

**MH Replacement of Rural Community Mental Health Centers**

**FY2004 Request: \$250,000**  
**Reference No: 37895**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation

**Project Type:** Construction

**Category:** Health/Human Services

**Location:** Statewide

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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2003 - 06/30/2008

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Local community mental health center (CMHC) facilities in rural Alaska are often physically substandard and therapeutically inappropriate. This project will provide matching funds for replacement of local CMHC facilities with priority accorded to proposals with funding partnerships.

<b>Funding:</b>	<u>FY2004</u>	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>Total</u>
MHTAAR	\$250,000						\$250,000
<b>Total:</b>	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000

<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
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

This is the first year of the project.

**Project Description/Justification:**

Rural outreach by both the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority and the Alaska Mental Health Board has well documented that dilapidated facilities are relatively common in rural Alaska. This proposal will allow for substandard and marginalized rural mental health facilities to be replaced. This project will enhance existing services and allow for future expansion of services based upon consumers' identified needs. Modern facilities could expand or enhance community-based services in rural Alaska to include day treatment for adults; family involvement with youth and youth in transition; skill development groups for adults; vocational rehabilitation services for youths and adults in transition; and dual diagnosis programs. New facilities would be accessible to people with disabilities and would ensure confidentiality. Modern facilities could also enhance community-based services by having telepsychiatry capabilities and by adding space for training of village-based counselors.

More services would reach more consumers. Coordination and linkage with other services will be enhanced. Ability to train village-based counselors and other village providers will enhance services in villages. Staff turnover should decrease in safe, hazard-free working environments.

Trustees require documentation of at least a dollar for dollar match of other funds for each project in rural communities.

In-Step Plan Area: Health - improve and expand array, quality, and accessibility of behavioral health care to all beneficiary groups in rural communities. Mental Health Status and Safety outcomes addressed as well. Other result areas addressed include Living with Dignity, Education and Training, and Economic support through vocational training.