

MH: Home Modification and Upgrades to Retain Housing **FY2022 Request: \$1,150,000**
Reference No: 33671

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Renovation and Remodeling
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:

This is a competitive capital grant program that provides housing modifications for persons with special needs. People are able to remain in their homes, thus reducing costs of providing supported housing or moving to institutional housing.

Funding:	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>Total</u>
1092	\$250,000	\$100,000					\$350,000
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1268 MH Tr Res	\$900,000	\$1,050,000					\$1,950,000
Total:	\$1,150,000	\$1,150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,300,000

<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"/> 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
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	0	
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Sec4 Ch2 SLA2020 P11 L15 HB206 \$1,050,000
 Sec4 Ch2 SLA2019 P11 L13 HB40 \$300,000
 Sec7 Ch1 SLA2019 P14 L13 SB2002 \$750,000
 Sec4 Ch18 SLA2018 P12 L12 HB285 \$1,050,000
 Sec4 Ch1 SLA2017 P12 L12 HB59 \$1,050,000
 Sec5 Ch1 SLA2016 P16 L12 HB257 \$1,050,000

Project Description/Justification:

This capital project provides housing modifications for disabled persons, allowing them to remain in their homes and potentially reducing the cost of providing supported housing. This project increases the accessibility of current housing so Alaska Mental Health Trust beneficiaries and other special needs populations can move into or remain in their own homes. Home modifications are available to people wherever they reside, regardless of whether they own or rent, and with whom they live. Approximately 125 families receive modifications to their homes each grant cycle. Many of the agencies receiving these funds have wait lists for the needed modifications. Typical kinds of assistance provided are accessibility modifications or additions (e.g., widening doorways, remodeling bathrooms or kitchens, installing entrance ramps, adding bathrooms or bedrooms) and related equipment.

Grantees will coordinate their efforts with the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) weatherization program and similar tribal and municipal programs to supply essential repairs or upgrades to building structures (e.g., heating, plumbing, and/or electrical systems, roofs, weatherproofing, energy efficiency improvements). Funds will not be available to duplicate down payment, mortgage buy-down, or building repair and weatherization programs currently operated by AHFC. This program is supported in the Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Plan, *Moving Forward*.

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.