

Critical Safety Maintenance to Firefighting Aircraft**FY2025 Request: \$320,000****Reference No: AMD 65245****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Category:** Public Protection**Location:** Statewide**Impact House District:** Statewide (HD 1 - 40)**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2024 - 06/30/2029**Project Type:** Life / Health / Safety**Recipient:** NA**House District:** Statewide (HD 1 - 40)**Contact:** Theresa Cross**Contact Phone:** (907)269-6398**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The Division of Forestry & Fire Protection (DOF) owns and maintains four firefighting aircraft which are used to support the mission of protecting 150 million acres of state, private and municipal lands from the destructive effects of wildland fires. The division requests one-time funding to provide critical preventative maintenance and conduct corrosion and airframe worthiness inspections.

Funding:	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	Total
1004 Gen Fund	\$320,000						\$320,000
Total:	\$320,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$320,000

<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	
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**Project Description/Justification:**

The four DOF-owned aircraft have not had corrosion inspections in over 22 years, which is well outside the industry standard. The maintenance process will strip existing paint, treat corrosion, and repair any revealed damage. New primer and paint will be applied, which will reduce aircraft weight and enhance capabilities. These aircraft work in challenging, low altitude, high stress flying environments due to their function as lead planes for the firefighting air tankers and helicopters. Preventative maintenance and airframe inspections result in safer operations for pilots and crew.

This request will ensure that firefighting aircraft are available and in a safe state of readiness whenever they are needed to protect the lives and property of Alaskans.

Line-Item Breakdown:

Line Item	Amount
1000 – Personal Services	
2000 – Travel	
3000 – Services	\$320,000
4000 – Commodities	

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5000 – Capital Outlay	
7000 – Grants	
Total Request	\$320,000