

AHFC Homeless Assistance Program**FY2003 Request: \$1,000,000****Reference No: 6359****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Transitional**Category:** Housing/Social Services**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Les Campbell**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)330-8356**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2002 - 06/30/2007**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Homeless Assistance Program utilizes Corporate (AHFC) funds to grant to local communities/agencies to help develop programs to prevent homelessness by providing assistance to families in imminent danger of becoming homeless, or those who are currently homeless. Corporate funds will be matched by Mental Health Trust Authority funds. Both funds will be combined and administered as one program by AHFC.

Funding:	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	Total
AHFC Div	\$500,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000		\$3,700,000
MHTAAR	\$500,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000		\$1,300,000
Total:	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$5,000,000

<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:

FY2002 - \$200,000 Mental Health Trust Funds and \$250,000 Corporate; FY2001 - \$200,000 Mental Health Trust Funds and \$250,000 Corporate; FY2000 - \$200,000 Mental Health Trust Funds and \$250,000 Corporate; FY1999 - \$250,000 Corporate; FY1998 - \$250,000 Corporate; FY1997 - \$250,000 Corporate; FY1996 - \$250,000 Corporate (formerly Emergency Housing Assistance).

Project Description/Justification:

The purpose of this program is to support programs that prevent homelessness by providing assistance to families in imminent danger of becoming homeless, or those who are currently homeless.

The projected outcomes are:

- Prevent near homeless individuals and families from becoming homeless.
- Provide homeless individuals and families assistance to obtain safe, sanitary shelter.

Established in 1993, this program enables hundreds of homeless and/or near homeless families to obtain or retain safe and sanitary shelter each year. Alaska Mental Health Trust beneficiaries appear to be at a disproportionately higher risk of becoming homeless than other Alaskans. Individuals with mental illness, chronic alcoholism with psychosis, or dual diagnoses are at particularly high risk. The

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Homeless Assistance Program (HAP) provides grants to assist non-profit organizations, local governments and regional housing authorities in addressing the emergency needs of homeless and near-homeless Alaskans. During the last two competitive rounds, the total amount of HAP grant requests received by AHFC has averaged \$1.5 million annually. The most recent grantees in Fairbanks, Homer, Kodiak, Wasilla, Juneau and Unalaska have utilized HAP funds to expand shelter facilities, develop supportive transitional housing, provide case management and rental assistance services.

For Fiscal Year 2003, AHFC is requesting authorization for expenditure of Corporate receipts which will be matched by funds from the Mental Health Trust Authority (AMHTA). Both funds will be combined and administered as one program by AHFC.