

MH: Coordinated Transportation and Vehicles

FY2024 Request: \$1,300,000

Reference No: 30648

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Transportation
Location: Statewide
Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2023 - 06/30/2028

Project Type: Equipment / Commodities
House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)
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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project provides competitive grants for coordinated transportation services for Mental Health Trust beneficiaries and the purchase of vehicles for beneficiaries where coordinated services are not yet available or appropriate.

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	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000				\$3,000,000
1092 MHTAAR	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000				\$900,000
Total:	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,900,000

<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 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 P16 L7 HB282 \$1,300,000
- Sec5 Ch1 SLA2021 P14 L26 HB71 \$1,300,000
- Sec2 Ch2 SLA2020 P11 L31 HB206 \$1,300,000
- Sec1 Ch2 SLA2019 P11 L29 HB40 \$300,000
- Sec4 Ch18 SLA2018 P12 L28 HB285 \$1,300,000
- Sec4 Ch1 SLA2017 P12 L25 HB59 \$1,300,000
- Sec5 Ch1 SLA2016 P16 L25 HB257 \$1,050,000
- Sec4 Ch24 SLA2015 P11 L23 HB73 \$1,300,000
- Sec5 Ch15 SLA2013 P13 L8 HB66 \$1,050,000

Project Description/Justification:

This project is designed to increase the mobility of Alaska Mental Health Trust beneficiaries - those Alaskans experiencing mental illness, developmental disabilities, chronic alcoholism with psychosis, or Alzheimer's disease or related dementia, as defined by the Alaska Mental Health Trust.

Funding is granted to private nonprofit and public transportation providers through a competitive grant process, in conjunction with the state's Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program and the Public Transportation Social Service Van Replacement and Capital Support Program as follows:

- A Request for Proposals is issued.
- Grant applications are initially screened by Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) staff.
- Grant applications are then evaluated by a Proposal Evaluation Committee comprised of representatives of state-level agencies involved in social services transportation.
- The Proposal Evaluation Committee makes funding recommendations to DOT&PF.
- DOT&PF makes final funding determinations, based upon the Committee's recommendations.

Grants are largely used to support coordinated community transportation systems because these systems maximize availability of accessible and affordable rides for the beneficiary groups. They do this through operational efficiencies and arrangement of existing resources to maximize leveraging of new resources for transportation services. In addition to helping beneficiaries, each community transportation system serves as an economic engine for the community - more people can get to job interviews, job training and jobs, while employers find it easier to obtain and keep dependable employees.

Grants are also used for more limited coordinated services and for non-coordinated client transportation, where coordinated systems do not exist, are inappropriate or cannot yet meet certain beneficiary needs. Vehicles are usually purchased with the provision that, if a coordinated system becomes available within the usable life of the vehicle, the vehicle will be included in the system.