

AHFC Federal and Other Competitive Grants

FY2018 Request: \$15,200,000

Reference No: 6348

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Life / Health / Safety

Category: Health/Human Services

Location: Statewide

House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2017 - 06/30/2022

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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The purpose of this project is to allow the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) to apply for HUD, other federal agency, and private foundation grants that target the housing and supportive service needs of low-income and special needs groups such as: senior citizens, persons with mental, physical, or developmental disabilities, or the homeless. AHFC will also apply for energy-related grants as they relate to housing. When required, AHFC will provide the needed matching funds. Some of the funds received will be passed through to local nonprofit sub-grantee organizations that deliver housing and/or services.

Funding:	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	Total
1002 Fed Rcpts	\$13,700,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$28,700,000
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Total:	\$15,200,000	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$37,700,000

<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 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 Ch2 SLA2016 P6 L22 SB138 \$4,500,000
- Sec1 Ch38 SLA2015 P6 L18 SB26 \$4,500,000
- Sec1 Ch18 SLA2014 P61 L29 SB119 \$4,500,000
- Sec1 Ch16 SLA2013 P176 L31 SB18 \$4,500,000
- Sec1 Ch17 SLA2012 P130 L20 SB160 \$4,500,000
- Sec1 Ch5 SLA2011 P98 L14 SB46 \$4,500,000
- Sec7 Ch43 SLA2010 P34 L14 SB230 \$4,500,000
- Sec1 Ch15 SLA2009 P19 L31 SB75 \$4,500,000
- Sec13 Ch29 SLA2008 P156 L25 SB221 \$4,500,000

This year's project includes an increase for anticipated federal funding for two new one-time programs that include: \$3,000,000 - National Housing Trust Fund and \$7,700,000 – HUD's Section 811 program funding.

Project Description/Justification:

The purpose of this authorization is to: Allow AHFC to apply for HUD, other federal agency, and private foundation grants that target the housing and supportive service needs of low-income and special needs groups such as: senior citizens, persons with mental, physical, or developmental disabilities, or the homeless. AHFC will also apply for energy-related grants as they relate to housing. When required, AHFC will provide the needed matching funds. Some of the funds received will be passed through to local nonprofit sub-grantee organizations that deliver housing and/or services. This year's request includes an increment of anticipated federal funding for two new one-time programs that include: \$3,000,000 - **National Housing Trust Fund** and \$7,700,000 – **HUD's Section 811 program** funding.

The projected outcomes are to successfully compete and fund the matching portion of the following grant programs:

- HUD Supportive Housing;
- Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA);
- Grant Match Program;
- OneCPD HUD Technical Assistance Program (**C**ommunity **P**lanning **D**evelopment);
- The National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF); and,
- Section 811 Housing Program for Persons with Disabilities.

Federal (HUD) and state match funds will allow Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) to apply for HUD, other federal agency, and private foundation grants that target the housing needs of low-income and special needs groups such as: senior citizens, the mentally ill, persons with disabilities or the homeless. In cases where grants require a match, State funds will be used to the extent necessary. Grant funds received are often passed through to local nonprofit organizations.

Program Description:

This program also allows AHFC to apply for and receive federal, state, and other grants that target the housing needs and supportive services of low-income and special needs groups such as mentally ill, homeless or persons with disabilities. Numerous federal and private foundations incorporate a matching cash contribution requirement in their competitive grant programs. The grant match program has been vital to attracting outside funding into Alaska to meet the housing needs of these special populations.

Most of the Federal funds received, as well as the match funds, are customarily passed through to local non-profit or municipal sub-grantee agencies who deliver the housing and related supportive services. Examples of programs with match components include HUD Supportive Housing, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and the USDA Housing Preservation Grant Program.

AHFC will make application, as appropriate, to private institutions or foundations to study and/or address such issues as housing delivery systems, safe and viable neighborhoods, homelessness and aging in place. When required, matching funds will be provided for grants that target the housing needs of low-income and special needs groups such as senior citizens, persons with mental, physical, or developmental disabilities, or the homeless.

With the elimination of the local HUD Technical Assistance awards which previously funded the local technical assistance program, AHFC successfully partnered with a national entity on the first round of the HUD OneCPD training and technical assistance funding opportunity. AHFC, as a partner, will continue to provide scholarships to attendees to HUD-sponsored trainings in Alaska and other training locations as well as hosting AHFC-sponsored training events. Partnering with the national entity will allow input into the training and technical assistance needs of Alaskan project sponsors. Local input will ensure that the trainings offered by national entities continue to be responsive to both state and local requirements.

The **National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF)** is a new project under the Federal and Other Competitive Grants Program. The anticipated funding amount of \$3,000,000 is provided through the earnings of Fannie-Mae and Freddie-Mac, as directed through their conservator. The funding, targeted for households at-or-below, thirty-percent of Area Median Income, is for acquisition, rehabilitation, or new-construction of rental housing. AHFC intends to sub-grant \$545,085 of the NHTF to the Municipality of Anchorage. The remaining \$2,454,915 will be competitively allocated throughout the balance of state (excluding Anchorage). No matching funds are required for the NHTF funding.

National Housing Trust Fund -- <http://nlihc.org/issues/nhtf>

NHTF State Allocation Plan -- http://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/NHTF_StateAllocations_2016.pdf

NHTF Model Allocation Plan -- http://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/NHTF_Model-Allocation-Plan.pdf

The **HUD Section 811 program** provides rental assistance and supportive housing funding to Alaskans with disabilities who are currently living in assisted living facilities. The coupling of rental assistance with supportive housing funding will help to create stable, less costly, and integrated rental housing developments. These developments will allow Alaskans to live independently as possible in their community. Funding for the program, \$7,700,000 in Federal Receipts, is leveraged through \$5.1 million in State of Alaska Division of Health and Social Service funding, and \$735,000 in AHFC Corporate Dividend, GF/MH, and MHTAAR Receipts through prior year AHFC Homeless Assistance Program Capital Fund appropriations. The program is expected to: 1) Transition up to 200 Alaskans out from State-funded assisted living facilities into privately-managed rental housing; and, 2) Help offset the State of Alaska's cost associated with housing people with disabilities with a new Federal source of funding.

HUD 811 Program:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/mfh/progdesc/disab811