

Mobility Coalition Project**FY2006 Request: \$500,000****Reference No: AMD 40545****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Health and Safety**Category:** Health/Human Services**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Susan M. Taylor**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-2312**Estimated Project Dates:** 10/01/2005 - 09/30/2010**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transportation Act Section 5309 appropriates funding for fixed route capability public transportation projects to the Mental Health Trust Authority (MHTA). The MHTA will use the funding for the Coordinated/Non-coordinated Transportation and Assessment project, which coordinates mobility and human services transportation systems in local communities by pooling available resources, i.e. coordinated transportation. Other options may include developing taxi voucher programs, taxi accessibility projects, convertible ambulances, boats, and snowmobile carts.

Funding:	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$500,000						\$500,000
Total:	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000

<input checked="" 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
50% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input 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:

Funding for this project in the past has been received by the Department of Transportation. In FY 05, funding was awarded to the Department of Revenue and a supplemental request has been made for 500.0

Project Description/Justification:

The U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transportation Act Section 5309 annually appropriates funding earmarked for fixed route capability public transportation projects to the Mental Health Trust Authority (MHTA). The MHTA will use the funding for the Coordinated/Non-coordinated Transportation and Assessment project, which coordinates mobility and human services transportation systems in local communities by pooling available resources, i.e. coordinated transportation. Other options may include developing taxi voucher programs, taxi accessibility projects, convertible ambulances, boats, and snowmobile carts. Uncoordinated mobility services and transportation systems are not cost-effective and create additional barriers for Trust beneficiaries (i.e. eligibility restrictions or limited hours of services).

This project also provides funds to purchase or replace accessible vehicles owned by consumer-run and other provider non-profit corporations for non-coordinated uses where coordination is not feasible. These uses could be to transport Trust beneficiaries to services, community activities or work. These vehicles are also used to transport staff to consumer homes, and other beneficiary-related transportation. Only a few Alaskan communities have public transportation and where it does exist, it is limited. Although providers work to develop and maintain coordinated transportation systems,

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these systems do not always meet the needs of Trust beneficiaries.

This project requires a 50% match from the state, which is provided by the Mental Health Trust Authority (MHTAAR).