

Housing Modifications for Trust Beneficiaries and People with Disabilities

FY2003 Request: \$250,000
Reference No: 33671

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Renovation and Remodeling

Category: Health/Human Services

Location: Statewide

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2002 - 06/30/2007

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This request will provide funds for housing modifications for persons with disabilities, allowing them to remain in their homes, thus avoiding the cost of providing supported housing.

Funding:	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	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
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

CH62/SLA01/P9/L30 – \$100.0 AHFC Dividends and \$150.0 MHTAAR

CH134/SLA00/P11/L3 – \$100.0 AHFC and \$150.0 MHTAAR

CH85/SLA99/P9/L12 – \$150.0 GF/MH and \$250.0 AHFC Receipts

Prior to SLA99, a portion of the Special Needs Housing funds were used for this purpose. Funds allocated for this purpose were :

CH138/SLA98/P14/L19 – \$500.0

CH99/SLA97/P13/L36 – \$292.1

CH118/SLA96/P10/L10 – \$373.9

CH118/SLA96/P10/L10 – \$200.4.

Project Description/Justification:

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This project will increase the availability of accessible housing so that Mental Health Trust beneficiaries and other special needs populations can move into or remain in their own homes. Home modifications are available to people wherever they reside, regardless of whether they own or rent or with whom they live. Typical kinds of assistance provided are widening doorways, remodeling bathrooms and/or kitchens, installing entrance ramps, and adding bathrooms and bedrooms and related equipment. Unlike the housing modification funds appropriated to the Department of Labor, these funds are made available to all beneficiaries and people with special needs and are not tied to an individual's plan for employment (IPE).

This funding has provided for housing modifications since FY97, and the demand for these services will only increase. The number of children with disabilities, adults with disabilities, middle-aged couples planning for the future, and families

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caring for aging parents are on the rise. However, the ability to meet this growing need for home modifications is hampered by limited funding.

These funds will provide for individual home modifications for homes of beneficiaries and other populations with special needs. From FY97 through FY00, this program has provided modifications for nearly 130 homes statewide. The average home modification cost is approximately \$8,600. Individual improvements have been limited to \$10,000 per home. Projects eligible for funding include those that will improve access in the home and mitigate the functional limitations imposed by a resident's disability. The overall goal in every project will be to allow beneficiaries to remain in their own homes and to prevent these populations from becoming institutionalized or homeless.

Grantees will coordinate their efforts with the AHFC Weatherization Program and similar tribal and municipal programs that supply essential repairs or upgrades to building structures (e.g., heating, plumbing, and/or electrical systems, roofs, weather proofing, and energy efficiency improvements). Funds will not be available to duplicate down payment, mortgage buy-down, or building repair and weatherization programs currently operated by AHFC.

Results: Appropriate housing is a key element of several sections of *A Shared Vision II*.

Indicators: Improved facility safety, functionality, and efficiency.

Performance Measures: Number of individuals achieving individual housing needs.