

Fairbanks Public Health Center Repair and Back-up Generator

FY2004 Request: \$276,250
Reference No: 37687

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Deferred Maintenance
Category: Health/Human Services
Location: Fairbanks (City of Fairbanks) **Contact:** Larry Streuber
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2003 - 06/30/2008

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This request will provide funding to make major repairs and to buy a reliable back-up generator for the Fairbanks Public Health Center.

Funding:	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$46,800						\$46,800
Gen Fund	\$229,450						\$229,450
Total:	\$276,250	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$276,250

<input checked="" 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
83% = 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
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

This is the first year of the project.

Project Description/Justification:

The Department is currently working to assume responsibility for the ongoing maintenance of the Fairbanks Public Health Center with a transfer of ownership to a state entity (DOT/PF or DNR). Since the completion of the facility in 1994-95, the City of Fairbanks has contributed a minimum level of support for basic upkeep needs of the facility. The state Public Health Nurse (PHN) program currently contributes \$135.0 annually to the upkeep of the building. The process of assuming ownership must include a building condition audit to establish the priority repairs needed immediately. The Department will be completing a thorough building condition audit on the the facility to better establish the amount of funding necessary for this request. The need for funding for major repairs are inevitable. The building condition audit will show how soon they will be needed. As an example of need, the sub-floor in the area that flooded has buckled and has never been replaced. The overall facility receives a high level of use from residents throughout the Fairbanks North Star Borough, and as a result is in need of maintenance that has been deferred over the years.

The Fairbanks Public Health Center is over 18,000 square feet in size and has no back up generator or electrical supply. In a recent power outage, power was restored only 13 minutes before the vaccine temperature would have exceeded the safe limit. A recent audit by Epidemiology Immunization Program of vaccines shipped to the Fairbanks facility from January 1, 2001 - July 31, 2002 revealed that 60,361 doses of various vaccines with a total value of \$642,288.57 were shipped to the public health center. The amount of vaccine and its value at any given time varies, but they include both expensive vaccines and vaccines that are in limited supply due to manufacturer shortages. Vaccine supplies for the other public health centers in the region are also stored at the Fairbanks Health Center. Immunizations are a major public health responsibility and their safe storage is critical. This request is more cost effective than replacing vaccines lost due to a power failure.

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The generator will require a small building to be constructed to protect the generator from weather and tampering. The building systems, the patient data system operations, and telephone systems depend on reliable electrical supply as well. The generator will also protect the building's integrity during extreme winter temperatures in Fairbanks.