

MH: AHFC Beneficiary and Special Needs Housing

FY2019 Request: \$1,700,000

Reference No: 6360

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: 07/01/2018 - 06/30/2023

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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Funding will provide for a continuing program to serve populations with special housing needs. This program provides funds to Alaskan nonprofit service providers to increase housing opportunities for Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (AMHTA) beneficiaries and other special needs populations throughout the state. The funds may be used for housing development and/or services designed to achieve long-term residential stability.

Funding:	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	Total
1092 MHTAAR	\$200,000						\$200,000
1139 AHFC Div	\$1,500,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$10,000,000
Total:	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$10,200,000

<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 checked="" 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:

- Sec4 Ch1 SLA2017 P12 L18 HB59 \$1,015,300
- Sec4 Ch1 SLA2017 P12 L19 HB59 \$484,700
- Sec4 Ch1 SLA2017 P12 L20 HB59 \$200,000
- Sec5 Ch1 SLA2016 P16 L18 HB257 \$1,500,000
- Sec4 Ch24 SLA2015 P11 L16 SB73 \$1,500,000
- Sec4 Ch17 SLA2014 P13 L18 HB267 \$1,750,000
- Sec5 Ch16 SLA2013 P12 L28 HB66 \$1,500,000

Project Description/Justification:

The purpose of this authorization is to: Provide funds for Alaskan nonprofit service providers and housing developers to increase housing opportunities to Alaska Mental Health Trust beneficiaries and other special needs populations throughout Alaska. This program has developed 251 units since FY2000.

The projected outcomes are to:

- Support the operations of 14 congregate housing properties for people with mental illness or developmental disabilities;
- Reduce recidivism among clients spending time in institutions;
- Provide supportive housing, including assisted living, for people with mental, physical, or developmental disabilities, or multiple disorders; and
- Provide transitional housing with support services for newly recovering alcoholics and addicts.

Funding will continue to serve populations with special housing needs. This program provides funds to Alaskan nonprofit service providers to increase housing opportunities for Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (AMHTA) beneficiaries and other special needs populations throughout the state. The funds may be used for housing development and/or services designed to achieve long-term residential stability.

Program Description:

The demand for special needs housing remains critical. The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (AMHTA) has made housing one of its five focus areas for funding. The Alaska Independent Living Council, and other special needs advocacy groups have identified supportive housing as a top priority in their statewide planning efforts.

The target population served under the Beneficiary and Special Needs Housing program consists of mental health beneficiaries and other special needs groups like severely emotionally disturbed children and the homeless. This program provides funds to Alaskan nonprofit service providers and housing developers to increase housing opportunities to AMHTA beneficiaries and other special needs populations in Alaska through pre-development and development activities

AHFC will administer Beneficiary and Special Needs Housing development funds with other federal, grant, and tax credit housing programs. By streamlining these programs, multiple funding sources, including AHFC loans, are available for non-profit housing developers. This will ensure sufficient, expedited funding and development of non-profit housing developments. Typically, most special needs housing in Alaska is financed by AHFC.

Examples of special needs housing include, but are not limited to:

- Congregate housing for people with mental illness or developmental disabilities;
- Supportive housing, including assisted living, for people with mental illness, developmental disabilities, or multiple disorders;
- Transitional housing with support services for newly recovering alcoholics and addicts; and
- Permanent or transitional housing support for the homeless and AMHTA beneficiaries.

The loss of Beneficiary and Special Needs Program funds will mean increased expenditures by the state to house people who are inappropriately housed in the Alaska Psychiatric Institute (API) or the correctional system. The cost of providing community-based care is significantly lower than institutional care. A recent evaluation of six supportive housing properties funded through this program showed an average daily expense of \$51 a day compared to \$142 in prison and over \$1,100 a day in API. Another negative effect is the loss of leveraging opportunities with other federal grant programs.

AHFC - Special Needs Housing Program Capital Budgets from SFY 2011 - SFY 2017

Fiscal Year	Status	Community	Grantee/Contract	Funding
2017	Committed	N/A	<i>Committed but not awarded</i>	\$1,500,000.00
2017 Total Available for Housing				\$1,500,000.00
2016	Committed	N/A	<i>Committed but not awarded</i>	\$1,500,000.00
2016 Total Available for Housing				\$1,500,000.00
2015	Awarded	Juneau	Juneau Housing First Collaborative	\$534,932.65
2015	Awarded	Anchorage	New Life Development	\$547,804.67
2015	Awarded	Wasilla	Valley Residential Services	\$667,262.68
2015 Total				\$1,750,000.00
2014	Awarded	Anchorage	Anchorage Community Mental Health Services	\$46,781.16
2014	Awarded	Anchorage	New Life Development	\$245,873.17
2014	Awarded	Anchorage	Rural Alaska Community Action Program	\$1,457,345.67
2014 Total				\$1,750,000.00
2013	Awarded	Anchorage	Rural Alaska Community Action Program	\$185,712.98
2013	Awarded	Fairbanks	Interior Alaska Center for Nonviolent Living	\$344,573.41
2013	Awarded	Juneau	Juneau Housing First Collaborative	\$46,445.38
2013	Awarded	Kenai Peninsula	Kenai Peninsula Housing Initiatives	\$29,744.69
2013	Awarded	Seward	Seaview Community Services	\$77,792.63
2013	Awarded	Fairbanks	Tanana Chiefs Conference	\$893,432.47
2013	Awarded	Juneau	REACH	\$41,802.64
2013	Awarded	Anchorage	New Life Development	\$130,495.80
2013 Total				\$1,750,000.00
2012	Awarded	Anchorage	Covenant House of Alaska	\$151,336.42
2012	Awarded	Anchorage	Catholic Social Services	\$85,700.64
2012	Awarded	Wasilla	Valley Residential Services	\$326,853.83
2012	Awarded	Juneau	Juneau Housing First Collaborative	\$640,724.79
2012	Awarded	Anchorage	Rural Alaska Community Action Program	\$164,353.83
2012	Awarded	Kenai Peninsula	Kenai Peninsula Housing Initiatives	\$1,961.46
2012	Awarded	Anchorage	Anchorage Community Mental Health Services	\$23,390.79
2012	Awarded	Seward	Seaview Community Services	\$40,033.93
2012	Awarded	Anchorage	New Life Development	\$172,835.38
2012	Awarded	Fairbanks	Fairbanks Native Association - Women & Children	\$104,238.25
2012	Awarded	Fairbanks	Fairbanks Community Mental Health - Evergreen	\$38,570.68
2012 Total				\$1,750,000.00

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2011 Awarded	Juneau	REACH	\$6,498.33
2011 Awarded	Wasilla	Valley Residential Services	\$427,408.15
2011 Awarded	Anchorage	New Life Development	\$673,152.05
2011 Awarded	Anchorage	Catholic Social Services	\$32,587.00
2011 Awarded	Anchorage	Rural Alaska Community Action Program	\$610,354.47
2011 Total			\$1,750,000.00