MH: AHFC Beneficiary and Special Needs Housing | **FY2024 Request: $2,950,000**
Reference No: AMD 64685

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)
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2023 - 06/30/2028
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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:
Funds for Alaska nonprofit service providers and housing developers to increase housing opportunities to Alaska Mental Health Trust beneficiaries and other special needs populations throughout Alaska.

Funding:	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	Total
1037 GF/MH	$1,000,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$9,750,000
1092 MHTAAR	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$1,200,000
1139 AHFC Div	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$10,500,000
Total:	$2,950,000	$3,700,000	$3,700,000	$3,700,000	$3,700,000	$3,700,000	$21,450,000

☐ State Match Required ☐ One-Time Project ☐ Phased - new ☐ Phased - underway ☑ Ongoing
0% = Minimum State Match % Required ☑ Amendment ☑ Mental Health Bill

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	Amount	Staff
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:
Sec5 Ch1 SLA2022 P15 L29 HB282 $3,450,000
Sec5 Ch1 SLA2021 P14 L19 HB71 $200,000
Sec4 Ch2 SLA2020 P11 L21 HB206 $1,700,000
Sec4 Ch2 SLA2019 P11 L19 HB40 $1,700,000
Sec7 Ch1 SLA2019 P14 L19 SB2002 $2,000,000
Sec4 Ch18 SLA2018 P12 L18 HB285 $1,700,000
Sec4 Ch1 SLA2017 P12 L18 HB59 $1,700,000

Project Description/Justification:
Beneficiary and Special Needs Housing program funds pre-development and development activities for Alaska nonprofit service providers and housing developers. Funds are for developing community-based supportive housing in conjunction with the Homeless Assistance Program. This program has developed 307 units since FY2000.

Demand for special needs housing remains critical. The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (AMHTA) has made housing one of its five focus areas for funding. The Alaska Independent Living Council and other special needs advocacy groups have identified supportive housing as a top priority

in their statewide planning efforts. Target populations consist of mental health beneficiaries and other special needs groups including severely emotionally disturbed children and the homeless.

Examples of special needs housing include:

- Congregate housing for people with mental illness or developmental disabilities;
- Supportive housing for victims of domestic violence;
- Supportive housing, including assisted living for people with mental illness, developmental disabilities, or multiple disorders;
- Transitional housing with support services for newly recovering alcoholics and addicts; and
- Permanent or transitional housing support for the homeless and AMHTA beneficiaries.

AHFC administer these housing development funds in conjunction with other resources, including other federal grant and tax credit programs, to the greatest extent possible. Leveraging of these funds enables AHFC to administratively streamline housing development projects and expedite the release of funding to nonprofit housing developers, particularly those who also intend to borrow money from AHFC.

Projected Outcomes

- Ongoing operational support for 17 congregate housing properties for victims of domestic violence, people with mental illness or developmental disabilities and chronically homeless Alaskans;
- Reduction in recidivism among clients spending time in institutions;
- Increase in supportive housing, including assisted living, for Alaskans with mental, physical, or developmental disabilities, or multiple disorders; and
- Increase in transitional housing with support services for newly recovering alcoholics and addicts.