

MH Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities for Women and Children **FY2004 Request: \$500,000**
Reference No: 35712

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Construction
Category: Health/Human Services
Location: Statewide **Contact:** Larry Streuber
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2003 - 06/30/2008

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project will fund additional facilities for Women with Children programs that will allow women in substance abuse treatment to remain with their children during recovery. Currently, there are more than 60 women on wait lists in Alaska for this type of treatment. This request will eliminate the wait list and make future wait lists more manageable.

Funding:	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	Total
Alcohol Fd	\$500,000						\$500,000
Total:	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input 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:	1,241,000	0
Ongoing Operating:	1,241,000	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	2,482,000	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

CH62/SLA01/P9/L33 \$250.0 GF/MH \$250.0 MHTAAR

Project Description/Justification:

Women who have children and are dependent on alcohol and other drugs are at risk of losing (or may have already lost) custody of their children. When a mother loses custody of her children, the children must enter the Division of Family and Youth Services system, often in foster care. Under existing laws, these women have a time-limited opportunity to seek and obtain help in starting the recovery process. Many of these women need residential care where they can begin this process, bring their children, and where, under supervision, they can begin the re-unification process.

Current facilities that house programs for women and children are at capacity. The current waiting list has 83 applicants. To fully eliminate the waiting list and to keep future lists manageable, new facilities need to be developed. To serve this need, the Department would use a competitive process. The Department anticipates that the projects will be located in rural Alaska since this is where the greatest need for this type of facility exists.

It is anticipated that program facilities would serve 7 to 10 women each, plus 14-20 children. If women entered the program and spent 100 days, the combined programs would be able to treat approximately 62 women in a year. Since waiting lists are dynamic and there are more women waiting for care than are on the lists, this capacity estimate is reasonable.

Operating Cost Associated with this Request

An annual operating budget for a full year of operation is estimated to be \$1,241,000. This is based on combined operating costs of \$200 a day for 2 facilities for women and children care, on-site daycare, and other special costs.

