

AHFC Teacher, Health and Public Safety Professionals Housing

FY2022 Request: \$2,250,000
Reference No: 49395

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Economic Assistance

Category: Development

Location: Statewide

House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2021 - 06/30/2026

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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The purpose of this authorization is to provide gap funding for rental units designed to help recruit and retain essential professionals in small Alaska communities. This program has, since 2004, funded 123 developments throughout State, delivering over 498 new units of teacher, health professional, and public safety housing.

| Funding: | FY2022 | FY2023 | FY2024 | FY2025 | FY2026 | FY2027 | Total |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1108 Stat | \$500,000 | \$500,000 | \$500,000 | \$500,000 | \$500,000 | \$500,000 | \$3,000,000 |
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| 1139 AHFC | \$1,750,000 | \$1,750,000 | \$1,750,000 | \$1,750,000 | \$1,750,000 | \$1,750,000 | \$10,500,000 |
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| Total: | \$2,250,000 | \$2,250,000 | \$2,250,000 | \$2,250,000 | \$2,250,000 | \$2,250,000 | \$13,500,000 |

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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 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:

- Sec5 Ch1 SLA2020 P66 L21 HB205 \$2,250,000
- Sec1 Ch1 SLA2019 P7 L6 SB19 \$500,000
- Sec1 Ch1 SLA2018 P9 L28 SB142 \$2,250,000
- Sec1 Ch1 SLA2017 P7 L21 SB23 \$1,750,000
- Sec1 Ch2 SLA2016 P7 L5 SB138 \$2,300,000

Project Description/Justification:

This program supports the State of Alaska’s goal to attract and maintain a pool of qualified teachers, health professionals, and public safety officials in rural Alaska. It achieves this goal by ensuring housing is available, affordable, and of a quality that encourages these professionals to locate and stay in rural settings. These programs respond to the need for additional housing for professionals and their families by providing grants to fill the funding gap for various housing projects. Funding is available through a competitive process for new construction, rehabilitation, and acquisition of housing.

Project Awards: FY2016 – FY2020

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| <u>FY2020 Projects</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Award Amount</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Northwest Arctic Borough S.D. | (Kivalina) | \$355,986 |
| Nome Public Schools | (Nome) | \$500,000 |
| Bering Strait S.D. | (Brevig Mission) | \$381,888 |
| Bering Strait S.D. | (Shaktoolik) | \$484,602 |
| Yukon Koyukuk S.D. | (Nulator) | \$447,655 |

| <u>FY2019 Projects</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Award Amount</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Kodiak Area Native Association | (Ouzinkie) | \$99,538 |
| Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation | (Dillingham) | \$500,000 |
| Lower Kuskokwim School District | (Mertarvik) | \$500,000 |
| Newtok Village Council | (Mertarvik) | \$500,000 |
| Yakutat Tlingit Tribe | (Yakutat) | \$500,000 |
| Northwest Arctic Borough S.D. | (Kivalina) | \$472,710 |
| Yukon Koyukuk School District | (Ruby) | \$270,000 |

| <u>FY2018 Projects</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Award Amount</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Hoonah Indian Association | (Hoonah) | \$550,000 |
| Organized Village of Kasaan | (Kasaan) | \$372,500 |
| Huslia Village Council | (Huslia) | \$550,000 |
| Native Village of Tununak | (Tununak) | \$381,218 |

| <u>FY2017 Projects</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Award Amount</u> |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Rampart Village Council | (Rampart) | \$413,491 |
| Bering Strait School District | (Wales) | \$510,000 |
| Council of Athabascan Tribal Gov't | (Fort Yukon) | \$550,000 |
| Bering Strait School District | (Golovin) | \$480,000 |

The projected outcomes are:

- Leverage \$500,000 in Federal Denali Commission funding as a match to appropriated funds;
- Increase recruitment and retention of essential services staff for rural communities through localized housing developments;
- Create new housing in at least four rural Alaskan communities for teachers, health professionals, or public safety officials;
- Lower interest rates on AHFC mortgage programs to attract loan volume and generate net income;
- Generate additional loan volume for AHFC.