

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)

Grant Recipient: Anchorage

Federal Tax ID: 92-116692

Project Title:

Project Type: Maintenance and Repairs

Anchorage - Hillside Fire Prevention/Mitigation

Project Sponsor(s):

House District: 11 / F

Senator Kaufman

Representative Coulombe

Representative Shaw

Senator Giessel

FY2024 State Funding Request: \$200,000

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Windstorm cleanup, spruce bark beetle response, invasive species along greenbelts, various issues impacting forest health on parkland.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$200,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2024 State Funding Request:	(\$200,000)
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

A reappropriation of \$73,937 was received in FY23 (sec. 49, ch. 11, SLA 2022, page 159, lines 21-27) for improvements to forest health and park safety.

P&R crews and CARES Act funded contractors completed thousands of hours of work in 2020 to remove beetle-kill spruce along trail corridors and adjacent to develop facilities such as playgrounds and picnic shelters. At-risk areas have been identified by the University of Alaska.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Funds will be used to address various issues impacting forest health on parkland. This includes the mitigation of spruce bark beetle kill, the removal of hazard trees from the 2012 windstorm, and the management of invasive species.

Clean up efforts are still needed for areas of forest impacted by the 2012 windstorm event. Additionally, the recent infestation of spruce bark beetle in southcentral Alaska will result in significant loss of spruce trees and will require mitigation to reduce fire danger and ensure public health and safety. Also, invasive species along greenbelts are impacting native vegetation and riparian/stream health.

Refer to "Egress Issues Polygon" on UAA's Wildfire & Egress App:
<https://uaa-geomatics.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/interactivelegend/index.html?appid=1cf783e0c7d14205978267e93c96>

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Project Timeline:

Project will begin the summer upon receipt of funds.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Municipality of Anchorage

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No