

AHFC Beneficiary and Special Needs Housing**FY2001 Request: \$1,500,000****Reference No: 6360****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Health and Safety**Category:** Housing/Social Services**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Les Campbell**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)330-8356**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2000 - 06/30/2005**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Corporate (AHFC) funds for Alaskan non-profit service providers and housing developers to increase housing opportunities to Alaska Mental Health Trust beneficiaries and other special needs populations throughout Alaska. In FY01, as in FY00, these funds will continue a demonstration project to divert individuals from institutions into community-based assisted living.

Funding:	FY2001	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	Total
AHFC Div	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,100,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,300,000	\$2,400,000	\$12,500,000
Total:	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,100,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,300,000	\$2,400,000	\$12,500,000

<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	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

FY2000 - \$1,700,000; Prior to FY2000 this program was part of DHSS's Beneficiary and Special Needs Housing Program: FY1999 - \$1,200,000; FY1998 - \$1,200,000; FY1997 - \$1,500,000; FY1996 - \$1,200,000.

Project Description/Justification:

The program provides funds to Alaskan non-profit service providers and housing developers to increase housing opportunities to Alaska Mental Health Trust beneficiaries throughout Alaska. The demand for special needs housing remains critical. The downsizing and over-use of institutions requires an immediate solution in finding appropriate housing with supports for individuals with substantial impairments. Additionally, federal funding for housing remains flat for Alaska. When Congress enacts new housing legislation, Alaska's funding may substantially decline due to formula funding based upon population. To optimize leveraging of these funds with other federal grant and tax credit programs and to expedite the release of funding to non-profit housing developers, AHFC will administer these housing development funds. This will also administratively streamline housing development projects that also intend to borrow money from AHFC. Typically, most special needs housing in Alaska is financed by AHFC.

Examples of special needs housing include, but are not limited to:

- * The continuation of a demonstration project to divert individuals from institutions into community-based assisted living.
- * Congregate housing for people with mental illness or developmental disabilities;
- * Supportive housing, including assisted living, for people with mental illness, developmental disabilities, or multiple disorders;
- * Transitional housing with support services for newly recovering alcoholics and addicts. The use of funds will remain

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a collaborative process among the Trust, AHFC, DHSS, DOC, and the four boards.

Performance Measures:

- * Number of units created under the grant fund;
- * Dollar amount of non-state operating and capital funds leveraged against the fund;
- * Number of Trust beneficiaries diverted or moving from API, correctional facilities or other institutions to community based living.