

AHFC Statewide ADA Improvements**FY2011 Request: \$500,000****Reference No: 45389**

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Health/Human Services
Location: Statewide
House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2010 - 06/30/2015

Project Type: Renovation and Remodeling
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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Corporate (AHFC) funds will be used to address accessibility upgrades identified by a HUD Fair Housing Inspection dated September 2006. The upgrades are to be made over a five-year period to comply with ADA and Section 504 requirements of a Voluntary Compliance Agreement (VCA) recently negotiated with HUD.

Funding:	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>Total</u>
AHFC Div	\$500,000						\$500,000
Total:	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000

<input 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
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	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

FY2009 \$500,000 AHFC Dividend.

Project Description/Justification:

The purpose of this project is to address recommendations suggested in the recent ADA audit.

The projected outcome is to:

- Be in compliance with HUD Voluntary Compliance Agreement;
- Be in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA);
- Be in compliance with Section 504 of the Fair Housing Act;
- Address recommendations suggested in the recent ADA audit;
- Maintain Federal funding by complying with HUD;
- Increase comfort of tenants; and,
- Increase unit rentability.

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This request will provide funding to continue the upgrades for accessibility to the AHFC Family Investment Centers, dwelling units, and common areas for family and senior/disabled housing to comply with the HUD Voluntary Compliance Agreement (VCA).

AHFC was subjected to an inspection by HUD in September 2006 for accessibility for individuals with disabilities. A report dated October 2006 was received by AHFC on September 27, 2007, which details compliance issues at six specific residential properties chosen randomly in Anchorage and Fairbanks and their respective Family Investment Centers.

The report details requirements to upgrade parking spaces, sidewalks, wheelchair ramps, kitchens, bathrooms, entry doors and appliances in AHFC offices, common areas, and dwelling units.

A Voluntary Compliance Agreement (VCA) has been negotiated with HUD to address the accessibility issues over the course of a five-year program where AHFC is expected to upgrade a minimum number of units to satisfy the terms of the VCA with HUD.

Implementation of these accessibility upgrades will increase accessibility for individuals with disabilities, allow for aging-in-place for seniors and allow AHFC to comply with all applicable federal regulations. Implementing these tasks will also allow AHFC to remain in compliance with HUD mandates to maintain accessibility.

If AHFC does not move forward on this program, HUD may impose sanctions for non-compliance with HUD and Federal accessibility guidelines and the VCA.