

**Residential Child Care Grantee Capital Needs****FY2004 Request: \$230,587****Reference No: 33815****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Renewal and Replacement**Category:** Health/Human Services**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Larry Streuber**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-1870**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2003 - 06/30/2008**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Provides for capital funds to Residential Child Care grantees in FY04 and beyond for deferred maintenance, ADA upgrades, remodeling and equipment needs for in-state residential youth care facilities. The Department of Health and Social Services is also pursuing funding from private foundations, including the Rasmuson Foundation.

<b>Funding:</b>	<b>FY2004</b>	<b>FY2005</b>	<b>FY2006</b>	<b>FY2007</b>	<b>FY2008</b>	<b>FY2009</b>	<b>Total</b>
Fed Rcpts	\$30,587						\$30,587
G/F Match	\$30,587						\$30,587
Gen Fund	\$169,413						\$169,413
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$230,587</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$230,587</b>

<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
87% = 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
One-Time Startup:	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:**

The Department of Health and Social Services is requesting funds for residential child care facilities that are need of significant improvement.

AS 47.14.100 mandates the Department of Health & Social Services to provide for the "...care of every child committed to its custody by placing the child in a foster home or in the care of an agency or institution providing care for children inside or outside the state." To meet this mandate, the Department, through the Division of Family & Youth Services (DFYS), provides a continuum of care including in-home placements, relative placements, foster care, and residential care to ensure that a wide array of services are available to children and their families to meet different levels of need, dependent upon the unique situation of each child and family.

The number of children in foster care in Alaska continues to grow. The Division of Family and Youth Services is workload adjusting fewer cases, which has resulted in an increase in child protection investigations, earlier intervention and a higher number of children in foster care. The current foster care system is overcrowded, with many foster care children that experience severe emotional and behavioral problems. These children often fail in foster home settings, resulting in multiple placements for children and often the loss of foster homes. For many of these children, residential care treatment and group home facilities with 24-hour professional staff provide a more appropriate placement environment.

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In FY2002, the Department purchased approximately 312 treatment beds in residential care facilities. The Department, through DFYS, provides grants to residential treatment and group home facilities located throughout the state. The Department is the primary funding source for many of the residential care grantees. The Department, through the grantees, provides five levels of residential care including Day and Early Evening Treatment; Emergency Shelter; Specialized Residential Care; Intensive Treatment; and Residential Psychiatric Treatment. DFYS places children in these facilities based on an assessment of each child's needs and the availability of bed space and other placement options.

Residential care providers have identified a number of needs for capital improvements of their facilities. These needs include heating systems, fire and sprinkler alarm systems, renovations for ADA compliance (e.g. ramps and accessible bathrooms) and new roofs for leaky buildings. In addition, many of our programs need new refrigerators, stoves and other appliances.

All of these identified needs have a direct impact on the health and safety of the children served by these providers. For many residential care providers, DFYS is the sole source of funding. As a result, the majority of their funds must be targeted to sustain their programs, with little money being available for facility improvements and expansion. All the providers are private, non-profit agencies, with insufficient funds to cover major capital expenses, as the majority of their funding must go directly to program and service provision. This capital grant program for grants to residential care facilities would enable DFYS to continue to meet the needs of Alaska's children. Funds would be awarded through a competitive process.

**Total Request: \$230,587**

### Representative Deferred Maintenance Projects

The specific projects shown below are a representative list of known needs that may be adjusted after a needs assessment.

#### KIDS ARE PEOPLE, INC.

ADA improvements in the shelter building	\$ 22,340
Improvements for food storage (DEC recommendation)	\$ 18,617
Outdoor basketball half court	\$ 3,324
Passenger van, used	\$ 14,894
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 59,176</b>

The Saxton Shelter in Wasilla provides up to eight short-term semi-secure emergency shelter beds for youth between the ages of 12 and 18. The shelter is staffed 24 hours a day. The shelter is safe place for youth who are victims of domestic violence as well as for youth who are homeless and/or runaways.

#### KENAI COMMUNITY CARE CENTER

Build office onto existing facility	\$ 7,447
Replace heating system in existing facility, build room and tie it into the existing heating plant	\$ 10,638
Remove beetle invested trees	\$ 1,064
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 19,149</b>

The Kenai Peninsula Community Care Center provides residential services, emergency shelter, long-term treatment, therapeutic services, non-secure shelter care and family preservation services. The residential services and the long-term treatment programs serve behaviorally and emotionally disturbed adolescents who cannot be maintained at home or in foster care. The emergency shelter houses five youth in a home-style environment for up to sixty days. All youth receiving services through the Kenai Peninsula Community Care Center receive therapeutic services in the form of individual, group and family therapy.

#### PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITALITY HOUSE

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Addition to 2 homes (academic enrichment program and winter recreational use). \$22,000 each	\$ 46,809
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 46,809</b>

Presbyterian Hospitality House provides specialized residential care to youth ages 12-18 years as well as emergency stabilization and assessment. The agency operates four individual family-style sites. One addition has been completed with funding by British Petroleum, the National Bank of Anchorage and volunteer and community support. This addition provides a reading room and library area, which is especially conducive to the quiet time badly needed by the emotionally disturbed children that we serve.

Additions to the other two homes would greatly enhance the environment for children and staff. Since winters in Alaska are long and cold, the opportunity to have a designated area for children to study would enhance the well being of residents and alleviate stress on other parts of these well-used facilities.

One kitchen needs upgrading to meet the need placed on it by meal preparation 365 days a year.

**YOUTH ADVOCATES OF SITKA, INC.**

Alarm/sprinkler system for ADA compliance	\$ 21,277
Hanson House ramp installation	\$ 5,319
Genesis House ramp installation	\$ 4,979
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$31,574</b>

Youth Advocates of Sitka, Inc. operates 2 residential facilities (Genesis and Hanson House) as well as providing community mental health services to youth, day treatment programs at all local schools, non-secure attendant care, and Sitka Youth Court. Although base funding has increased, we continue to struggle each year to maintain facilities while providing quality care. Hanson House needs major repair and remodeling, including modifications to the alarm and sprinkler system for ADA compliance, ramp installation and facility modifications to meet accessibility requirements, and complete renovation of the well-worn kitchen. In addition many contractors and volunteers stress the need to replace the leaking roof. The building is at least 17 years old and has sustained a large amount of water damage inside the structure and under the foundation, as well as tremendous wear and tear from clients. Health, fire and safety inspectors have all identified repairs and renovations that need to be made.

In addition, the program has no space outside of the youth's living space that can be used for therapy and other treatment related activities. Renovation of the Genesis House is needed to provide access to the lower level of the home for staff and clients and remodeling of the garage to provide a youth recreation room. Other necessities include two additional vans or large passenger vehicles for residential client transportation needs. These repairs and vehicles will allow our agency to continue providing quality care in a healthy environment for many years.

**JUNEAU YOUTH SERVICES, INC.**

Replace three canoes and sea kayaks	\$ 12,128
Replace all tires on school bus	\$ 1,723
Build an aluminum 6' x 16' cargo rack/ladder on the school bus.	\$ 3,319
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,170</b>

Juneau Youth Services' Wilderness Experience Program has been an integral component of all our residential programs for the past 17 years. The useful life of a canoe or kayak in this program is around 5 years of service. Out of an inventory of 10 canoes and 10 sea kayaks, 6 need to be replaced at this time.

The school bus is heavily used by the Wilderness Experience Program to transport youth and equipment all over Alaska from Haines and Skagway to Valdez, Eagle, Circle and as far as Inuvik, North West Territory. The customized cargo rack would eliminate the need to use an extra vehicle to transport youth and gear to the above destinations.

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**SALVATION ARMY BOOTH**

Replacement of carpet in residential building 698.21 sq. yds @ \$10.35	\$ 7,687
Replacement of 15 mattresses and box springs	\$ 3,191
Purchase of a rug shampoo cleaner	\$ 3,617
Purchase of a 2.5-ton jack (to enable in-house tire changes and servicing of vans)	\$ 212
Purchase of kitchen appliances	\$ 957
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,665</b>

The Salvation Army Booth Memorial Home provides residential treatment and care for up to fifteen females age 12 –18 who are unable to accept treatment while living in a less restrictive setting. Some residents may be pregnant. The program works to reduce behavior problems and substance abuse. Clients attend high school or GED preparation classes, and the program helps youth recover from past abuse and exploitation. The program focus is on developing positive self-image and independent living skills, promoting healthy pre-natal care and preparing new parents for childbirth. We work to help the clients develop good parenting techniques. All clients are prepared for their return to a less restrictive environment or for living independently.

**BETHEL GROUP HOME**

Leveling building/put back on pilings	\$ 21,277
Security alarms	\$ 3,191
Bunk beds 5@\$700	\$ 3,723
Van	\$ 10,638
Floor repair:	\$ 2,128
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 40,957</b>

Bethel Group Home Inc. is a non-profit organization that is committed to helping young Alaskan males develop into strong and productive men. The Bethel Group Home provides specialized long-term residential care for boys between the ages of 13 and 18. It creates a secure environment to ensure optimum emotional, intellectual, and physical growth. We serve youth from all over Alaska, offering counseling, school, and employment skills to residents. The Bethel Group Home is housed in a building that is over 27 years old and has had several additions. The foundation has shifted, creating a need for leveling. New windows are being installed and alarms are needed to keep residents from leaving the facility without staff permission, which would place the residents at risk. Due to the traffic level in certain areas of the building, the floors need repairs. Every day we transport our residents to worksites, community service, appointments and recreational activities. Our current van is constantly being repaired, so a new van would add security to our residents as well as staff. We also operate the Bethel Receiving Home, providing emergency residential care for infants to 18-year-olds, and the Recovery Resource Center, an adolescent outpatient treatment facility. We provide services to an area that is much in need and we are continuing to expand to meet the needs of Alaskan youth.