

MH AHFC Beneficiary and Special Needs Housing**FY2011 Request: \$1,750,000****Reference No: 6360****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Life / Health / Safety**Category:** Health/Human Services**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Les Campbell**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)330-8356**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2010 - 06/30/2015**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Corporate (AHFC) funds will provide for a continuing program that serves populations with special housing needs. The program provides funds to Alaskan non-profit service providers to increase housing opportunities to Alaska Mental Health Trust beneficiaries and other special needs populations throughout the State. These funds may be used for housing development and/or residential accessibility modifications. Since FY2000, 118 units have been developed. In FY2008, 18 units were funded for persons with severe mental illness and developmental disabilities.

Funding:	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	Total
AHFC Div	\$1,750,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000			\$7,750,000
Total:	\$1,750,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$7,750,000

<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
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

FY2010 - \$1,750,000 AHFC Div; FY2009 - \$1,750,000 AHFC Div; FY2008 - \$1,750,000 AHFC Div; FY2007 - \$1,750,000 AHFC Div; FY2006 - \$1,200,000 AHFC Div; FY2005 - \$1,200,000 AHFC Div; FY2004 - \$1,200,000 AHFC Div; FY2003 - \$1,500,000 AHFC Div.

Project Description/Justification:

The purpose of this program is to provide funds for Alaskan nonprofit service providers and housing developers to increase housing opportunities to Alaska Mental Health Trust beneficiaries and other special needs populations throughout Alaska. This program has developed 160 units since FY2000. In FY2009, 42 units were funded for persons with severe mental illness and developmental disabilities.

The projected outcomes are to:

- Add 40 congregate housing units for people with mental illness or developmental disabilities;
- Reduce recidivism among clients spending time in institutions;
- Provide supportive housing, including assisted living, for people with mental, physical, or developmental disabilities, or multiple disorders; and,
- Provide transitional housing with support services for newly recovering alcoholics and addicts.

Beneficiary & Special Needs Housing – Corporate (AHFC) funds for a continuing program to serve populations with special housing needs. The program provides funds to Alaskan nonprofit service providers to increase housing opportunities for Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (AMHTA) beneficiaries and other special needs populations throughout the state. The funds may be used for housing development and/or services designed to achieve long-term residential stability.

This program provides funds to Alaskan nonprofit service providers and housing developers to increase housing opportunities to AMHTA beneficiaries and other special needs populations in Alaska through pre-development and development activities. These funds will continue to assist in developing community-based supportive housing in conjunction with the Homeless Assistance Program.

The demand for special needs housing remains critical. The AMHTA has made housing one of its five focus areas for funding. The Alaska Independent Living Council, and other special needs advocacy groups has identified supportive housing as a top priority in their statewide planning efforts. The target populations consist of mental health beneficiaries and other special needs groups like severely emotionally disturbed children and the homeless.

To optimize leveraging of these funds with other federal grant and tax credit programs and to expedite the release of funding to nonprofit housing developers, AHFC will administer these housing development funds. This will also administratively streamline housing development projects, which also intend to borrow money from AHFC. Typically, most special needs housing in Alaska is financed by AHFC.

Examples of special needs housing includes, but are not limited to:

- Congregate housing for people with mental illness or developmental disabilities;
- Supportive housing, including assisted living, for people with mental illness, developmental disabilities, or multiple disorders;
- Transitional housing with support services for newly recovering alcoholics and addicts; and,
- Permanent or transitional housing support for the homeless and AMHTA beneficiaries.

The loss of these funds will mean increased expenditures by the state to house people who are inappropriately housed in the Alaska Psychiatric Institute (API) or the correctional system. The cost of providing community-based care is significantly lower than institutional care. Another negative effect is the loss of leveraging opportunities with other federal grant programs.