

AHFC Homeless Assistance Program**FY2004 Request: \$750,000****Reference No: 6359****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Transitional**Category:** Housing/Social Services**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Les Campbell**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)330-8356**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2003 - 06/30/2008**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Homeless Assistance Program utilizes corporate (AHFC) funds to grant to local communities/agencies to help develop programs to prevent homelessness by providing assistance to families in imminent danger of becoming homeless, or those who are currently homeless. Corporate funds will be matched by Mental Health Trust Authority funds. Both funds will be combined and administered as one program by AHFC.

Funding:	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	Total
AHFC Div	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$2,750,000
MHTAAR	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$3,000,000
Total:	\$750,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$5,750,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" 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	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

FY2003 - \$500,000 Mental Health Trust Funds and \$250,000 Corporate; FY2002 - \$200,000 Mental Health Trust Funds and \$250,000 Corporate; FY2001 - \$200,000 Mental Health Trust Funds and \$250,000 Corporate; FY2000 - \$200,000 Mental Health Trust Funds and \$250,000 Corporate; FY1999 - \$250,000 Corporate; FY1998 - \$250,000 Corporate; FY1997 - \$250,000 Corporate; FY1996 - \$250,000 Corporate (formerly Emergency Housing Assistance).

Project Description/Justification:

The purpose of this program is to support programs that prevent homelessness by providing assistance to families in imminent danger of becoming homeless, or those who are currently homeless.

The projected outcomes are:

- Prevent near homeless individuals and families from becoming homeless.
- Provide homeless individuals and families assistance to obtain safe, sanitary shelter.

Established in 1993, this program enables hundreds of homeless and/or near homeless families to obtain or retain safe and sanitary shelter each year. Demand for this program has steadily increased as federal and municipal sources have diminished.

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The Homeless Assistance Program (HAP) provides grants to assist non-profit organizations, local governments and regional housing authorities in addressing the emergency needs of homeless and near-homeless Alaskans. During the previous two competitive rounds, the total amount of HAP grant requests received by AHFC has averaged \$1.5 million annually. This program has become increasingly important as funds for grants such as homeless assistance from municipal grants and federal emergency assistance continue to shrink.

The most recent grantees in Fairbanks, Homer, Kodiak, Wasilla, Juneau and Unalaska have utilized HAP funds to expand shelter facilities, develop supportive transitional housing, provide case management and rental assistance services.

For fiscal year 2004, AHFC is requesting authorization for expenditure of \$250,000 Corporate receipts which will be matched by \$500,000 in funds from the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (AMHTA). Both funds will be combined and administered as one program by AHFC.