

Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission - UIC Class VI Grant	FY2025 Request:	\$1,930,000
	Reference No:	AMD 65480

AP/AL: Appropriation Category: General Government Location: Statewide Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1 - 40) Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2024 - 06/30/2029	Project Type: Energy Recipient: NA House District: Statewide (HD 1 - 40) Contact: Hannah Lager Contact Phone: (907)465-5533
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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency has announced a grant program to assist states and tribes in developing and implementing Underground Injection Control (UIC) Class VI programs. Class VI UIC wells are used for carbon sequestration to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and ensure the protection of groundwater resources. The Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (AOGCC) is the organization responsible for implementing and enforcing the UIC Class VI program for Alaska.

Funding:	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	Total
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Total:	\$1,930,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,930,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input checked="" 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:

Project Description/Justification:

The purpose of the grant is to defray expenses related to the establishment and operation of a UIC Class VI primacy program. States and Tribes may apply for grant funding under work plans of up to five years for eligible assistance activities which include, but are not limited to, updating regulations, developing a UIC Class VI program, applying for Class VI primacy, developing and maintaining a database housing information on Class VI well activities, implementing Class VI permitting activities, developing and implementing environmental justice (EJ) tools and techniques, implementing enforcement programs to ensure that USDWs are protected from Class VI underground injection activities, and any other activities directly involved with implementing an approved Class VI primacy program.

Development and implementation of a UIC Class VI program at a minimum will include regulation development, program development, and program implementation. This will include developing a funding and fee structure, training for current and new staff, public outreach, pre-permit activity, review and preparation, pre-operation activities, operations activities, site closure activities, travel, and inspections. After primacy is obtained, fee structures for ongoing permitting and operations will be designed to allow the program to be industry supported.

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Grant awards are anticipated to be announced in spring 2024, and the initial Class VI primacy application is anticipated to be submitted in early FY2025.