

MH Transitional Housing

FY2004 Request: \$1,000,000

Reference No: 38368

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Renovation and Remodeling

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:

Funding will provide for an array of housing options to support recovery sustainability for a high-risk chronic alcoholic and substance-abusing population. This array ranges from intensive on-site support services to minimal off-site group support and case management.

Funding:	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	Total
Alcohol Fd	\$1,000,000	\$750,000	\$500,000				\$2,250,000
Total:	\$1,000,000	\$750,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,250,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input checked="" 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:	300,000	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	300,000	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

CH00/SLA134/P11/L14 \$300.0 MHTAAR

Project Description/Justification:

This program will provide funding through a competitive process to non-profit agencies statewide for developing new or existing transitional, services-enriched, housing units to support recovery sustainability for a high-risk, severely impaired chronic alcoholic population.

The beneficiaries of these services are often people who have failed to sustain recovery following prior treatment episodes for two reasons. The first reason is due to the long-term, severe nature of their chemical dependency, and the second reason is due to the lack of access to safe, sober housing with available support services designed to help them transition successfully from treatment to independent living. Many of these people have special needs or co-occurring mental illness, fetal alcohol effects, traumatic brain injuries, or other disorders which complicate their ability to make this transition without the necessary support. Support includes assistance with employment, education, and basic independent living skills.

There is a significant gap statewide in the continuum of care for recovering alcoholics/addicts in the form of transitional, services-enriched housing. This lack undermines the gains made in chemical dependency treatment programs by some of the most high-risk chronic alcoholics who need longer periods of time to recover and to practice skills learned at a more intensive level of service delivery. More transitional services enriched housing is needed to increase positive outcomes and to maximize the likelihood of positive outcomes for the most severely impaired alcoholics.

This housing can be on a continuum from in-house staff providing services to housing in which case management is provided and services are located within the community. This would allow for levels of care consistent with the needs of clients and would allow transition to the community via employment and safe housing.

