

**Alaska Community Foundation - Statewide Domestic
Violence Shelter Improvements**

**FY2018 Request: \$250,000
Reference No: 60091**

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Health/Human Services
Location: Statewide
Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2017 - 06/30/2022
Project Type: Deferred Maintenance
Recipient: Alaska Community Foundation
House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)
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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

There are 17 domestic violence shelter facilities in Alaska operated by nonprofit organizations. Operating funds are limited in these organizations and maintenance of facilities is often deferred. Rasmuson Foundation noted the poor condition of many of the shelters and initiated an effort to fund and coordinate the necessary repairs and renovations. This project supplements funding from the Rasmuson Foundation, among other organizations, to assist with deferred maintenance needs of shelters such as roof repairs, window replacements, kitchen upgrades, flooring/carpeting, furnishings, etc.

Funding:	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	Total
1004 Gen Fund	\$250,000						\$250,000
Total:	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input 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	0
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Sec1 Ch18 SLA2014 P19 L23 SB119 \$4,000,000

Project Description/Justification:

There are 17 domestic violence shelters in Alaska operated by nonprofit organizations, which provided more than 98,000 bed nights in 2015 to Alaskan families and individuals at one of the most pivotal and fraught moments of their lives. Operating funds are limited in these organizations and maintenance of facilities is often deferred. Rasmuson Foundation noted the poor condition of many of the shelters and initiated an effort to fund and coordinate the necessary repairs and renovations.

In 2014 the State of Alaska contributed \$2,000,000 to this effort and the Rasmuson Foundation matched that amount. Additional contributions were provided by Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, Bethel Community Services Foundation, Mat-Su Health Foundation, the People of Qatar, and Wells Fargo, for a total of \$4,273,000. In addition to these cash grants and contributions, \$864,307 in local cash and in-kind services was raised by the shelters to support their individual projects. Alaska Community Foundation provides the fiscal management of the project at a reasonable cost and the Foraker Group Pre-Development Program provides management of the technical aspects. The

project is guided by a steering committee comprised of representatives from the stakeholders.

In March 2015, the Pre-Development Program at Foraker Group was authorized to implement a process for assessing the facilities, prioritizing projects, deploying funds, and managing construction. Code and condition surveys were conducted at all 17 shelters and a list of repairs and improvements was prepared. The total cost of this work is estimated at \$5,500,000. Because there is insufficient funding to cover all of the required work, a prioritization process has been implemented. Life, health and safety concerns are being addressed first, with building integrity items following.

Design work was completed for all shelters in 2016 and, as of September 30, 2016, the prioritized work at 10 shelters is substantially complete. Renovations at the remaining seven shelters are at various stages, ranging from bidding to near completion. The Foraker Group Pre-Development team's project management has allowed the individual shelter projects to progress at a rate and cost that would be unattainable for the individual shelters to manage on their own. As such, this initiative has resulted in incredible cost-savings overall and rapid completion of the renovations.

Every shelter is receiving some assistance; however, some of the shelters require extensive work that cannot be covered by existing funding and scope changes resulting from discoveries made during the renovations have compounded the issue. As of September 30, 2016, there remains a deficit of \$708,875 to complete all of the prioritized health and safety needs identified in the original assessments. Additional support from the State of Alaska would allow for the completion of electrical and heating system repairs, replace non-compliant fuel tanks, fix a leaking roof, and many more projects at nine shelters across Alaska. These discreet projects will greatly enhance the safety, efficiency, and sustainability of these shelters.