

**Mental Health Grants – Facilities Renovation and Deferred Maintenance**      **FY2001 Request: \$650,000**  
**Reference No: 31911**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation      **Project Type:** Deferred Maintenance  
**Category:** Health/Human Services  
**Location:** Statewide      **Contact:** Larry Streuber  
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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2000 - 06/30/2003

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Competitive capital grants to Mental Health Trust beneficiary services providers for deferred maintenance and accessibility upgrades for facilities. Some funds will be focused toward rural service providers. Delay in funding will result in increased liability to the State and providers for non-compliance with the ADA, increase risk to beneficiaries and in less efficient use of program space for beneficiaries.

<b>Funding:</b>	<b>FY2001</b>	<b>FY2002</b>	<b>FY2003</b>	<b>FY2004</b>	<b>FY2005</b>	<b>FY2006</b>	<b>Total</b>
GF/MH	\$100,000						\$100,000
MHTAAR	\$550,000						\$550,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$650,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$650,000</b>

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

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

In SLA 99 \$500,000 (\$250,000 GF/MH and \$250,000 AMHTAAR) was appropriated and in SLA 98 \$700,000 (\$200,000 AHFC Corporate Bonds and \$500,000 AMHTAAR) for deferred maintenance and \$350,000 (\$100,000 AHFC Corporate Bonds and \$250,000 AMHTAAR) for Americans with Disabilities Act improvements was appropriated for this grant program.

**Project Description/Justification:**

These capital funds are for program renovations and repairs and for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements. Funds may be used to address health and safety concerns as well as remodeling and improvements to sprinkler, heating and ventilation systems in service provider facilities. These concerns are all related to health and safety issues, as well as overcrowding in the course of service delivery.

Funds may also be used to meet the ADA requirements listed in the Americans with Disabilities Act Mental Health Trust Provider Survey Project 1995. Outcomes include safer service for Trust beneficiaries and more efficient service delivery with increased space. Funds may be used for accessible parking spaces, handrails, signs for bathrooms, grab bars in lavatories, changing doorknobs to handles, wall hung lavatory sinks, and accessible tables in waiting areas.

Funds will be made available via the competitive RFP process. Grants are available statewide for facilities operated by non-profit or public agencies, and open to facilities across the service continuum and regions.

A portion of the funds will be targeted toward rural community mental health and Rural Human Services grantees, and to some extent, youth facilities for programs serving Alaska Mental Health Board beneficiaries.

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Performance Measures:

- Extension of the usable life of facility.
- Increased compliance with ADA regulations.
- Increased accessibility for individuals with developmental disabilities.
- Decreased risk of liability to the State, Trust, and providers.
- Improved accessibility, improved life and safety for rural facilities.

Funds are needed immediately to address the most pressing deferred maintenance and Americans with Disabilities Act deficiencies. In 1994, the Department documented that over \$16 million in ADA deficiencies alone exist in service provider facilities. In addition, many facilities are approaching the end of their structural life and are in desperate need of repair. Repairs include new plumbing, electrical systems, roofs, foundation repairs, as well as reconfiguration of existing space to accommodate the increase in the number of beneficiaries served. Delay in funding will result in increased liability to the State and providers for non-compliance with the ADA, increase risk to beneficiaries and in less efficient use of program space for beneficiaries.