

Covenant House Alaska - Facility Construction**FY2012 Request: \$3,100,000****Reference No: 49171****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Category:** Health/Human Services**Location:** Anchorage Areawide**House District:** Anchorage Areawide (HD 17-32)**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2011 - 06/30/2016**Project Type:** Economic Assistance**Recipient:** Covenant House**Contact:** JoEllen Hanrahan**Contact Phone:** (907)465-2506**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Continue funding for rebuilding and relocation of the Covenant House/Crisis Center for homeless and at-risk youth. This program contributes to the department's mission of promoting a healthy economy and strong communities by providing economic growth in the communities it serves.

Funding:	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	Total
Gen Fund	\$3,100,000						\$3,100,000
Total:	\$3,100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,100,000

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

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

See funding matrix.

Project Description/Justification:

Covenant House Alaska (CHA) is part of a statewide network of private, not-for-profit and government entities working together to ensure the safety and success of Alaska's vulnerable youth. The requested project funds will provide continued funding to launch the construction of a new shelter for Alaska's youth.

There are still gaps in the continuum of care model for Alaska's kids. Youth who are leaving foster care have few choices and support systems to transition to healthy, safe and productive housing and lifestyle situations. Approximately 60% of the kids coming to CHA are from the foster care system. The Crisis Center experienced a 58% increase in average daily census over three years.

CHA has provided services to these homeless, runaway, and at-risk youth ages 13-20 since 1988. Services are provided through four main programs: the Crisis Center, the Community Services Center, Transitional Living Programs and access to primary healthcare. The services are free and include case management, family mediation, health care, employment, education, and mental health and substance abuse referrals. If homeless youth are connect to the right resources to obtain safety, housing, food and medical care then they may go on to finish their education, obtain job and life readiness skills and become healthy, self-sufficient, contributing members of our community.

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The current need is to increase capacity while decreasing the number of youth in each room, to have a separate intake room, a private family mediation space, counseling offices, increase program service space, and have isolation rooms to meet the medical needs of Alaskan youth.

The parent company of Covenant House Alaska has provided over \$21 million to care for Alaskan kids. Continued access to safe housing, supportive adults, job development and continued education is essential to the success of Alaska's youth.

Prior funding history:

YEAR	AMOUNT	LEGISLATION
FY11	\$ 3,000,000	SLA 10, Ch 43, Pg 127, Ln 29
FY09	\$ 3,900,000	SLA 08, Ch 29, Pg 94, Ln 3
FY07	\$ 155,000	SLA 06, Ch 82, Pg 12, Ln 26