

MH: Deferred Maintenance and Accessibility Improvements **FY2022 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:** Amy Burke
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2021 - 06/30/2026 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-1624

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Capital grant funds offered to providers serving Alaska Mental Health Trust beneficiaries will be awarded statewide to agencies on a competitive basis for deferred maintenance, including facility renovation and repair, energy efficiency upgrades, and accessibility improvements. This project contributes to the department’s mission “To promote and protect the health and well-being of Alaskans.” The funds are needed to keep program facilities operational and accessible.

| Funding: | FY2022 | FY2023 | FY2024 | FY2025 | FY2026 | FY2027 | Total |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1092 | \$250,000 | | | | | | \$250,000 |
| MHTAAR | | | | | | | |
| 1268 MH Tr Res | \$250,000 | | | | | | \$250,000 |
| Total: | \$500,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$500,000 |

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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"/> Ongoing |
| 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:

Sec1 Ch2 SLA2020 P11 L11 HB206 \$500,000
 Sec4 Ch2 SLA2019 P11 L11 HB40 \$250,000
 Sec7 Ch1 SLA2019 P14 L11 SB2002 \$250,000
 Sec4 Ch1 SLA2017 P12 L10 HB59 \$250,000
 Sec5 Ch15 SLA2013 P12 L10 HB66 \$1,000,000
 Sec4 Ch11 SLA2011 P11 L13 HB109 \$470,000
 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
 Sec4 Ch95 SLA2002 P12 L26 HB404 \$600,000
 Sec4 Ch95 SLA2002 P13 L13 HB404 \$600,000
 Sec4 Ch62 SLA2001 P10 L4 HB104 \$800,000
 Sec4 Ch134 SLA2000 P10 L27 HB313 \$650,000

Sec4 Ch85 SLA1999 P9 L16 HB51 \$500,000

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.

Maintenance of buildings for housing, treatment offices, residential services and administrative offices is a continual problem for providers serving Alaska 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.

With a continuing decline in operating funds, many Alaska Mental Health Trust beneficiary service agencies must place all available resources in providing care to clients and are not able to set aside repair and replacement funds for their buildings. Agencies serving beneficiaries often lack resources for necessary deferred maintenance, renovation and repair, energy efficiency and accessibility upgrades. There is usually no other option for these agencies, and their buildings continue to deteriorate. Funds for repair of beneficiary service provider facilities are a good investment in the health care of Alaskans. The amount of funds requested is only a small part of the total need.

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

With the continued rise in energy costs and agencies' inability to maintain their facilities, not funding this request could jeopardize the services provided for the wellbeing of Alaska Mental Health Trust beneficiaries.

Use of budget fund code 1268 directs expenditure of money held in reserve in the Mental Health Trust Settlement Income Account in excess of the amount directed for use by the Trust through annual recommendations (state accounting system fund 3321). Per AS 37.14.041(b) money in excess of the amount needed to meet the necessary expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program shall be transferred to the general fund and used for any public purpose. To ensure these monies are expended to the benefit of the state's mental health program and not swept to the general fund, a portion of the reserves are being utilized to fund various mental health programs and Trust recommendations with the intent of drawing reserves down over a period of five years.

