

MH: Fairbanks Detoxification Unit Construction Expansion and Renovation **FY2006 Request: \$1,000,000**
Reference No: 38366

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Renovation and Remodeling
Category: Health/Human Services
Location: Fairbanks (Fairbanks/Fort Wainwright) **Contact:** Larry J. Streuber
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2005 - 06/30/2010

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:	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	Total
Fed MH	\$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:

CH157/SLA04/P11/L21 \$1,450.0 Federal Mental Health
 CH84/SLA03/P10/L20 \$1,000.0 Alcohol and Other Drugs of Abuse Prevention Fund

Project Description/Justification:

These funds will be used to for the development of a new 16-bed detoxification unit in Fairbanks. This project is supported by the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, the Denali Commission, and the Fairbanks consortium. The stand-alone facility will be approximately 9,000 square feet.

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 current facility serves approximately 1,000 clients a year. The new facility 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 admit these clients when no detoxification facilities are available.

The Department' mission is: *To promote and protect the health and well being of Alaskans.* This project supports the Department's mission by providing safe and adequate detoxification services for Alaskans that suffer the effects of chronic alcoholism.