

MH Continuing Bring the Kids Home Initiative Denali Match FY2010 Request: \$2,200,000
Reference No: 38923

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Construction
Category: Health/Human Services
Location: Statewide **Contact:** Arnold Liebelt
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2009 - 06/30/2014

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This request will provide funding for construction and equipment grants for residential treatment alternatives for severely emotionally disturbed (SED) youth that support the Department's Bring the Kids Home initiative. The Denali Commission has contributed more than \$2.3 million for 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:	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	Total
AK Cap Inc	\$2,200,000						\$2,200,000
GF/MH		\$1,170,213	\$851,064	\$531,915			\$2,553,192
Total:	\$2,200,000	\$1,170,213	\$851,064	\$531,915	\$0	\$0	\$4,753,192

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
50% = 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:

CH29/SLA07/P13/L10 \$7,000.0 GF/MH
 CH29/SLA07/P13/L15 \$1,000.0 GF
 CH34/SLA06/P13/L15 -\$5,000.0 GF/MH

Project Description/Justification:

This request will provide funding for planning, design, construction and equipment grants related to the Department's Bring the Kids Home initiative. Funding from the Denali Commission, state match, and private providers was pooled to develop necessary in-state residential resources, including the highest level of locked residential mental health treatment and one of the least restrictive levels, therapeutic group home care. Denali Commission matching funds were previously authorized in FY2006.

Funds will be awarded as grants to agencies to develop new facilities or expand existing facilities to increase bed capacity. Current potential projects include: Juneau Youth Services, Alaska Baptist, Maniilaq Group Home, Transitional Aged Youth and Crisis Stabilization Capacity. The goal of this program is to bring kids who are currently receiving services out of state, back to Alaska and to develop sufficient infrastructure within the state to prevent out-of-state placement and recidivism for children and youth.

To the greatest extent possible, projects will allow children to remain in their community and engaged in school or job training, and to continue preparing for employment and/or learning life skills. These children experience severe emotional disturbances and typically have problems including mental, emotional, behavioral health, substance use, physical health and or developmental factors. Keeping children within their home communities or regions facilitates family participation in treatment, home visits, access to natural supports and services and improves discharge planning. 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 Authority. 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.

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