

MH: Home Modification and Upgrades to Retain Housing **FY2024 Request:** **\$1,150,000**
Reference No: **64735**

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Life / Health / Safety
Category: Health/Human Services
Location: Statewide **House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)
Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40) **Contact:** Sylvan Robb
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2023 - 06/30/2028 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-1630

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

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

Funding:	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>Total</u>
1037 GF/MH	\$1,150,000						\$1,150,000
Total:	\$1,150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,150,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input 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:

- Sec5 Ch12 SLA2022 P15 L18 HB282 \$1,150,000
- 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 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 waitlists 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*.