

MH: Deferred Maintenance and Accessibility Improvements **FY2023 Request:** **\$500,000**
Reference No: **AMD 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: 07/01/2022 - 06/30/2027 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-1624

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Capital grant funds offered competitively 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:	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Total
1037 GF/MH	\$250,000						\$250,000
1092	\$250,000						\$250,000
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Total:	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000

<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 checked="" 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:

Sec4 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

Replaces existing FY2023 capital project; amended so that the agency responsible is transferred from Family and Children Services to Department of Health to align with agency's strategic mission.

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.

The most recent RFP garnered \$1,587,177 in requests with only \$607,947 available for award. 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 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 well-being of Alaska Mental Health Trust beneficiaries.