

Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities for Women and Children

FY2003 Request: \$750,000
Reference No: 35712

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Construction

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 project will fund additional facilities for Women with Children programs that will allow women in substance abuse treatment to remain with their children during recovery. Currently, there are more than 60 women on wait lists in Alaska for this type of treatment. This request will eliminate the wait list and make future wait lists more manageable.

Funding:	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	Total
ASLC Div	\$727,700						\$727,700
Gen Fund	\$22,300						\$22,300
Total:	\$750,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$750,000

<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 type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	1,241,000	0
Ongoing Operating:	1,241,000	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	2,482,000	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

This is the first year of the project.

Project Description/Justification:

Women who have children and are dependent on alcohol and other drugs are at risk of losing (or may have already lost) custody of their children. When a mother loses custody of her children, the children must enter the Division of Family and Youth Services system, often in foster care. Under existing laws, these women have a time-limited opportunity to seek and obtain help in starting the recovery process. Many need residential care where they can begin this process, where they can bring their children, and where, under supervision, they can begin the re-unification process.

Current facilities that house programs for women and children are at capacity. The current waiting list has sixty-one applicants. To fully eliminate the waiting list and to keep future lists manageable, at least two new facilities need to be developed. To serve this need, the Department would use a competitive process. The Department anticipates that the projects will be located in rural Alaska since this is where the greatest need for this type of facilities exists.

The two newly proposed program facilities would serve seven to ten women each plus 14-20 children and would be able to accommodate this increase. If women entered the program and spent 100 days, the combined programs would be able to treat approximately 62 women in a year. Since waiting lists are dynamic and there are more women waiting for care than are on the lists, this capacity estimate is reasonable.

Operating Cost Associated with this Request

The annual operating budget includes an increment for a full year of operations in FY03. This is based on combined operating costs of \$200 a day (women and children care, on-site daycare, and other special costs) for a total operating cost of \$1,241,000.

The additional treatment facilities and their operating costs are recommendations of the Children's Cabinet.