

Fund Source Report

1019 Reforest State Land Reforestation Fund

Year Authorized	Year Repealed	Active?	Mental Health?	Duplicated?	Fund Group
1983		No	No	Yes	Other Designated

No Appropriations during last 10 years

Legal Authority

AS 41.17.300

Source of Revenue

Consists of money appropriated from the legislature and contributions from private donors. The intent of the legislature is that the appropriations made to the fund equal no less than 25% of the revenues from the sale of timber and other forest products, as well as total revenue from 1) compensation for loss or damage to land within a state forest and 2) money for reforestation received from federal and other government units.

Restrictions on Use

May be used only for the reforestation of state land, including site preparation, seed and seedling acquisition and cultivation, planting, and other reforestation measures, timber stand improvement, and the development of materials and techniques for the reforestation of state land.

Description and History

Two appropriations have been made into the Reforestation Fund from the general fund; \$200,000 (SLA 1991) and \$100,000 (SLA 1995).

The money deposited into the Reforestation Fund was appropriated in FY94 (\$200,000) and in FY96 (\$100,000). Appropriations from the fund were made to the Department of Natural Resources for reforestation and site preparation projects. Per a Feb 7, 1985 legal opinion, no appropriations from the fund were necessary; the fund is similar to the fire suppression fund and other funds for which an appropriation to the fund is sufficient to spend money for the stated purposes. The fund was categorized as a fund capitalization in the FY11 reclassification because no appropriation from the fund is required.

Although enabling statutes remain on the books as of FY14, the code has been deactivated because changes in timber harvest bid procedures have eliminated the need for the fund. Bids now require the harvester to comply with DNR's reforestation policy, so general fund revenue has been reduced by the amount attributable to reforestation efforts and there is no need to transfer general funds to the reforestation fund. In addition, appropriation bills in recent years have allowed DNR to retain timber sales receipts for the purpose of preparing additional state land for timber harvest.

See
1155 Timber Sale Receipts