

Snowmobile Trail Development Program and Grants**FY2017 Request:****\$250,000****Reference No:****33690****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Parks / Recreation**Category:** Natural Resources**Location:** Statewide**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Impact House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact:** Fabienne Peter-Contesse**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2016 - 06/30/2021**Contact Phone:** (907)465-2422**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Snowmobiling is one of Alaska's fastest growing outdoor activities and a very important transportation resource for rural communities. There is a growing demand to develop and maintain trails and trailheads to provide for safe riding opportunities and transportation routes, and to educate riders about safe riding practices. Funds for this program are provided by snowmobile registration fees paid by Alaskans. Funds are distributed in the form of matching grants for trail development and maintenance, trail marking and signing, safety education, and to establish legal trail easements.

Funding:	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	Total
1195 VehRcpts	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$1,500,000
Total:	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$1,500,000

<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
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Sec1 Ch38 SLA2015 P5 L30 26 \$250,000
 Sec1 Ch18 SLA2014 P58 L30 119 \$226,800
 Sec1 Ch16 SLA2013 P72 L24 18 \$250,000
 Sec1 Ch17 SLA2012 P125 L29 160 \$250,000
 Sec1 Ch5 SLA2011 P93 L18 46 \$250,000
 Sec7 Ch43 SLA2010 P31 L29 230 \$250,000
 Sec1 Ch15 SLA2009 P18 L10 75 \$250,000
 Sec13 Ch29 SLA2008 P72 L31 221 \$250,000

Project Description/Justification:

This project provides reimbursable, matching grant funds for a highly popular and successful program for non-profit organizations, businesses, agencies, and local governments to groom snowmobile trails, trail easement acquisition, development and maintenance of trails and trail-related facilities, and provide for snowmobile safety and education programs statewide. Funds for this program are provided by snowmobile registration receipts varying between \$200,000 and \$250,000 paid by Alaskans annually. The Department of Administration, Division of Motor Vehicles collects receipts from snow machine registrations and each month an inter-agency transfer is made to the Division of

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Parks and Outdoor Recreation. These receipts are accounted for in the capital budget, not the operating budget.

In FY2015 Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation awarded the following 17 snowmobile trail grooming grants totaling \$218,857.94.

Area	Organization	Amount Awarded
Big Lake	Alpine General Services	\$6,820.45
Big Lake	Big Lake Trails	\$14,888.41
Caribou Hills - North Kenai Peninsula	Cabin Hoppers	\$23,476.61
Denali Highway	Denali Highway Trail Club	\$11,390.85
Denali Highway	Denali – Alpine Creek Lodge	\$3,028.64
Hatcher Pass	Hatcher Pass Contract	\$17,379.38
Juneau Area	Trail Mix	\$6,314.88
Lake Louise area trails	Lake Louise Snowmachine Club	\$14,459.69
Lower Susitna River / Lower Yentna River	Dave Luce/ Luce's Lodge	\$11,411.07
Mid-Susitna Valley	Mid-Valley Trail Club	\$10,334.20
Montana Creek area trails	Montana Creek Motor Mushers	\$4,292.58
Chena River State Recreation Area	DPOR Northern Region Contract	\$7,828.57
Petersville area	AK Snowcat	\$35,688.77
	Snomads	\$20,625.17

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Willow area trails	Willow Trail Committee	\$16,679.16
Upper Yentna River	Yentna River Services	\$4,891.18
Yukon Quest trail Fairbanks	Yukon Quest Int. Ltd.	\$9,348.33

Total awarded \$218, 857.94

Line Item	Amount
71000 - Personal Services	\$25,500
72000 - Travel	
73000 - Contractual	
74000 - Commodities	
75000 - Capital Outlay	
77000 - Grants	\$224,500
Total Request	\$250,000

Position Detail:

Partial funding for existing positions located in Anchorage
(10-5021) Natural Resource Specialist III, PFT
(10-5215) Grant Administrator II, PFT
(10-5244) Accounting Tech II, PFT