

MH Essential Program Equipment

FY2009 Request: \$250,000
Reference No: 33672

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Health/Human Services
Location: Statewide
House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2008 - 06/30/2013
Project Type: Equipment
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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The request will provide capital equipment grants through the competitive process for agencies providing services, activities and programs for Mental Health Trust beneficiaries.

Funding:	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	Total
GF/MH	\$250,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000		\$2,650,000
Total:	\$250,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$0	\$2,650,000

<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	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

CH29/SLA07/P13/L30 \$350.0 GF
 CH5/SLA05/P13/L23 \$225.0 GF/MH \$350.0 MHTAAR
 CH157/SLA04/P11/L13 \$350.0 MHTAAR
 CH84/SLA03/P10/L17 \$250.0 MHTAAR
 CH95/SLA02/P12/L31 \$50.0 GF/MH \$250.0 MHTAAR
 CH62/SLA01/P10/L9 \$250.0 MHTAAR
 CH134/SLA00/L10/P30 \$50.0 GF/MH \$250.0 MHTAAR
 CH85/SLA99/P9/L14 \$50.0 GF/MH \$100.0 MHTAAR
 CH99/SLA97/P13/L32 \$75.0 GF/MH \$75.0 MHTAAR
 An additional \$150.0 MHTAAR specifically for equipment for alcoholism and drug abuse service providers was appropriated through an RPL for FY98

Project Description/Justification:

Agencies providing services to Mental Health Trust beneficiaries have a great need for equipment to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and quality of their service delivery.

Program equipment needs may include therapeutic equipment, computers (to allow programs to meet management information system operation, evaluation and client outcome requirements), FAX machines, copiers, furnishings and general office equipment, security systems for homeless shelters serving beneficiaries and telepsychiatry equipment or systems for community mental health grantees.

Proposals will be solicited from service providers statewide for all four beneficiary groups. This very successful grant program has provided agencies with equipment (limited to \$35,000 per agency) that has significantly improved agencies' operational efficiencies.

The ongoing need for this project has been well documented by the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, the beneficiary boards and the Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Plan, *Moving Forward*.

The Department's mission is: *To promote and protect the health and well being of Alaskans*. This project supports the mission by enhancing the quality of life through appropriate service delivery for people with mental or cognitive disabilities or substance use disorders.

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