

**MH Vehicle and Housing Modifications for Families or
Individuals**

**FY2004 Request: \$300,000
Reference No: 33671**

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Renovation and Remodeling

Category: Health/Human Services

Location: Statewide

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2003 - 06/30/2008

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project provides housing and vehicle modification funds for people with special needs. Vehicle modification funds are for individuals with developmental disabilities or special needs for their families for modifications to make their vehicles accessible.

Funding:	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	Total
GF/MH		\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$1,500,000
MHTAAR	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$1,800,000
Total:	\$300,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$3,300,000

<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"/> On-Going
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

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

CH95/SLA02/L13/L6 – \$150.0 MHTAAR

CH62/SLA01/P9/L30 – \$100.0 AHFC Dividends and \$150.0 MHTAAR

CH134/SLA00/P11/L3 – \$100.0 AHFC and \$150.0 MHTAAR

CH85/SLA99/P9/L12 – \$150.0 GF/MH and \$250.0 AHFC Receipts

Prior to SLA99, a portion of the Special Needs Housing funds was used for this purpose. Funds allocated for this purpose were:

CH138/SLA98/P14/L19 – \$500.0

CH99/SLA97/P13/L36 – \$292.1

CH118/SLA96/P10/L10 – \$373.9

CH118/SLA96/P10/L10 – \$200.4.

Project Description/Justification:

Housing Modifications: This capital project provides housing modifications to persons experiencing a disability, 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 that 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 if they own or rent and with whom they live. 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 AFHC 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,

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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.

Vehicle Modifications: Transportation difficulties for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families abound. Many communities do not have any type of public transportation, much less accessible transportation. When a family is able to purchase a vehicle, very often the additional cost of modifications far exceeds the family's resources. Although there may be funding available for those individuals who are supported via home and community-based waivers, there are few sources of assistance for vehicle modifications for those people not covered by a waiver. These funds will allow families to have needed modifications made. Department staff, working through the Short-Term Assistance and Referral Program, will assist families in selecting an appropriate vehicle to which modifications can be made.

In-Step Plan Area: Access to safe, reliable, independent transportation meets outcomes in all four In-Step plan areas.