Snowmobile Trail Development Program and Grants FY2024 Request: \$250,000 Reference No: 65104

Project Type: Parks / Recreation **AP/AL:** Appropriation

Category: Natural Resources

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

Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1 - 40) **Contact:** Theresa Cross

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Senate Senate Special Session Add for the House - moved from DNR to DOT

| Funding: | FY2024 | FY2025 | FY2026 | FY2027 | FY2028 | FY2029 | Total |
|--|-----------------|----------|----------|--------|---------------|--------|-----------|
| 1195 Snow Rcpts | \$250,000 | | | | | | \$250,000 |
| Total: | \$250,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$250,000 |
| ☐ State Match Required ☐ One-Time Project ☐ Phased - new ☐ Phased - underway ☑ Ongoing | | | | | | | |
| 0% = Minimum | State Match % R | teguired | ☐ Amendi | ment [| Mental Health | n Bill | |

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

| | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Staff</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Project Development: | 0 | 0 |
| Ongoing Operating: | 0 | 0 |
| One-Time Startup: | 0 | |
| Totals: | 0 | 0 |

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Sec1 Ch19 SLA2018 P8 L18 SB142 \$250,000

Sec1 Ch1 SLA2017 P6 L22 SB23 \$250.000

Sec8 Ch1 SLA2017 P91 L22 HB57 \$250,000

Sec1 Ch38 SLA2015 P5 L30 SB26 \$250.000

Sec1 Ch18 SLA2014 P58 L30 SB119 \$226,800

Sec1 Ch16 SLA2013 P72 L24 SB18 \$250,000

Project Description/Justification:

This project provides grants for a highly popular and successful program for non-profit organizations, businesses, agencies, and local governments to groom snowmobile trails, development, maintenance of trails and trail-related facilities, and provide for snowmobile safety and education programs statewide.

Funds for this program are derived from snowmobile registration receipts paid by Alaskans annually. The Department of Administration, Division of Motor Vehicles collects receipts from snow machine registrations (\$200,000 to \$250,000 annually) and transfers these funds to the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR). While there is no statutory mandate requiring these funds be used for this purpose, it is an excellent example of user pay/user benefit.

What was accomplished?

In FY2018, DPOR awarded funds to the following 16 organizations for snowmobile trail grooming grants:

| Area/Organization | Amount | |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--|
| ig Lake | Alpine General Services | |

| Big Lake | Alpine General Services | \$4,969 |
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| Big Lake | Big Lake Trails | \$12,899 |

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| Caribou Hills - North | Cabin Hoppers | \$21,341 |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Denali Highway | Denali Highway Trail Club | \$9,608 |
| Denali Highway | Denali Snowcat Service | \$18,585 |
| Hatcher Pass | Hatcher Pass Contract | \$15,981 |
| Juneau | Trail Mix Inc. | \$3,975 |
| Lake Louise | Lake Louise Snowmachine Club | \$12,919 |
| Lower Su / Lower Yentna | Dave Luce/ Luce's Lodge | \$7,445 |
| Mid Su Valley | Mid Valley Trail Club | \$6,809 |
| Montana Creek | Motor Mushers | \$3,727 |
| Chena River SRA | DPOR Northern Region Contract | \$5,960 |
| Petersville | AK Snowcat | \$33,345 |
| Caribou Hills - South | Snomads | \$16,212 |
| Willow | Willow Trail Committee | \$14,659 |
| Upper Yentna/ Lower Su | Yentna River Services - Phillips | \$4,534 |
| Grand total allocated | | \$192,968 |

| Line Item | Amount |
|------------------------|-----------|
| 1000-Personal Services | \$25,500 |
| 2000 - Travel | |
| 3000 - Services | \$25,000 |
| 4000 - Commodities | \$150 |
| 7000 - Grants | \$199,350 |
| Total Request | \$250,000 |

Project will partially fund existing positions:

(10-5021) Natural Resource Specialist III, Full-time, Anchorage

(10-5215) Grant Administrator II, Full-time, Anchorage

(10-5004) Accounting Technician II, Full-time, Anchorage