

Substance Abuse Treatment for Rural Women with Children

FY2002 Request: \$500,000
Reference No: 33832

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Health and Safety
Category: Health/Human Services
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2001 - 06/30/2004

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This capital request facilitates the development of substance abuse treatment for rural women with children. These facilities often have specialized building requirements to accommodate children as part of the treatment component. Women with children often do not enter treatment if they believe their children are not safe or that they will lose custody of their children. The ability to bring their children with them allows these women to commit to treatment without the disruption of worries about their children's health and safety, or by the pain of separation from them.

Funding:	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	Total
GF/MH	\$250,000						\$250,000
MHTAAR	\$250,000						\$250,000
Total:	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000

<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 is the first year of the project.

Project Description/Justification:

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Specific facilities need to be designed and built to accommodate women so that they can address many issues not always addressed in co-ed programs. Domestic violence, sexual abuse, cultural relevance, and self-image are some of these major issues. Research and experience in Alaska show that recovery rates for women are improved in these gender-specific programs, especially in those programs allowing women to be with their children.

Operating funds are already available through an FY01 appropriation.

The Advisory Board has advocated for expansion of treatment services in rural Alaska and has submitted this proposal in the past. We maintain strong support for this critical service delivery expansion to an underserved population.

Results: *Comprehensive Plan:* Health
 Safety
 Living with Dignity/Valued members of society

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Results Within Our Reach: Strategy#13-Develop sufficient resources to meet community needs for appropriate levels of treatment for adults, youth and special populations; Strategy#16-Provide appropriate services for underserved Alaskans

Indicators: Enhanced treatment outcomes for individuals with substance abuse disorders and co-occurring disorders.
Reduced system support expenses at state and local grantee level.

Performance Measures:

? Deliverables on the contractor scope of work completed as scheduled