

**MH Southcentral Foundation Eklutna Residential
Psychiatric Treatment Center - Match for Bring the Kids
Home**

**FY2008 Request: \$7,000,000
Reference No: 42847**

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Construction
Category: Health/Human Services
Location: Eklutna **Contact:** Janet Clarke
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2007 - 06/30/2012

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Southcentral Foundation Residential Psychiatric Treatment Facility

Funding:	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	Total
GF/MH	\$7,000,000						\$7,000,000
Total:	\$7,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,000,000

<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:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

This is the first year of the project.

Project Description/Justification:

Southcentral Foundation (SCF) proposes a 44 bed Residential Psychiatric Treatment Center (RPTC) in a campus-like setting at Eklutna, Alaska to increase instate capacity for the Bring the Kids Home (BTKH) Initiative. This \$21 million dollar facility is proposed to be financed by three sources: \$7 million of state funds, GF/MH; \$7 million of Denali Commission federal funding; and \$7 million financed by SCF via recouping depreciation in their Continuing Care Agreement with the state. The Denali Commission has financed both conceptual and design engineering work.

Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (SED) Alaskan youth are being sent to out of state RPTCs at the rate of approximately 700 per year and 40% are Alaska Native. It is critical, therefore, that we have options for culturally-sensitive residential psychiatric treatment as part of the BTKH continuum of care and have it delivered by a Regional Native Health Corporation, as this project proposes. Medicaid-eligible Native youth in this facility will receive Medicaid services that will be 100% reimbursable by federal Medicaid and will not require a GF match.

On this campus, SCF proposes four secure homes with 8 beds each, a fifth secure home of 12 beds for observation/evaluation and two facilities for administration/education and support services. They intend a non-institutional design that will create a rural setting, village atmosphere, with sufficient open space to allow youth to connect to the outdoor environment. SCF has site control for this facility via an agreement with Eklutna, Inc.

Additionally, SCF is currently in the process of establishing a number of group homes for SED Youth in Anchorage. The proposed facility will be able to provide services at Behavioral Rehabilitation Services Level 4 or Level 5 as appropriate. With their Pathways program and proposed group homes, they will easily be able to move youth, as recovery progresses, to the lowest appropriate level of care and transition youth to their family and home community.

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SCF is also proposing the project to be a training center to assist in the BTKH work force development effort. An expanded work force will be needed as the State of Alaska brings more SED youth from out-of-state to instate facilities.

Department's Mission: *To promote and protect the health and well being of Alaskans.* This project provides a facility to treat mentally ill children in Alaska. This project will improve the quality of life for these Alaskans, providing necessary treatment and support without moving them out of state.

The end result to which this project contributes is "Improve and enhance the quality of life for Alaskans with serious behavioral health problems."