

Coordination and Resource Sharing Among Mental Health Services Providers **FY2001 Request: \$100,000**
Reference No: 32485

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Planning
Category: Health/Human Services
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2000 - 06/30/2003

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The sooner Coordination and Resource Sharing Among Providers is implemented, the more it will improve efficiency and the more money it will save. It will save money later by improving the way things work, by streamlining and resource sharing as a fundamental management practice. The longer it is delayed, the more additional costs the state will incur. The design for this project is a result of planning and coordination among the beneficiary groups of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. To delay implementation of the project postpones that development of coordinated activities and sound management practices.

Funding:	<u>FY2001</u>	<u>FY2002</u>	<u>FY2003</u>	<u>FY2004</u>	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>Total</u>
MHTAAR	\$100,000						\$100,000
Total:	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000

<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"/> 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	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

This project has not received previous funding.

Project Description/Justification:

This capital project uses Trust funds to pay for a contract with an external evaluator who will conduct an examination of the current systems and processes. The contractor will make a series of recommendations regarding economies and efficiencies at the State and local levels in these areas:

- the steadily increasing administrative costs of doing business with the State which is being experienced by providers;
- duplication of services across providers; and
- Consumer difficulty in accessing needed services.

The Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education will bring together a Think Tank comprised of representatives of the four boards, individuals with disabilities, family members and providers. The Think Tank will identify ways to re-engineer the way providers conduct business and interact with State granting and funding agencies. By streamlining the business side of agency operations, providers should be able to focus on services for individuals and families. Areas of emphasis include billing, agency outsourcing, identification of additional resources, coordination of resources across agencies, case management systems and intake assessments, management information systems, State procurement and the grant structure itself, including the development of outcome-based Requests for Proposals or Calls for Investment and multi-agency grants.

Types of Performance Measures Expected:

State of Alaska Capital Project Summary
 Governor's 2001 Capital Budget
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State agency implementation of Think Tank and contractor recommendations should result in:

- Reduction in provider administrative overhead costs
- Reduction of provider cash flow problems
- Extent of resource sharing among providers at the local and regional level
- Increased economies and efficiencies at the State and local level
- Shared infrastructures among providers
- Increased access to needed services by consumers
- Increased satisfaction by consumers and families

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