

Cost Share Match for Bring the Kids Home**FY2007 Request: \$5,000,000****Reference No: AMD 38923****AP/AL:** Appropriation
Category: Health/Human Services**Project Type:** Construction**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Larry Streuber**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-1870**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2006 - 06/30/2011**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This request will provide funding for planning, design and construction for residential treatment alternatives for Severely Emotionally Disturbed (SED) youth that supports the Department's Bring the Kids Home Initiative. The Denali Commission has contributed more than \$5 million towards this program. The Denali Commission funds require a 50% cost share match for all construction costs.

This request will provide the required matching funds.

Funding:	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	Total
GF/MH	\$5,000,000						\$5,000,000
Total:	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000,000

<input checked="" 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
50% = Minimum State Match % Required	<input checked="" 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:

This is the first year of this project.

Project Description/Justification:

This request will provide funding for planning, design, and construction and equipment grants related to the Department's Bring the Kids Home initiative. The Denali Commission is committing over \$5 million to this program. The Denali Commission funds are federal funds and require a 50% cost share. This request will provide the required cost share funds.

This project is requested as an amendment because the amount of funding secured by the Denali Commission for Bring the Kids Home projects was not known at the time the Governor's budget was submitted to the Legislature. The project cannot wait until FY2008 since the Denali Commission is now working on procuring grant projects for this program. The federal funds that will be matched through this request come through federal fiscal year 2005 and 2006. To ensure the federal funds are available for expenditure, this request is needed this year.

Funds will be awarded as grants to agencies that will develop new facilities or expand existing facilities to increase bed capacity. The goal of this program is to bring kids back to Alaska that are currently receiving services out of state, and to develop sufficient infrastructure within the state to prevent out-of-state placement and recidivism for children and youth.

Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, 24-hour residential child care facilities, emergency stabilization and assessment centers, residential treatment facilities including psychiatric treatment facilities, and smaller models including group and family home models.

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To the greatest extent possible, projects will allow children to remain engaged in school or job training, continue preparing for employment and/or learning life skills. These children experience SED and typically are present with issues related to multiple factors including mental, emotional, behavioral health, substance use, physical health and or developmental factors. The service array required is complex and individualized and includes medication monitoring, clinical services, rehabilitative services and other services and supports in accordance with each child's or youth's individualized behavioral health treatment plan.

Projects will be selected by the Denali Commission through their selection process with participation from the Department of Health and Social Services and the Alaska Mental Health Trust. Once projects are approved, the Department will manage the grants through completion.

Department's Mission: *To promote and protect the health and well being of Alaskans.* This project supports the Department's mission by providing in-state residential youth facilities that meet the needs of Alaskan families.