

MH Deferred Maintenance and Accessibility Improvements **FY2020 Request:** **\$500,000**
Reference No: **33670**

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Deferred Maintenance
Category: Health/Human Services **Recipient:** Various
Location: Statewide **House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)
Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40) **Contact:** Jennifer Klein
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2015 - 06/30/2020 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-1870

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The Department of Health and Social Services manages the Deferred Maintenance and Accessibility Improvements capital program, offering competitive grants every other year to agencies serving AMHTA beneficiaries. These agencies often lack resources for necessary deferred maintenance projects and accessibility upgrades. This results in either sub-standard facilities in which for beneficiaries to receive services or reduced access to services as funds are redirected to deferred maintenance. Neither is an acceptable result for beneficiaries. These grants help those agencies receiving them provide quality services in safe, secure, and accessible environments that promote positive beneficiary outcomes.

Funding:	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	Total
1037 GF/MH	\$250,000		\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000		\$2,250,000
1092	\$250,000						\$250,000
MHTAAR							
Total:	\$500,000	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$2,500,000

<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 Ch4 SLA2011 P11 L13 HB109 \$500,000
 Sec5 Ch42 SLA2010 P18 L9 HB302 \$470,000
 Sec4 Ch13 SLA2009 P14 L13 HB83 \$750,000
 Sec4 Ch29 SLA2007 P13 L24 HB96 \$2,000,000
 Sec5 Ch5 SLA2005 P13 L20 HB66 \$500,000
 Sec5 Ch157 SLA2004 P11 L10 HB377 \$400,000
 Sec4 Ch84 SLA2003 P10 L14 HB76 \$333,300

Project Description/Justification:

Agencies serving beneficiaries often lack resources for necessary deferred maintenance, renovation and repair, energy efficiency and accessibility upgrades. The ongoing need for this project has been well documented by the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, the beneficiary boards and the Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Plan, *Moving Forward*. The unmet need for deferred maintenance is also documented by the consistent number of applicants that are left unfunded by each Request for Proposal (RFP) due to the limited funds available for this grant program.

The most recent request for proposal garnered \$4,446,961 in requests with only \$705,000 available for award. Maintenance of buildings for housing, treatment offices, residential services and administrative offices is a continual problem for providers serving Mental Health Trust beneficiaries. Some agencies have staff working in buildings that are in serious states of deterioration and disrepair. Clients are sometimes housed in residential program facilities in which maintenance and repair needs are extensive.

The number of deferred maintenance projects continues to grow as agencies continue to defer the maintenance needs of their facilities. Other potential available funding sources to address deferred maintenance also continues to decrease. Because of rising fuel and energy costs the department will partner with the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation to allow for energy efficient upgrades to be included as part of this grant program. This project will reduce the deferred maintenance and accessibility needs as well as mitigate high energy costs among Alaska Mental Health Trust beneficiaries' provider agencies throughout Alaska.