

**MH: AHFC Beneficiary and Special Needs Housing**

**FY2020 Request: \$3,700,000**

**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:** 07/01/2019 - 06/30/2024

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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.

| <b>Funding:</b> | <b>FY2020</b>      | <b>FY2021</b> | <b>FY2022</b> | <b>FY2023</b> | <b>FY2024</b> | <b>FY2025</b> | <b>Total</b>       |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 1001 CBR Fund   | \$2,000,000        |               |               |               |               |               | \$2,000,000        |
| 1092 MHTAAR     | \$200,000          |               |               |               |               |               | \$200,000          |
| 1139 AHFC Div   | \$1,500,000        |               |               |               |               |               | \$1,500,000        |
| <b>Total:</b>   | <b>\$3,700,000</b> | <b>\$0</b>    | <b>\$0</b>    | <b>\$0</b>    | <b>\$0</b>    | <b>\$0</b>    | <b>\$3,700,000</b> |

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|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <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            |
| <b>Totals:</b>       | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>     |

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

Sec4 Ch1 SLA2017 P12 L18 HB59 \$1,700,000  
 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  
 Sec5 Ch16 SLA2012 P13 L26 HB285 \$1,750,000  
 Sec4 Ch4 SLA2011 P11 L30 HB109 \$1,750,000  
 Sec5 Ch42 SLA2010 P18 L28 HB302 \$1,750,000  
 Sec4 Ch13 SLA2009 P14 L31 HB83 \$1,750,000  
 Sec4 Ch28 SLA2008 P15 L31 HB312 \$1,750,000

**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

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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 2019

| Fiscal Year       | Community       | Grantee/Contract                                | Funding            |
|-------------------|-----------------|---|--------------------|
| 2019              | N/A             | Committed but not awarded                       | \$1,700,000        |
| <b>2019 Total</b> |                 |   | <b>\$1,700,000</b> |
| 2018              | N/A             | Committed but not awarded                       | \$1,700,000        |
| <b>2018 Total</b> |                 |   | <b>\$1,700,000</b> |
| 2017              | N/A             | Committed but not Awarded                       | \$96,768           |
|                   | Anchorage       | Partners for Progress                           | \$4,079            |
|                   | Anchorage       | Rural Alaska Community Action Program           | \$839,153          |
|                   | Wasilla         | Valley Residential Services                     | \$560,000          |
| <b>2017 Total</b> |                 |   | <b>\$1,500,000</b> |
| 2016              | Fairbanks       | Kenai Peninsula Housing Initiatives             | \$19,721           |
|                   | Anchorage       | REACH   | \$37,489           |
|                   | Juneau          | Rural Alaska Community Action Program           | \$1,441,587        |
|                   | Kenai Peninsula | Tanana Chiefs Conference                        | \$1,203            |
| <b>2016 Total</b> |                 |   | <b>\$1,500,000</b> |
| 2015              | N/A             | Available to Budget                             | \$141,649          |
|                   | Juneau          | Juneau Housing First Collaborative              | \$393,284          |
|                   | Anchorage       | New Life Development                            | \$547,805          |
|                   | Wasilla         | Valley Residential Services                     | \$667,263          |
| <b>2015 Total</b> |                 |   | <b>\$1,750,000</b> |
| 2014              | Anchorage       | Anchorage Community Mental Health Services      | \$46,781           |
|                   | Anchorage       | New Life Development                            | \$245,873          |
|                   | Anchorage       | Rural Alaska Community Action Program           | \$1,457,346        |
| <b>2014 Total</b> |                 |   | <b>\$1,750,000</b> |
| 2013              | Anchorage       | Interior Alaska Center for Nonviolent Living    | \$344,573          |
|                   | Anchorage       | Juneau Housing First Collaborative              | \$46,445           |
|                   | Fairbanks       | Kenai Peninsula Housing Initiatives             | \$29,745           |
|                   | Fairbanks       | New Life Development                            | \$130,496          |
|                   | Juneau          | REACH   | \$41,803           |
|                   | Juneau          | Rural Alaska Community Action Program           | \$185,713          |
|                   | Kenai Peninsula | Tanana Chiefs Conference                        | \$893,432          |
|                   | Seward          | Seaview Community Services                      | \$77,793           |
| <b>2013 Total</b> |                 |   | <b>\$1,750,000</b> |
| 2012              | Anchorage       | Anchorage Community Mental Health Services      | \$23,391           |
|                   | Anchorage       | Catholic Social Services                        | \$85,701           |
|                   | Anchorage       | Covenant House of Alaska                        | \$151,336          |
|                   | Anchorage       | Fairbanks Community Mental Health - Evergreen   | \$38,571           |
|                   | Anchorage       | Fairbanks Native Association - Women & Children | \$104,238          |
|                   | Fairbanks       | Juneau Housing First Collaborative              | \$640,725          |
|                   | Fairbanks       | Kenai Peninsula Housing Initiatives             | \$1,961            |
|                   | Juneau          | New Life Development                            | \$172,835          |
|                   | Kenai Peninsula | Rural Alaska Community Action Program           | \$164,354          |
|                   | Seward          | Seaview Community Services                      | \$40,034           |
|                   | Wasilla         | Valley Residential Services                     | \$326,854          |
| <b>2012 Total</b> |                 |   | <b>\$1,750,000</b> |
| 2011              | Anchorage       | Catholic Social Services                        | \$32,587           |
|                   | Anchorage       | New Life Development                            | \$673,152          |
|                   | Anchorage       | REACH   | \$6,498            |
|                   | Juneau          | Rural Alaska Community Action Program           | \$610,354          |
|                   | Wasilla         | Valley Residential Services                     | \$427,408          |
| <b>2011 Total</b> |                 |   | <b>\$1,750,000</b> |

