

Anchorage Pioneer Home Occupancy Realignment, Phase 1 **FY2007 Request: \$882,700**
Reference No: 39892

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Renewal and Replacement
Category: Health/Human Services
Location: Anchorage Areawide **Contact:** Larry Streuber
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2006 - 06/30/2011

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This request will fund the planning, design and construction for changing the occupancy rating for the south building of the Anchorage Pioneer Home.

Funding:	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>Total</u>
Alcohol Fd	\$882,700						\$882,700
Total:	\$882,700	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$882,700

<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 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	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

This is the first year of the project.

Project Description/Justification:

Currently, all five floors of the south building of the Anchorage Pioneer Home are designated as Residential Occupancy (R-2). This designation requires open egress, routine fire drills, and minimal restriction of movement. Unfortunately, the majority of the residents that now occupy these floors are afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease as well as mobility restrictions, and require a high level of supervision. As the population has changed over the years from mostly Level 1 and Level 2 residents to level 3 residents, the classification for the living area has not. Level 3 residents are less mobile and are able to function less independently. The Department is now faced with having a classification that is not appropriate for the level of care needed for the residents. The south building of the Anchorage Pioneer Home must be upgraded to an institutional (I-2) occupancy.

This residential (R-2) designation presents a serious liability to the state as some of these residents will "wander away" during required fire drills. Modifications to the windows, doors, and smoke dampers are needed, and security cameras and monitoring stations are required. These modifications are necessary in order for the home to comply with building code requirements to become an institutional (I-2) occupancy level facility.

Though work may need to be completed on all five floors of the South Building, this request addresses only the modifications needed on the second floor. This request will pay for planning, design, and construction. This initial work is considered Phase I. It is the Department's intent that any additional work identified during planning and design will be addressed as a Phase II project in a future capital request. This project will include the additions to security as well as nurses stations and dining rooms. As an additional element of this project, and at the requirement of the Municipality of Anchorage Fire Marshall, smoke detectors will be installed in the resident rooms of the north building. Though the installation of the smoke detectors is not connected to the classification change, it is related to the project and would be more cost-effective to accomplish at this time.

This request will allow the Department to consider establishing a geropsychology unit at the Anchorage Pioneer Home that could generate significant revenue for the Department. We expect to generate approximately \$800,000 in operating revenue with costs of \$500,000, for a net revenue of \$300,000. The return on investment for this project is considerable.

The Department has seen a dramatic increase in the level of care needs of those entering and residing at the Anchorage Pioneer Home during the past ten years. Very few residents are independent and most need a high level of supervision and care. This conversion will provide a safe environment for the care of these residents while complying with current building code requirements. This is the highest priority project for the Anchorage Pioneer Home.

Department's Mission: *To promote and protect the health and well being of Alaskans.* This project supports the Department's mission by providing appropriate living space to meet the needs of the residents in the Anchorage Pioneer Home, where approximately 150 Alaskan elders reside.