

**MH Cost Share Match for Bring the Kids Home**

**FY2008 Request: \$1,000,000**  
**Reference No: 38923**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation  
**Category:** Health/Human Services  
**Location:** Statewide  
**House District:** Statewide  
**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2007 - 06/30/2012

**Project Type:** Construction  
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**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This request will provide funding for construction and equipment grants for residential treatment alternatives for Severely Emotionally Disturbed (SED) youth that support the Department's Bring the Kids Home initiative. The Denali Commission has contributed more than \$5 million for this program. The Denali Commission funds require a 50% cost share match for all construction costs. This request will provide the required matching funds.

<b>Funding:</b>	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	Total
GF/MH	\$1,000,000						\$1,000,000
<b>Total:</b>	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
50% = 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
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	0	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

CH34/SLA06/P13/L15 – \$5,000.0 GF/MH

**Project Description/Justification:**

This request will provide funding for planning, design, and construction and equipment grants related to the Department's Bring the Kids Home initiative. The Denali Commission is committing over \$5 million to this program. The Denali Commission funds are federal funds and require a 50% cost share. This request will provide the required cost share funds.

Funds will be awarded as grants to agencies that will develop new facilities or expand existing facilities to increase bed capacity. The goal of this program is to bring kids back to Alaska that are currently receiving services out of state, and to develop sufficient infrastructure within the state to prevent out-of-state placement and recidivism for children and youth.

Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, 24-hour residential child care facilities, emergency stabilization and assessment centers, residential treatment facilities including psychiatric treatment facilities, and smaller models including group and family home models.

To the greatest extent possible, projects will allow children to remain engaged in school or job training, continue preparing for employment and/or learning life skills. These children experience severe emotional disturbances and typically have problems related to multiple factors including mental, emotional, behavioral health, substance use, physical health and or developmental factors. The service array required is complex and individualized and includes medication monitoring, clinical services, rehabilitative services and other services and supports in accordance with each child's or youth's individualized behavioral health treatment plan.

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Projects will be selected by the Denali Commission through their selection process with participation from the Department of Health and Social Services and the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. Once projects are approved, the Department will manage the grants through completion.

Department's Mission: *To promote and protect the health and well being of Alaskans.* This project supports the Department's mission by providing in-state residential youth facilities that meet the needs of Alaskan families.

The end result to which this project contributes is "Improve and enhance the quality of life for Alaskans with serious behavioral health problems."