Palmer Alaska Veterans and Pioneer Home Safety Fencing **FY2022 Request: $61,200**
Reference No: AMD 63213

AP/AL: Allocation
Category: Health/Human Services
Location: Palmer (Greater Palmer)
Impact House District: Matsu Areawide (HD 7-12)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2021 - 06/30/2026
Project Type: Construction
Recipient: Various
House District: Matsu Areawide (HD 7-12)
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Appropriation: Pioneer Homes Facility Improvements

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:
The project will consist of constructing approximately 1,000 feet of chain-link fencing to enclose the back grounds, as well as 500 feet of split rail type fencing along the Colony Way side of the Palmer Alaska Veterans and Pioneer Home property.

Funding:	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	Total
1004 Gen Fund	$61,200						$61,200
Total:	$61,200	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$61,200

☐ State Match Required ☑ One-Time Project ☐ Phased - new ☐ Phased - underway ☐ Ongoing
0% = Minimum State Match % Required ☑ Amendment ☐ Mental Health Bill

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	Amount	Staff
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

This is the first and only year of the project.

Project Description/Justification:
The Alaska Veterans and Pioneers Home (AVPH) in Palmer occupies the grounds of the original state fairgrounds. This large 15+ acres of lawn is inaccessible to elders with dementia and wandering behaviors due to the risk of them leaving the grounds and going on roadways and other unsafe, unmonitored areas. Additionally, the community of Palmer is not immune to the risks of crime. Thefts have been reported on the bordering Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority property and there have been incidents of homeless individuals camping on the facility grounds. The lack of facility fencing denies some AVPH elders the opportunity to utilize the grounds and poses a security liability. This proposal to construct approximately 1,000 feet of chain-link fencing to enclose the back grounds as well as 500 feet of split rail type fencing along the Colony Way side of the property will allow residents to access a secure outdoor area.

Pioneer home elders continue to come in at older ages as well as higher medical and behavioral acuity. Resident access to a secure outdoor area is essential to their maintaining physical and mental health. Security concerns continue to be an issue in the community and fencing provides a deterrent to unauthorized use and entry on the grounds.