

**AHFC Teacher, Health, and Public Safety Professionals Housing**

**FY2023 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)

**Contact:** James Wiedle

**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2022 - 06/30/2027

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**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This program helps recruit and retain essential professionals in Alaska’s small communities by providing gap funding to increase rental units.

<b>Funding:</b>	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	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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<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,250,000</b>	<b>\$2,250,000</b>	<b>\$2,250,000</b>	<b>\$2,250,000</b>	<b>\$2,250,000</b>	<b>\$2,250,000</b>	<b>\$13,500,000</b>

<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
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

Sec8 Ch1 SLA2021 P79 L10 HB69 \$2,250,000  
 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

**Project Description/Justification:**

Attracting and maintaining a pool of qualified teachers, health professionals, and public safety officials in rural Alaska is a goal of the State of Alaska. In order to achieve this, housing must be available, affordable, and of a quality that encourages these professionals to locate and stay in rural settings.

The Teacher, Health Professional, and Public Safety Housing program responds to the need for housing for rural professionals and their families by providing grants, through a competitive process for new construction, rehabilitation, and acquisition of housing.

Since inception, the Teacher, Health Professional and Public Safety Housing program has funded 123 projects that have delivered over 500 new units of teacher, health professional, and public safety housing.

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**Projected Outcomes**

- Leveraging federal and other sources of funding to match the AHFC corporate dividend for the construction of professional housing in Alaska's small communities.
- Improving building cost efficiencies by leveraging existing development activities with planned housing developments.
- Increasing recruitment and retention of essential services staff for rural communities through localized housing developments; and,
- New housing in at least four rural Alaskan communities for Teachers, Health Professionals, or Public Safety officials in rural Alaska.