

AHFC Beneficiary and Special Needs Housing**FY2003 Request: \$800,000****Reference No: 6360****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Health and Safety**Category:** Housing/Social Services**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Les Campbell**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)330-8356**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2001 - 06/30/2007**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Corporate (AHFC) funds for a continuing program to serve populations with special housing needs. The Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) and AHFC jointly operate this program. The program provides funds to Alaskan non-profit service providers to increase housing opportunities to Alaska Mental HealthTrust beneficiaries and other special needs populations throughout the State. These funds may be used for housing development and/or residential accessibility modifications.

Funding:	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	Total
AHFC Div	\$800,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,300,000	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000		\$10,100,000
Total:	\$800,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,300,000	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000	\$0	\$10,100,000

<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	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

FY2001 - \$1,500,000; FY2000 - \$1,700,000; Prior to FY2000 this program was part of DHSS's Beneficiary and Special Needs Housing Program: FY1999 - \$1,200,000; FY1998 - \$1,200,000; FY1997 - \$1,500,000; FY1996 - \$1,200,000.

Project Description/Justification:

The purpose of this program is to provide funds for Alaskan non-profit service providers and housing developers to increase housing opportunities to Alaska Mental HealthTrust beneficiaries and other special needs populations throughout Alaska.

The projected outcomes are:

- Congregate housing for people with mental illness or developmental disabilities;
- Supportive housing, including assisted living, for people with mental illness, developmental disabilities, or multiple disorders;
- Transitional housing with support services for newly recovering alcoholics and addicts.

The program provides funds to Alaskan nonprofit service providers and housing developers to increase housing opportunities to Alaska Mental HealthTrust beneficiaries and other special needs populations throughout Alaska. These funds will continue to assist in developing community-based supportive housing.

The demand for special needs housing remains critical. The four boards of the Mental Health Trust Authority, the State Independent Living Council and other special needs advocacy groups have identified supportive housing as a top priority in their statewide planning efforts. The target populations consist of mental health beneficiaries and other special needs groups such as, severely emotionally disturbed children.

To optimize leveraging of these funds with other Federal grant and tax credit programs and to expedite the release of funding to non-profit housing developers, AHFC will administer these housing development funds. This will also administratively streamline housing development projects, which also intend to borrow money from AHFC. Typically, most special needs housing in Alaska is financed by AHFC. The use of funds will remain a collaborative process among the Trust, AHFC, DHSS, DOC, and the four Boards.