Statewide - Civil Rights Program

FY2017 Request: Reference No:

\$400,000 36185

AP/AL: Allocation Project Type: Workforce Dev

Category: Transportation

Location: Statewide House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40) Contact: Mike Vigue

Appropriation: Surface Transportation Program

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project will ensure department compliance with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) grant assurances with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This is implemented through: reviews of agency policies, procedures and practices; the federally mandated Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program; the federally mandated Alaska Unified Certification Program (AUCP); the DBE Support Services Program; the On the Job Training (OJT) Program; the federally mandated Contractor Compliance/External Equal Employment Opportunity Review (ExEEO)Program; and federally mandated compliance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504/American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance program.

Funding:	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	Total
1002 Fed Rcpts	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$2,400,000
Total:	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$2,400,000
✓ State Match Required ☐ One-Time Project ☐ Phased - new 9% = Minimum State Match % Required ☐ Amendment					☐ Phased - underway		
Operating & Maintenance Costs:					Amo	ount	Staff
Project Development:						0	0
Ongoing Operating:						0	0
One-Time Startup:					0		
Totals:						0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Sec1 Ch38 SLA2015 P15 L26 SB26 \$400,000 Sec1 Ch16 SLA2013 P94 L26 SB18 \$300,000

Project Description/Justification:

This project shall:

- Ensure departmental and sub-recipient compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by conducting reviews of department agencies, sub-recipients and complaints on a timely basis.
- Facilitate communications between the department and federally recognized tribes to ensure informed decisions are made regarding project development and execution.
- Develop, implement and revise the DBE and Support Services programs in compliance with

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federal regulations (49 CFR Part 26).

- Update the Alaska Disparity Study to verify the continuing need for DBE goals on highway and airport projects.
- Verify contractor compliance with required federal aid provisions of their contract through reviews covering ExEEO, DBE participation, and OJT efforts on an annual basis, pursuant to federal regulation 23 CFR 230 and 49 CFR 26.
- Assure departmental compliance with accessibility requirements of Section 504/ADA, and Alaska Administrative Order 129 by developing and updating transition plans for department facilities, reviewing department facilities for accessibility and employee accommodation requests and complaints on a timely basis.
- Administer the Alaska statewide Unified Certification Program covering DBEs for highway, airport and transit contract opportunities under the authority of the U.S. Department of Transportation.
- Assure department compliance with FHWA regulations that require On-the-Job Training (OJT).
- Promote increased participation of minority business enterprises in federal highway contracts, as well as entry level employment opportunities for minorities and women, in part through the development and implementation of cost effective supportive services programs.