Total Cadastral Survey: \$632,025.25

Total Staff & Salary Costs: \$252,037.50

Total Fringe Benefit Costs: \$115,937.25

Association of Village Council Presidents
2009 Initiative Title: Realty Surveying Program
Contact:

Proposal

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Total Cadastral Survey: \$632,025.25

Survey Program Director: The Survey Program Director will take the lead in overseeing the development and implementation of the Survey Program. Duties will include hiring and managing staff, providing supervision and oversight, completing reports and administrative paperwork and overall responsibility for the successful completion of the system within the allotted timeframe. The position is a two-year position.

Survey Specialists: The Survey Specialists will be responsible for developing an efficient and effective system to assist beneficiaries with core trust processes. The system will include procedure, paperwork and policy for probate, title, appraisal, cadastral survey and surface asset management. Each Survey Specialist will be responsible for the complete development of one component of the new system:

- Probate Specialist
- Title Specialist
- Appraisal Specialist
- Cadastral Survey Specialist
- Surface Assessment Management Specialist

Total Staff & Salary Costs: \$252,037.50

1 FTE Survey Director: \$48,165.00

5 FTE Survey Specialists x \$40,774.50 = \$203,872.50

Total Fringe Benefit Costs: \$115,937.25

Fringe benefits include Worker's Compensation, FICA, Health Insurance, Retirement 403b and Life Insurance and is computed at a rate of 46% of annual salaries.

Total Initiative	\$ 1,000,000.00
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Name of project: Economic Support

Where is the project located? Bethel, Alaska

Which appropriations bill (if known)? n/a

Which agency?

Which account and sub-account

Amount of federal funding requested for Fiscal Year 2009: \$ 1,084,055.00

Total amount of federal funding needed for the project: \$1,084,055.00

Number of years to fund this project: 1

Source and amount of any matching funds (State, local, private or

other): _____

Was it in a prior appropriations bill(s)? no

If so, which bill(s) and which fiscal year(s)?

How much has been funded in each appropriations bill by fiscal year? _____

Is it in President Bush's budget for FY2009? no

If so, how much and which agency and account (if known)?

Have you requested funding for this project from any other congressional office or federal agency? If so, please list the recipient(s) of this request:

Alaska's Congressional Delegation

Is funding for this project authorized by federal law? If so, please list the appropriate law (Public Law Number or U.S. Code

citation): _____

Contact Information in Alaska:

Project Description (Include additional pages, if necessary):

See attached.

Detailed Project Justification - including an explanation of the essential federal government purpose of this funding request (include additional pages, if necessary):

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Project Budget Outline (include additional pages, if necessary):

See attached.

Association of Village Council Presidents
2009 Initiative Title: Economic Support
Contact:

ECONOMIC SUPPORT

Small businesses for the YK region is essential to the overall health of the economy for the State of Alaska. This department will be the most important and significant investment for the whole AVCP Strategic Economic Growth Plan. Successful implementation of the plan means a floodgate of economic opportunities, jobs and prosperity in Home-Based Childcare, Small Engine Repair, Youth Programs, On-Site Operational Hubs and Tourism. These programs will involve:

- \$500,000 Gap Financing program will be developed to assist with down payments for business loans.
- Small Business Incubator to develop businesses through critical first years. Staff will provide direct assistance and maintain materials for all small business needs.
- Small Business Development Team will staff the office and provide comprehensive, bilingual technical assistance.
- Micro-Loan Program would offer loans to all prepped and qualified residents. Qualifications, policies and procedures need to be developed. Interest accrued from small loans will revolve back into the loan program.
- Tourism Planning will compile regional tourism data on existing infrastructure and services. The Department will keep clients in compliance with codes, ordinances and standards for preserving and protecting natural and cultural resources while promoting and marketing the industry.

Total Staff & Salary Costs	\$251,893
1 FTE Small Business Development Director	\$ 63,991
1 FTE Tourism Planner	\$ 50,778
3 FTE Small Business Development Specialists x \$45,708	\$137,124
Total Fringe Benefits	\$ 88,162
Fringe benefits include Worker's Compensation, FICA, Health Insurance, Retirement 403b and Life Insurance and are computed at a rate of 35% of salaries.	
Total Supplies	\$ 19,000
Four computers at \$2,000 each	\$ 8,000
Two printers at \$200 each	\$ 400
Four desks / chairs at \$1,400 each	\$ 5,600
Information materials	\$ 5,000
Total Contractual	\$175,000
Tourism Marketing (advertisements, brochures, etc.)	\$175,000
Staff, Fringe, & Supplies Total:	\$359,055
Tourism Marketing:	\$175,000
Gap Financing Program:	\$500,000
Micro-Loan Program:	\$ 50,000
TOTAL COST	<u>\$1,084,055</u>

Total Initiative	\$1,084,055.00
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