

Denali Commission Grants for Health Care Facility Improvements

FY2006 Request: \$25,000,000
Reference No: 38923

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Health and Safety
Category: Health/Human Services
Location: Statewide **Contact:** Larry J. Streuber
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2005 - 06/30/2010

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This request will continue to provide funding for planning, design, and construction of hospitals, behavioral health facilities, village clinics, assisted living homes and other program facilities that serve Alaskans. Funds will also be used for the purchase and installation of major medical equipment. This request consists of federal funds that are granted to the Department of Health and Social Services from the Denali Commission.

Funding:	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$25,000,000						\$25,000,000
Total:	\$25,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000,000

<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 type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	138,779	2
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	138,779	2

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

RPL 06-4-0059 -\$3,650.0 Federal
RPL 06-4-0245 -\$10,000.0 Federal
CH159/SLA04/P26/L16 -\$10,000.0 Federal

Project Description/Justification:

This request will provide funding for design, construction and equipment grants in the areas of behavioral health, rural and urban hospitals that support rural primary care services, regional and sub-regional community health centers, rural primary care facilities, assisted living homes throughout the State, and other related facilities that serve Alaskans. The purpose of these funds is to assist providers in maximizing the capacity of the services they provide through renovation, rehabilitation, new construction and equipment purchases.

In many respects, low-volume, small rural hospitals operate like large clinics. They provide mostly primary care and emergency room services. All hospitals and long-term care facilities have continuing capital needs for modernizing and replacing their facilities and for acquiring, upgrading or replacing medical equipment necessary to meet the modern standards of medical care delivery. Failure to invest the funds to meet this need will eventually have financial consequences for hospitals.

These federal funds are primarily Health Resources and Care Administration (HRCA) funds that are appropriated to the Denali Commission and would be granted to the Department of Health and Social Services. The Department intends to use up 2% of this request to cover administrative costs associated with the administration of these funds.

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Department's Mission: *To promote and protect the health and well being of Alaskans.* This project supports the Department's mission by providing equipment and construction funds for assisted living homes and hospitals that will allow these facilities to continue to provide programs and services that meet the needs of Alaskans.