

MH Essential Program Equipment Grants to Service Providers

FY2002 Request: \$500,000
Reference No: 33672

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Health/Human Services
Location: Statewide
House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2004 - 06/30/2009

Project Type: Equipment
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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The request will provide capital equipment grants through the competitive RFP process for agencies providing services, activities and programs for Mental Health Trust beneficiaries. Priority would be made to fund providers who do not have the minimum of computer equipment to be able to adequately manage the new Alaska Automated Information Management System for behavioral health.

Funding:	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	Total
GF/MH	\$250,000	\$50,000			\$350,000	\$350,000	\$1,000,000
MHTAAR	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$1,800,000
Total:	\$500,000	\$300,000	\$250,000	\$350,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$2,800,000

<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	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

CH84/SLA03/P10/L17 – \$250.0 MHTAAR
 CH95/SLA02/P12/L31 – \$50.0 GF/MH and \$250.0 MHTAAR
 CH62/SLA01/P10/L9 – \$250.0 MHTAAR
 CH134/SLA00/L10/P30 – \$50.0 GF/MH and \$250.0 MHTAAR
 CH85/SLA99/P9/L14 – \$50.0 GF/MH and \$100.0 MHTAAR
 CH90/SLA97/P13/L32 – \$75.0 GF/MH and \$75.0 MHTAAR
 An additional \$150.0 MHTAAR specifically for equipment for alcoholism and drug abuse service providers was appropriated through an RPL for FY98.

Project Description/Justification:

Agencies providing services to Mental Health Trust beneficiaries have a great need for equipment to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and quality of their service delivery.

Program equipment needs may include therapeutic equipment, computers (to allow programs to meet management information system operation, evaluation and client outcome requirements), FAX machines, copiers, furnishing and general office equipment, security systems for homeless shelters serving beneficiaries and telepsychiatry equipment or systems for community mental health grantees. Priority will be given to those agencies that do not have the minimum of necessary computer equipment to adequately manage the new Alaska Automated Information Management System requirements for behavioral health.

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Proposals will be solicited from service providers statewide for all four beneficiary groups. This very successful grant program has provided agencies with equipment (limited to \$25,000 per agency) that has significantly improved agencies' operational efficiencies.

Previous grants were awarded to providers in the following service areas: Juneau, Cordova, Kasilof, Nome, Anchorage, Valdez, Wasilla, Seward, Homer, Bethel, Fairbanks, Ketchikan, and Kotzebue. Eligible equipment includes phone systems and software, first aid training equipment and supplies, computer stations and furniture, medical equipment, therapeutic equipment as well as other equipment that improves the quality and efficiency of services provided for beneficiaries.

In-Step Plan Area: (Health, Safety, Economic Security, Living with Dignity) To enhance quality of life through appropriate service delivery for people with mental or cognitive disabilities or substance use disorders.