

MH Fairbanks Detoxification Unit Expansion and Renovation

FY2004 Request: \$1,000,000
Reference No: 38366

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Renovation and Remodeling

Category: Health/Human Services

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

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project will provide capital funding to expand detoxification services in the Fairbanks area to those unable to obtain medical detoxification services due to the current limited capacity. This population is largely composed of Mental Health Trust beneficiaries under the Chronic Alcoholism with Psychosis criteria.

Funding:	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	Total
Alcohol Fd	\$1,000,000						\$1,000,000
Total:	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000

<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:	750,000	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	750,000	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Project Description/Justification:

These funds will be used to expand and renovate an existing Detoxification Unit in Fairbanks. Capacity will be increased from 10 beds to 20 beds to better meet the needs of the community.

The current size of the detoxification unit is inadequate and programmatically fails to meet the medical needs of the local chronic inebriate population in the Fairbanks area. This project will largely target adults who are unable to obtain medical detoxification services due to the current limited service capacity. This population is largely composed of chronic alcoholics with psychosis, a beneficiary population of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority.

The population requiring services includes registered sex offenders who cannot be admitted due to the lack of security equipment that is necessary to accommodate them. As part of the expansion project, security enhancements will be included so that chronic inebriates who are also registered sex offenders can be admitted.

The current facility serves approximately 1,000 clients a year. The proposed expansion will accommodate approximately 1,800 clients per year. The program is currently forced to turn away individuals away due to capacity limits or because the individuals are registered sex offenders. These individuals must be dealt with by police, troopers, and emergency services patrols as well as hospitals, jails, and correctional institutions that often admit these clients when no detoxification facilities are available.

