

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Juneau Pioneer Home Foundation****Federal Tax ID: 92-0143399****Project Title:****Project Type: Planning and Research**

Juneau Pioneer Home Foundation - Juneau Pioneer Home Planning and Design

State Funding Requested: \$10,000**House District: Juneau Areawide (3-4)**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

The Juneau Pioneer Home Foundation will help the Juneau Pioneer Home identify the needs of the home by hiring an expert in the field of residential design for individuals with dementia and other related disorders. The goal is to provide a design for new and remodeled spaces that will enhance the quality of life as well as maintain the safety and health of residents.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$15,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$5,000)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$10,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Providing successful and humane residential care for people with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders (ADRD) requires careful planning, skilled staff, and physical environments that reduce the effects of the disease. Improperly designed environments result in increased behavioral disturbances (including agitation and aggression), higher rates of resident injuries, and increased staff injuries. These injury rates are costly to the system, and heartbreaking for residents, families, and staff. In order for confused residents to safely negotiate their environment, the facility must have small home-like neighborhoods that favor centralizing resident activity and allow for closer staff observation. Bathing rooms must have certain safety features for confused residents. Outdoor areas must allow for safe, protected wandering paths, which significantly reduce agitation and aggression, and make it possible for residents with ADRD to go outside without assistance. Successful redesigns maximize functional independence, decrease excess disability, improve safety, improve mobility, decrease resident falls, and result in improved quality of life. The number of residents in the Juneau Pioneer Home who have ADRD averages 85%. This planning and design project will hire an expert with expertise in dementia care and facility design. This expert will work with our staff, residents and families to create a re-design that will provide the best possible environment for people with ADRD.

Project Timeline:

The project will commence and be completed within one year of receipt of funding.

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

n/a. Implementing the design will be the responsibility of H&SS, with the foundation's help.

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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