

Housing Modifications for Mental Health Trust Beneficiaries

FY2001 Request: \$250,000
Reference No: 6244

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Renovation and Remodeling
Category: Housing/Social Services
Location: Statewide **Contact:** Larry Streuber
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2000 - 06/30/2003

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

These funds will be used to increase the accessibility of housing through small projects and grants (\$10,000 or less), including improvements and equipment purchases so that Mental Health Trust Beneficiaries can remain in their own homes. This project is of critical importance to beneficiaries who wish to gain an increased level of independence in their own homes. This project cannot be delayed. This very successful project has provided a cost saving to the State by modifying the homes of beneficiaries to meet their personal needs, thereby delaying or preventing the need for institutional care for beneficiaries.

Funding:	FY2001	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	Total
AHFC Div	\$100,000						\$100,000
MHTAAR	\$150,000						\$150,000
Total:	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000

<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
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

In SLA 99 \$400,000 (\$150,000 GF/MH and \$250,000 AHFC Corporate Receipts) was appropriated for this program. Prior to that, a portion of the Special Needs Housing funds were used for this purpose. Funds allocated for this purpose were: FY97 – \$374,000; FY98 – \$250,000; and FY99 – \$500,000.

Project Description/Justification:

Increase the accessibility of current housing so Trust beneficiaries can move into or remain in their own homes. Home modification services are available to people wherever they reside, regardless if they own or rent and with whom they live. Typical kinds of assistance to be provided include: accessibility modifications or additions (e.g. widen doorways, remodel bathrooms and/or kitchens, install entrance ramps, add bathrooms and/or bedrooms), and related equipment. Grantees will coordinate their efforts with the AHFC Weatherization Program and similar tribal and municipal programs to supply essential repairs or upgrades to building structures (e.g. heating, plumbing, and/or electrical systems, roofs, weather proofing, energy efficiency improvements).

Grantees will coordinate their efforts with Assistive Technologies of Alaska for accessibility equipment, loan, and purchase assistance. Funds will not be available to duplicate down payment, mortgage buy-down, or building repair and weatherization programs.

Performance Measures:

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- Number of people whose homes are modified;
- Number of accessible housing units;
- Average and median lengths of time before accessibility modifications are completed.

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