



December 14, 2023

Mrs. Anita Halterman, Chair
Members of the Board of
Trustees
Mr. Steve Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
3745 Community Park Loop, Suite 200
Anchorage, AK 99508

Dear Mrs. Halterman, Members of the Board of Trustees, and Mr. Williams,

Thank you for your continued efforts and dedication to the goals of the Mental Health Trust (Trust) and the work you do on behalf of the Trust’s beneficiaries. Your efforts are of great value to beneficiaries of the Trust and the state as a whole.

The Mental Health Budget, as submitted to the administration and subsequently transmitted to the legislature, contains changes to Trust recommendations related to items funded through general fund mental health (GFMH) and Mental Health Trust Authority authorized receipts (MHTAAR). The following items were modified in the FY2025 Governor proposed operating budget on December 14, 2023:

Department	Project	Fund Source	Change
Administration	Centralized Accommodation Fund	GFMH	-\$100.0
Education and Early Development	Alaska Autism Resource Center	GFMH	-\$50.0
Health	Start-Up Crisis Stabilization Grants	MHTAAR	\$500.0
Health	Start-Up Crisis Stabilization Grants	GFMH	-\$1,000.0
Health	Comprehensive Program Planning Coordinator	GFMH	-\$75.0
Health	Crisis Services Grants	MHTAAR	\$250.0
Health	Crisis Services Grants	GFMH	-\$250.0
Health	Governor’s Council on Disabilities and Special Education Joint Staffing	GFMH	-\$50.0
Revenue	Long Term Care Ombudsman	GFMH	-\$133.5
Alaska Court System	Juneau Mental Health Court	GFMH	-\$126.1

The following items were modified in the FY2025 Governor proposed capital budget on December 14, 2023:

Department	Project	Fund Source	Change
Health	Home Modifications and Upgrades to Retain Housing	GFMH	-\$575.0
Revenue	AHFC Beneficiary and Special Needs Housing	GFMH	-\$1,750.0
Revenue	AHFC Homeless Assistance Program	GFMH	-\$2,850.0
Transportation	Coordinated Transportation and Vehicles	MHTAAR	\$50.0

The total proposed FY2025 Mental Health Budget is \$234.9 million in operating expenditures and \$11.9 million in capital expenditures. We look forward to working with you and the legislature to secure passage of this budget.

Sincerely,



Lacey Sanders
Director, Office of Management and Budget

cc: Tyson Gallagher, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor
Laura Stidolph, Legislative Director, Office of the Governor

Enclosures:

- Attachment 1 FY2025 Mental Health Budget Summary
- Attachment 2 FY2025 Mental Health Operating Budget Comparison
- Attachment 3 FY2025 Adjustments on Non-Trust Recommendations
- Attachment 4 FY2025 Mental Health Capital Budget Comparison