

Hope Community Resources, Inc. - Upgrades to Housing to Meet State & Federal Licensing Requirements **FY2020 Request: \$85,000**
Reference No: 55158

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Deferred Maintenance
Category: Health/Human Services **Recipient:** Hope Community Resources, Inc.
Location: Statewide **House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)
Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40) **Contact:** April Wilkerson
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2019 - 06/30/2024 **Contact Phone:** (907)456-2506

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Six health facilities need upgrades in order for Hope Community Resources to maintain state licenses to operate care homes. These upgrades are necessary to comply with state and federal licensing requirements. The purpose of the inspections is to determine a health care provider's ability to give services which are safe and of an acceptable quality. Without these upgrades, Hope Community Resources, Inc., will be unable to provide services in their facilities. Keeping these five homes open saves the State of Alaska over \$1,000,000 a year in reduced operating budget expenses due to the cost of moving these residents to institutional settings.

Funding:	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	Total
1004 Gen Fund	\$85,000						\$85,000
Total:	\$85,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$85,000

<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 Ch19 SLA2018 P3 L24 SB142 \$85,000
 Sec1 Ch1 SLA2017 P3 L17 SB23 \$90,000
 Sec1 Ch2 SLA2016 P2 L25 SB138 \$115,000
 Sec25(a) Ch38 SLA2015 P39 L4 SB26 \$125,000

Project Description/Justification:

Hope became a licensed provider of services to the disabled on October 28, 1968. Beginning as a single home, known as Hope Cottage, Hope has undergone immense growth and numerous changes, and over 1,300 Alaskan individuals statewide are working in partnership with Hope to ensure their needs and dreams are being met. As the Department of Health and Social Services authorizes additional Alaskans to receive these services, Hope is increasing the Alaskans it serves annually. The number of Alaskans served by Hope has grown over 98% since 2005.

The existence of Hope has helped enable Alaskans to return home from institutional locations outside of the State. The providing of these services has shifted from large state run institutional centers to assisted community housing.

Hope's mission is to provide services and supports that are requested and designed by individuals and families who experience disabilities that result in choice, control, family preservation and community inclusion. Currently, Hope is the only entity to provide services to disabled Alaskans on a state-wide basis through regional offices that are located in Anchorage, the Mat-Su Valley, Dillingham, Kodiak, Juneau, Seward, Barrow, Kenai/Soldotna, and Ketchikan. Based in these communities, Hope also serves the outlying areas and numerous villages surrounding each region.

The majority of those receiving services from Hope are dealing with a developmental disability (about eighty percent). Some individuals suffer from exclusively physical disabilities but most experience a combination of both mental and physical challenges. In addition to providing housing, Hope is adding new services and supports, such as vocational education, life skills training, recreation programs, self-defense, spiritual wellness, and supported parenting/relationships in an effort to meet the ever-changing needs of Alaskans who experience a disability. This project will help pay for badly needed remodeling and upgrades to Licensed Assisted Living Homes throughout the State of Alaska.