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September 16, 2009

The Honorable Kevin Meyer Chairman Legislative Budget and Audit Committee State Capitol, Room 101 Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Chairman Meyer:

I am submitting the following Legislative Revised Programs (RPLs) for consideration at the September 28, 2009, Legislative Budget and Audit Committee meeting. Five RPLs are for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) requests, including seven grants in the University request. Two are for unanticipated increases in federal funds for the Department of Education and Early Development, and Department of Health and Social Services.

RPL#	Agency	Program
04-0-1020	Alaska Housing Finance	AHFC Project-Based Rental Assistance
	Corporation/Revenue	Program
		\$2,270,986 ARRA funds - CIP
04-0-1021	Alaska Housing Finance	AHFC State Energy Efficient Appliance
	Corporation/Revenue	Rebate Program
	_	\$658,000 ARRA funds - CIP
04-0-1022	Alaska Housing Finance	AHFC Energy Assurance / Smart Grid
	Corporation/Revenue	Resiliency Program (EA/SGR)
		\$262,969 ARRA funds - CIP
05-0-0124	Education and Early Development	U.S. Department of Education Impact
		Aid for Construction Discretionary
		Grant Program
		\$703,654 Federal funds - CIP
06-0-0133	Health and Social Services	H1N1 Disaster Preparedness
		\$7,550,000 Federal funds - Operating
08-0-0067	Commerce, Community and	Regulatory Commission of Alaska
	Economic Development (through	\$767,493 ARRA funds - CIP
	the Office of the Governor)	

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RPL#	Agency	Program
45-0-1134	University of Alaska	Authority Needed for ARRA Grants
		Funding - multiple grants
		\$2,849,782 ARRA funds - CIP

If you have any questions regarding these RPLs, please call or email the agency contact.

Sincerely,

Karen J. Rehfeld

Director

Enclosures

cc: David Teal, Legislative Finance

Department of Revenue Alaska Housing Finance Corporation

Subject of RPL: AHFC Project-Based	ADN/RPL #: 4-0-1020
Rental Assistance Program	
Amount Requested: \$2,270,986	Appropriation Authority: Ch 29, SLA08, Sec. 13, Page 156, Lines 25 - 27
Funding Source: Federal Stimulus: ARRA 2009 – Capital	Statutory Authority: AS 18.55 & AS 18.56

PURPOSE

The Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC), through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), receives rental subsidy for a property owned by AHFC and a number of privately owned properties. In the case of the privately owned properties, AHFC is under contract with HUD to both monitor their performance and pass through rental subsidy as dictated by separate Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) contracts. During the week of August 24, AHFC was made aware that some of the subsidy payments from HUD to AHFC involving eight separate projects were made with Federal receipts from the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The additional ARRA funding was not previously appropriated for FY10.

The subsidy payments in question support an AHFC property and seven privately owned developments, all of whom serve very low income families whose income is less than 50% of the area median income. The subsidy plus tenant rent is essential to the balance sheet of all the subject properties. Projected outcomes from receipt of the ARRA funding include: the ability of owners to make mortgage payments and meet other essential costs; preservation of affordable housing for families whose earnings are below 50% of area median income; and compliance with AHFC contract obligations to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.

PREVIOUS LEGISLATIVE CONSIDERATION

- This is the first RPL request for this appropriation.
- The Corporation has authority for normal Federal Receipts; however HUD chose to fund these projects with ARRA funds.

TIMING ISSUES

- HUD began to replace some of the funding of the Section 8 Project-based Rental developments with ARRA funds as early as March 2009 without notifying recipients.
- During the week of August 24, AHFC was made aware that some of the subsidy payments involving eight separate projects were made from the ARRA.

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- The funds will be retroactive back to March 1, 2009 upon approval of this RPL and is expected to be expended by June 30, 2010.
- The ARRA funds for rental subsidy are expended through ongoing contracts between AHFC and HUD or AHFC and the private sector.
- If this RPL request is denied, AHFC will not be able to provide rental assistance to otherwise eligible very low income families. It would find itself in violation of contractual agreements with HUD and private owners.

BUDGETARY ISSUES

- This program fits within AHFC's mission to expand affordable housing opportunities to low and moderate income households.
- AHFC already administers this program under rules ensuring that costs are reasonable and services provided are appropriate for the client population.
- AHFC currently supports the administrative expenses related to this program.
- No General Funds are involved.

Attached are supporting documents:

- Email from the HUD staff informing AHFC of the ARRA funding. The reference to the "6,800 Section 8 projects" pertains to the number of properties nation-wide that are affected by ARRA funding.
- HUD's Program Plan
- HUD's Funding Distribution
- HUD's Program-Level Plan

Agency Contact and Telephone: Les Campbell, 330-8356

OMB Approved:

Department of Revenue Alaska Housing Finance Corporation

Subject of RPL: AHFC State Energy	ADN/RPL #: 4-0-1021
Efficient Appliance Rebate Program	
Amount Requested: \$658,000	Appropriation Authority: Ch. 15, SLA09, Sec. 1, Page 19, Lines 31-33
Funding Source: Federal Stimulus: ARRA 2009 - Capital	Statutory Authority: AS 18.56

PURPOSE

The Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) requests authority to receive and expend an additional \$658,000 of Federal Receipts from the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 for AHFC's proposed new State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program. Funding for this program has been approved by the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) and will be available for distribution following approval of AHFC's final plan due October 15th.

The American Recovery & Reinvestment Act provides funds to implement Section 124 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, establishing USDOE support for states rebate programs for residential ENERGY STAR appliance products (those that represent improvements in efficiency compared to the majority of products in the market). AHFC will receive formula-based funding to establish an ENERGY STAR appliance rebate program.

The Appliance Rebate Program objectives are:

- Save energy by encouraging appliance replacement through consumer rebates;
- Make rebates available to consumers;
- Enhance existing rebate programs by leveraging ENERGY STAR national partner relationships and local program infrastructure;
- Keep administrative cost low while adhering to monitoring and evaluation requirements;
- Promote state and national tracking and accountability; and
- Use existing ENERGY STAR consumer education and outreach materials.

This program will make rebates for energy efficient appliances. An appliance is generally understood as a product that consumes energy. The final plan and application is due October 15, though an initial reservation award has been made by the USDOE.

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Although details are not available at this time, USDOE recommends states select from among the following residential ENERGY STAR qualified appliance categories:

- Boilers;
- Central air conditioners;
- Clothes washers;
- Dishwashers;
- Freezers;
- Furnaces (oil and gas);
- Heat pumps (air source and geothermal);
- Refrigerators;
- Room air conditioners; and
- Water heater.

PREVIOUS LEGISLATIVE CONSIDERATION

- This is the first RPL request for this program.
- This is a new program to AHFC.
- The Legislature has not had any previous consideration of this program.

TIMING ISSUES

- The final plan and application is due October 15.
- The funds will be available upon approval of this RPL by LBA and expended within three years.
- AHFC anticipates awarding these funds in December 2009.

BUDGETARY ISSUES

- Up to 10% of the allowable grants funds may be used for administrative purposes.
- These funds are Federal ARRA from USDOE. No General Funds will be used.

Attached are supporting documents:

- USDOE Funding Notice
- Funding Allocation by State

Agency Contact and Telephone: Les Campbell, 330-8356

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Department of Revenue Alaska Housing Finance Corporation

Subject of RPL: AHFC Energy Assurance/ Smart Grid Resiliency Program (EA/SGR)	ADN/RPL #: 4-0-1022
Amount Requested: \$262,969	Appropriation Authority: Ch. 15, SLA09, Sec. 1, Page 19, Lines 31-33
Funding Source: Federal Stimulus: ARRA 2009 - Capital	Statutory Authority: AS 18.56

PURPOSE

The Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) requests authority to receive and expend an additional \$262,969 of Federal Receipts from the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 for the new Energy Assurances/Smart Grid Resiliency Program (EA/SGR). Funding for this program has been approved by the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) and is available for distribution following approval of the initial program plan. This program will be managed by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA). The funds will pass through AHFC to the RCA.

The State of Alaska has a population of 686,293 served by 125 electric utilities, the majority of which are not interconnected and serve small populations in rural locations that are not accessible by roads. Alaska does not share an electrical interconnection with any other state or any foreign country.

Approximately 65% of Alaska's residents live along the Alaska Railbelt (Railbelt) corridor, which includes stretches from the Interior of Alaska (Fairbanks) through South Central Alaska (Anchorage) and into the Kenai Peninsula (Homer). There are four military installations interconnected with the Railbelt. The Railbelt is served by seven interconnected electric utilities, most of which are cooperatives or municipalities. Two private distributors provide natural gas servicing many of the residents within the Railbelt and to the electric utilities. Currently, 64% of the installed electrical generation in the Railbelt uses natural gas for fuel. In 2007, over 70% of the power generated in the Railbelt came from natural gas. All of the natural gas used for electric generation and heating in the Railbelt comes from Alaska's Cook Inlet.

The objectives of this project are to develop a Railbelt Energy Assurance Plan that will accomplish the following objectives:

- Strengthen and expand state energy assurance planning and resiliency efforts by identifying and investigating likely emergency scenarios and incorporating response actions.
- Enhance cooperation among Railbelt utilities and fuel suppliers in an emergency.

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- Build in-house State energy assurance expertise useful in the Railbelt and other areas of Alaska.
- Identify weak links in the Railbelt energy delivery system and educate and inform state and federal legislators and key leaders that develop and influence state energy policies and funding.
- Guide and inform the preparation of new contractual relationships between Railbelt fuel suppliers and utilities, upon the expiration of the existing contracts, to ensure a higher level of cooperation and coordination in the wake of a systemwide emergency.
- Support the local economy by hiring Alaskan consultants to formulate the energy assurance plan.

Description of the Project

The RCA proposes to undertake the following activities under this initiative:

- Identify and involve key stakeholders in the Railbelt energy supply and delivery chain.
- Assess the current state of emergency preparation and identify the likely sources of disruption.
- Develop a new Energy Assurance Plan for the Railbelt.
- Develop and initiate a process for tracking the duration, response, restoration and recovery time of energy supply disruption events.
- Conduct at least one intrastate energy emergency exercise.
- Identify weak links in the Railbelt energy delivery system.
- Create in-house expertise at the State level on energy assurance planning and resiliency.
- Recommend revisions to State policies, procedures and practices as necessary.

Potential Impact of the Project

The proposed project will provide immediate benefits to over 65% of Alaska's population by improving the resiliency and reliability of their energy delivery system. The knowledge and experience gained in this process can be used in the future development of energy assurance plans for the many isolated communities in Alaska.

Major Participants

All seven Railbelt electric utilities and both natural gas utilities are anticipated to participate along with fuel suppliers, and federal, state, and local government representatives.

PREVIOUS LEGISLATIVE CONSIDERATION

- This is the first RPL request for this appropriation.
- This is a new program to AHFC.
- The Legislature has not had any previous consideration of this program.

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TIMING ISSUES

- The funds will be available when final plan is approved by USDOE and upon approval of this RPL by LBA.
- AHFC expects these funds to be expended within three years.
- AHFC anticipates awarding these funds in December 2009.

BUDGETARY ISSUES

- This program is a pass through to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA).
- AHFC does not expect to have much administrative expenses related to this program; however, if needed Corporate Receipts will support AHFC's administrative expenses related to this program.
- These funds are Federal ARRA from USDOE. No General Funds will be used.

Attached are supporting documents:

- RCA Project Narrative
- Funding Allocation
- Funding Notice

Agency Contact and Telephone: Les Campbell, 330-8356

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Department of Education and Early Development Mt. Edgecumbe Boarding School

Subject of RPL: U.S. Department of	ADN/RPL #: 05-0-0124
Education Impact Aid for Construction	
Discretionary Grant Program	
Amount requested: \$ 703,654	Appropriation Authority:
_	Sec 1, Ch 15, SLA 2009, page 4, lines 16-18
Funding source: Federal Receipts, Capital	Statutory Authority:
	AS 44.27.020(3), 44.42.020(a)(1), 44.42.080(1)

PURPOSE

Additional federal receipts authorization is necessary to include a grant received from the U.S. Department of Education Impact Aid School Construction program and will be used to complete two emergency projects on the Mt. Edgecumbe High School (MEHS) campus. One project will replace the roof on the main academic building (\$527,020), and the other will upgrade the fire alarm system in the field house building (gym) and the dining hall (\$176,634). The main academic building roof is aging and leaking. The roof repair project will provide needed protection to a valuable state asset. The fire alarm system on campus is aging and regularly reports faults that have proven difficult to trace. Replacing the fire alarm system in the field house building and the dining hall will enhance safety for students, teachers and staff alike.

PREVIOUS LEGISLATIVE CONSIDERATION

Last session, the finance committees considered deferred maintenance at MEHS as a general topic related to capital funding in Senate Bill 75, page 4, lines 16-18. The department continues to work on deferred maintenance projects, and anticipates completing roof replacement on one other building on campus, and replacing fire alarm systems at five other buildings with legislatively appropriated funding from the past two legislative sessions. There is no intent language in the appropriation bill, nor have any previous RPLs been considered for this activity or project.

TIMING ISSUES

Funding is not in the FY10 budget because the federal application process began towards the end of the last legislative session, and award announcements were made in early July. The imminent and short funding performance period is from 8/31/09 to 1/31/10, which prohibits delaying action until the current budget cycle is complete. In addition, the funding is competitively awarded, the results of which cannot be predicted.

The department has grant award paperwork approved on July 30, 2009 that identifies the amounts for the two projects. The first 10% of the funding has been released, and a

subsequent 80% is available upon submittal of evidence of expenditure of funds for the referenced projects. Funds are currently available and must be expended by 1/31/2010; the approval is needed now because the grant funding has a limited performance period and delay or disapproval will mean that the federal funding may no longer be available for the projects, and the projects may experience delays that could result in damage or loss of the buildings in question.

The Impact Aid School Construction program does not coincide with the federal cycle; rather, when federally appropriated funding becomes available, the U. S. Department of Education initiates new competitions for grants.

BUDGETARY ISSUES

This funding is directly aligned with the agency's mission and long term plans for the MEHS campus. This funding will allow the department to take another step forward in addressing deferred maintenance at the MEHS facilities, and continue to work at extending the life of the buildings. All of the funding will fall under the Contractual line item.

The department has issued a notice to proceed on the academic building roof project, but limited funding has been expended as of August 31, 2009. Receipt and expenditure of the federal funds in question will ultimately result in a decreased deferred maintenance need at the MEHS campus and there will actually be less pressure on GF as a result of accepting this funding.

There is no impact on staff positions, and since the funding is for construction, no staff positions will be funded. There is no excess receipt authority. Continuing funding will not be requested in the next budget, but the department will continue to work with MEHS staff on future Impact Aid School Construction competitions. The funds will be spent between 9/15/09 and 1/31/10; there is no impact on personal services, indirect cost recovery, or fees for services.

Agency Contact and Telephone: Sam Kito III, (907) 465-6906

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Department of Health and Social Services Division of Public Health, Preparedness Program Component

Subject of RPL: H1N1 Disaster Preparedness	ADN/RPL #: 06-0-0133
Amount requested: \$7,550,000	Appropriation Authority: Ch12 SLA 2009 Sec
	1 pg 23 ln 32
Funding source: Federal – 100%	Statutory Authority: AS 44.29.010 – 44.29.027
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PURPOSE

The Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health Preparedness Section requests an additional \$7,550,000 of federal authorization for new federal grant awards to help combat the H1N1 pandemic flu virus. The funds will be used to support the H1N1 vaccination program including short-term staff; vaccine shipping, tracking and delivery; mass vaccination clinics; laboratory testing; and supplies for administering the vaccines. The Division of Public Health has received notice of the awards from the US Centers for Disease Control and the US Department of Health and Human Services, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR).

PREVIOUS LEGISLATIVE CONSIDERATION

During the last legislative session, this funding was not considered because the extent of this pandemic flu outbreak was not yet known. No previous RPL's for this purpose have been considered to date.

TIMING ISSUES

This federal receipt authority is not included in the authorized budget for the Division of Public Health because it was not known or anticipated during the last budget cycle that the H1N1 flu would reach pandemic proportions, nor that these federal funds would be granted to the Division to combat this flu virus. The grant awards are available for expenditure now. This federal authorization is needed now since we anticipate a significant increase to the number of people that come down with the H1N1 flu virus starting in September and October of 2009. The consequence of delay or disapproval of this RPL is a potentially higher number of Alaskans who contract this flu virus and a potentially greater severity (up to and including death) of their illness.

BUDGETARY ISSUES

These funds will be used to support the H1N1 vaccination program as stated above. These funds will also support additional surveillance and laboratory testing of viral specimens so that we can have an accurate picture of influenza in the state. Additional costs are projected to occur in the personal services, travel, contractual services, and supplies lines where funds will be used to hire staff, pay travel costs and purchase other items necessary to combat this flu outbreak. Funds will also be granted out to state partner agencies (*e.g.*, hospitals) to help them protect their workforce and patients from the H1N1 flu virus.

These federal funds will be used to hire non-permanent staff (mostly in Anchorage) to help manage and coordinate efforts throughout the state for response to this flu virus and on a contingency basis to transfer up to 100 existing staff throughout the Public Health division to the Preparedness Program. The Division of Public Health anticipates a need to establish and hire 7 short-term, non-permanent employees to adequately manage these federal grant funds. One Range 17 Public Information Officer will perform duties including writing, editing and communications planning for DHSS response to H1N1 influenza through the

Emergency Operations Center and Joint information Center. One Range 16 Health Program Associate or Project Assistant position will perform duties including assisting VakTrAK support staff with healthcare provider and facility recruitment, enrollment and training in the tracking database; the tracking database is vital due to the requirement for two shots of H1N1 vaccine. Five Office Assistant III positions will perform duties including data entry for vaccines given that will assure inventory management and vaccine shipping as well as answering help desk calls related to vaccine tracking.

The anticipated line item breakdown of the funds is as follows:

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Line item	Amount	What is being purchased
Personal Services	\$1,176.9	Seven short-term non-perm positions: 1 Public
		Information Officer (Range 17); 1 Health Program
		Associate or Project Assistant (Range 16); 5 Office
		Assistant III's (Range 11). Federal authority for
		existing staff transferred from within the division.
Travel	20.3	Travel for staff to administer vaccines in out-lying
		areas
Contractual	4,167.3	Laboratory testing; additional disease surveillance;
		shipping and delivery of vaccines
Supplies	465.4	Supplies needed to administer the vaccines such as
		needles, gowns, masks, gloves, etc.
Grants	1,720.1	
	•	thus helping them protect workforce and patients
Total	\$7,550.0	r O r r man panetro
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The Division of Public Health has been spending its current authorization of federal funds to gear up for this flu outbreak. This \$7,550.0 RPL request is for fiscal year 2010 only. Increased federal authority will be necessary for three to five years, based on the grant awards as well as on similar funding provided for avian flu. Public Health anticipates that all federal grant funds awarded to combat the H1N1 flu virus will be spent by 6/30/2015. Additional federal authority for these grants will be requested in future budget requests.

There should be no impact to general funds or other funds as a result of receiving these federal grants. There may be a supplemental need for general fund if eligible expenditures exceed federal awards or there are ineligible expenditures.

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Office of the Governor for the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development Regulatory Commission of Alaska

Subject of RPL: ARRA State Electricity Regulators Assistance Program	ADN/RPL #: 08-0-0067
Amount requested: \$767,493	Appropriation Authority: Sec 4, Ch 17, SLA 2009, page 7, lines 25-30
Funding source: Federal ARRA - Capital	Statutory Authority: AS 42.05.141

PURPOSE

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) included an initiative designed to assist state regulatory commissions perform their regulatory responsibilities with regard to ARRA electricity-related activities and investments. The initiative (titled the *State Electricity Regulators Assistance Program*) provided funding to increase state regulatory staff to facilitate timely consideration through appropriate regulatory processes of ARRA electricity-related activities and investments. Stated objectives of the *State Electricity Regulators Assistance Program* initiative were to 1) help state regulatory commissions better manage the increase in dockets and other regulatory actions expected to result from ARRA electricity-related activities; 2) facilitate timely consideration by state commissions of ARRA electricity-related investments; and 3) create jobs.

PREVIOUS LEGISLATIVE CONSIDERATION

The finance committees have not previously considered this activity nor have there been any prior RPL requests.

TIMING ISSUES

After the announcement of funding availability on 6/15/2009, the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) submitted an application under the *State Electricity Regulators Assistance Program*. The application was submitted prior to the 8/31/2009 deadline, but the grant award has not been announced. The RCA anticipates executing the grant agreement before 12/31/2009.

BUDGETARY ISSUES

The RCA requested the full allocation for the State of Alaska allowed under the *State Electricity Regulators Assistance Program* (\$767,493) to offset the costs of the two temporary full-time professional positions necessary to address the increased workload resulting from the electricity-related topical areas stimulated by the ARRA. With the grant funding, the RCA will hire a Utility Engineering Analyst IV (Range 22) and a Utility Financial Analyst III (Range 21). The positions would be employed on a temporary basis that coincides with the four-year period in which the federal grant funding would be provided. The RCA

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anticipates that funding will be available 1/1/2010 and will expire on 12/31/2013. The federal grant funding would cover the majority of the compensation and expenses for the two positions, with the residual amount (\$87,707) paid out of the RCA's regulatory Cost Charges (RCCs).

No General Fund appropriation will be necessary should this RPL be approved. Expenses that are not covered by the federal grant will be recovered through Regulatory Cost Charges, a mechanism that allows the RCA to recover its operating expenses through an assessment on the revenues of regulated utilities and pipeline carriers. The amount of funding through RCCs (\$87,707 over four years) will be included in the RCA's annual budget and submitted for legislative approval on an annual basis.

Agency Contact and Telephone:

Rich Gazaway – RCA (907) 263-2164

JoEllen Hanrahan – Administrative Services (907) 465-2506

OMB Approved:

University of Alaska

Subject of RPL Combined request for ARRA Funding	ADN/RPL #: 45-0-1134
Amount Requested: \$2,849,782	Appropriation Authority: Sec. 4, Ch. 17, SLA 2009, Page 9, Lines 12-16
Funding Source: Federal Stimulus: ARRA 2009 – Capital	Statutory Authority: AS 14.40.40

PURPOSE

The requested federal stimulus receipt authority will allow the University of Alaska to accept the following awards:

NSF-through the University of Washington: Bering Sea Retrospective: Seabirds At-Sea as Indicators of Spatial Variability and Temporal Change in the amount of \$23,955 for the period 09/01/2009 through 08/31/2011, award ACR-0908262

NIH: Investigating Obesity and Chronic Disease-Related Risk Factors in Alaska Natives in the amount of \$583,071 for the period 8/31/2009 through 8/30/2011, award 16430-08S1.

NIH: Investigating Obesity and Chronic Disease-Related Risk Factors in Alaska Natives in the amount of \$957,627 for the period 9/01/2009 through 8/31/2011, award 16430-0852.

NSF: REU Site in Marine and Coastal Ecology in Alaska in the amount of \$308,763 for the period 9/1/2009 through 8/31/2012, award DBI-0852111.

NSF: Collaborative research Understanding the role of environmental change on the long-term population dynamics of one surviving and two extinct arctic mammals in the amount of \$41,135 for the period 8/01/2009 through 7/31/2012, award ARC-0909527.

NIH: Alaska INBRE-2: Environmental Agents and Disease in the amount of \$600,000 for the period 8/29/2009 through 8/28/2011, award 16466-09S1.

NIH: Novel, subtype selective potentiators of nicotinic acetycholine receptors in the amount of \$335,231 for the period of 9/15/2009 through 8/31/2011, award 66059-01.

PREVIOUS LEGISLATIVE CONSIDERATION

The projects were not previously considered. They are new multi-year federal awards received after August 28, 2009 and have not been requested as part of the University's budget.

TIMING ISSUES

On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which authorized short-term federal spending designed to stimulate the American economy. Federal stimulus receipt authority was not included in the FY10 budget because ARRA funding was not available for application until February 17, 2009.

BUDGETARY ISSUES

These projects are directly aligned with the University of Alaska's long term plans and missions for the University of Alaska Fairbanks: "The University of Alaska Fairbanks, the nation's northernmost Land, Sea and Space Grant University and international research center, advances and disseminates knowledge through teaching, research and public service with an emphasis on Alaska, the circumpolar North and their diverse peoples. UAF – America's Arctic University – promotes academic excellence, student success and lifelong learning", and the University of Alaska Southeast: "The University of Alaska Southeast is an open enrollment, public university that provides postsecondary education for a diverse student body. UAS promotes student achievement and faculty scholarship, lifelong learning opportunities, and quality academic programs."

No State General Funds will be used, nor is any match required. The federal stimulus funds will be expended during the period FY10 through FY15. This request adds an additional \$2,849,782 to the University's existing federal economic stimulus authority for competitive, discretionary, and incentive grants capital project appropriation contained within Sec. 4, Ch. 17, SLA 2009.

Copies of the award documents and budgets for each project are attached.

Agency Contact: Michelle Rizk, (907) 450-8187

OMB Approved: