

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: The Alaska Brain Injury Network, Inc****Federal Tax ID: 770621661****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

Alaska Brain Injury Network, Inc. - Resource Navigation Activities

State Funding Requested: \$50,000**House District: Statewide (1-40)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

The Alaska Brain Injury Network, Inc. is requesting \$50,000 for supplies to support resource navigation activities. Examples of supplies include: printed materials, DVD's, assistive technology, recovery kits, and agency referral information.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$50,000***There is no other funding needed***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Alaska has one of the highest incidences of identified traumatic brain injuries (TBI's) in the United States. In rural areas, the incidence rate is more than twice the statewide rate. These numbers are rising due to the many service members returning from war with a blast injury or traumatic brain injury.

Over 30 years of research shows that providing information about the injury, what to expect, what services may help and where to find that information, to the individual and the family, creates better long-term outcomes for the individual and the family unit. The educational materials and supplies are essential to insuring that civilians and Veterans alike have access to the information and resources needed to understand the injury and to navigate the intricate and often disjointed brain injury service delivery system in Alaska.

The Alaska Brain Injury Network, Inc. (ABIN) is a non-profit organization dedicated to Alaskans whose lives have been changed by brain injury. ABIN's mission is to educate, plan, coordinate, and advocate for a comprehensive system of care for Alaskans with brain injury and their families. In 2007, ABIN developed a brain injury resource navigation program for Alaskans looking for brain injury information and referrals to services. ABIN has been contacted by over 600 Alaskans looking for information and services in the past 3 years. The number of contacts has grown approximately 20% each year and is estimated to increase in the next five years.

Research shows people with TBI often have cognitive, behavioral, and emotional impairments. These can lead to short-term memory loss, aggressive social interactions, job loss, divorce, substance abuse, bankruptcy, incarceration, and homelessness. The price of not recognizing TBI and providing the essential supports and treatment can be quantified by the high percentage of people with TBI in jails, homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters, and behavioral health clinics. Providing the right information at the right time will give Alaskans the opportunity to find resources and access appropriate

supports, ultimately giving them the confidence and direction to move forward.

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Project Timeline:

FY11

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

The Alaska Brain Injury Network, Inc.

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No