The University of Alaska (UA) remains focused on delivering high value programs to meet Alaska’s workforce needs and on partnering with the State on economic recovery.

Alaska has great potential to expand industry sectors in large scale mariculture, environmentally sound rare earth mineral extraction, alternative energy, and especially in drone advancement and technology. Expanding our health care programs is also essential.

Separate from the State funding request, UA is requesting funds from the state’s discretionary federal funds from the American Recovery Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) – Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) to invest in these areas critical to Alaska’s economic recovery. With these one-time investments, UA will gain national prominence and have a significant positive impact on the state. These investment areas will be sustained without additional/future state funding.

In addition to these areas of ARPA investment, through university resources augmented by federal funds and philanthropic giving, UA will focus priority attention on Arctic strategic and defense initiatives, the Alaska Native Success Initiative, overall enrollment initiatives and increasing teaching professionals.