

MH Safe Harbor Addition**FY2004 Request: \$300,000****Reference No: 37893****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Construction**Category:** Health/Human Services**Location:** Anchorage (Downtown/Rogers Park)**Contact:** Larry Streuber**House District:** Downtown/Rogers Park (HD 23)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-1870**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2003 - 06/30/2008**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Brief Summary: This project would expand the capacity of programs like the Safe Harbor Inn, a non-profit motel in Anchorage that successfully provides safe, affordable lodging for homeless families and persons with mental and physical disabilities as a transition to permanent housing.

Funding:	<u>FY2004</u>	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>Total</u>
MHTAAR	\$300,000						\$300,000
Total:	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300,000

<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:

CH62/SLA01/P10/L25 \$200.0 MHTAAR

Project Description/Justification:

This funding further expands funding for projects like the highly successful Safe Harbor Inn in Anchorage. For mentally ill and chronic alcoholics with psychosis, this project was originally funded with \$200,000 MHTAAR in FY02.

Safe Harbor Inn, the model for the FY2004 project, has provided safe, secure, affordable lodging for homeless families and persons with mental and physical disabilities since it opened on November 2001. Guests must be referred by a partner agency and must be receiving services from that agency. The Safe Harbor has remained full since it opened, and its waiting list continues to grow. In less than six months, with a 22- room capacity, 162 guests (25% Trust beneficiaries) have received 6,131 bed nights, including 1,872 bed nights for persons with mental illness. Sixty-six percent of guests have subsequently found permanent housing. Guest satisfaction with motel services is 4.9 out of a possible 5. Average length of stay is 35 days. Safe Harbor Inn has filled a critical niche in the urban housing continuum.

Operations have been highly successful, and a culture of privacy, dignity, respect, warmth, and friendship is firmly established. The waiting list history supports adding 25 units, with 10 set aside for Trust beneficiaries. Operating funds have been secured through June 30, 2003. It is expected that 54 units will be self-supporting through room-charges and donations by 2005, reducing the need for ongoing operating grants. It is expected that between 200 and 250 previously unserved Trust beneficiaries will be served.

This request matches with the operating project Trust #0369 Non-profit Transitional Housing – Operating.