

Pioneers' Homes Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disabilities Modifications

FY2002 Request: \$250,000
Reference No: 34770

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Construction
Category: Housing/Social Services
Location: Anchorage Areawide **Contact:** Dan Spencer
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2001 - 06/30/2006

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Funding will be used to provide for construction of special care unit bathing rooms and design and engineering for dining and bathing room conversions at the Anchorage Pioneers' Home.

Funding:	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	Total
MHTAAR	\$250,000						\$250,000
Total:	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000

<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 project has received no prior year funding.

Project Description/Justification:

Category #3 Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disabilities (ARD): Problems related to adjusting services to meet growing ARD needs of senior population.

Project: Anchorage Pioneers' Home Special Care Unit (SCU) Gardenview Renovations - \$100.0

Problem:

Dr. Uriel Cohen, University of Wisconsin, a consultant in design and environment for residents who suffer from ARD, inspected and made recommendations at the Anchorage, Fairbanks and Palmer Pioneers' Homes in summer 2000. His findings in part, included: lack of adequate bathing rooms, dining rooms that did not provide inviting and homey dining experiences for confused residents, and adequate protected outdoor activity areas. The SCU on Gardenview lacks a bathing room and dining area that is adequate to meet resident needs. The present outdoor space is unsafe and needs to be changed to be safe to allow controlled freedom and safe wandering areas for ARD clients. The lounge is uninviting and needs to be upgraded to provide interest areas that in turn help to reduce agitation and difficult behavior.

Solution:

Demolish existing small enclosed shower that serves as a bathing room, remove wall between corridor and existing dining room in this location to encourage residents to enter the dining room for meals and activities without prompting. Remodel serving counter in dining room to accommodate resident cooking activities with a small kitchenette. Convert resident room to bathing room with bathing tub, shower, toilet, and sink. Construct solarium in south end of Gardenview lounge for indoor plants and greenery to interest and occupy residents. Remove concrete pre-cast planters from small outdoor area to provide outdoor activity area, provide wanderer pathway, and refinish ground to grade to eliminate tripping hazards.

Benefit:

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Provides a homey, private bathing room that both meets industry standards and is fashioned to allow proper bathing assistance by staff. Dining room will be enlarged to accommodate the number of residents on the SCU along with staff to assist during meals. Enhancements to the dining room and lounge will provide a quiet, homey environment that is proven to reduce anxiety and aggression in those who suffer from ADRD and be familiar to them from their own homes. Exterior upgrades provide for interest and outdoor activities that many long time Alaskan residents have engaged in, creating familiar settings that reduce fear and anxiety in ADRD clients.

What are we buying:

Design and engineering for dining and bathing room conversions to include: corridor wall removal, existing shower removal, and removal of small toilet room, refinishing of walls, ceiling and floors; convert resident room to a bathing room with new flooring, plumbing, lighting, wall finishes, tub installation and air exhausting. Provides for dining room upgrades to include remodeling of serving area to a small kitchenette for resident use, new flooring. Constructs small indoor solarium in lounge; and removes concrete pre-cast planters from outdoor area to create useable and safe outdoor activity area with smooth surface to reduce tripping and falling hazards.

Prior Year Funding: No

Project: Anchorage Pioneers' Home Special Care Unit (SCU) Bathing Rooms-\$150.0

Problem:

Bathing facilities are nonexistent on the SCU's, 1st and 2nd floors, South to meet needs of growing ADRD population. Requires already limited staff to transport residents to other areas for bathing, leaving other residents on unit without adequate staff support.

Solution:

Create a bathing room on 1st floor and on 2nd floor, South from existing living spaces.

Benefit:

Provides therapeutic bathing area in immediate SCU areas that reduces resident confusion in transferring off the unit for bathing and reduces limited staff time in performing direct care.

What are we buying:

Two new bathing rooms to include new bathing tub, shower unit, toilet, sink and room upgrades, i.e., flooring, wall coverings, ceiling coverings, plumbing, electrical, heating and exhaust.

Prior Year Funding: No