

MH Deferred Maintenance and Accessibility Improvements **FY2004 Request:** **\$333,300**
Reference No: **33670**

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Deferred Maintenance
Category: Health/Human Services
Location: Statewide **Contact:** Larry Streuber
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2003 - 06/30/2008

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This program makes capital funds available on a competitive basis to Mental Health Trust service provider agencies for deferred maintenance and accessibility improvements for program facilities.

Funding:	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	Total
GF/MH		\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$1,250,000
MHTAAR	\$333,300	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$4,083,300
Total:	\$333,300	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$5,333,300

<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:

CH95/SLA02/P12/L26 – \$200.0 GF/MH and \$400.0 MHTAAR for rural SA and SA/MH DM
 CH95/SLA02/P13/L13 – \$200.0 GF/MH and \$400.0 MHTAAR for rural facilities reno and DM
 CH62/SLA01/P10/L4 – \$400.0 GF/MH and \$400.0 MHTAAR for DM and ADA
 CH134/SLA00/P10/L27 – \$100.0 GF/MH and \$550.0 MHTAAR for DM
 CH85/SLA99/P9/L16 – \$250.0 GF/MH and \$250.0 MHTAAR for DM and ADA
 CH138/SLA98/P14/L17 – \$100.0 AHFC Bonds and \$250.0 MHTAAR for ADA
 CH138/SLA98/P14/L27 – \$200.0 AHFC Bonds and \$500.0 MHTAAR for DM

Project Description/Justification:

Funds will be awarded to agencies for deferred maintenance, including facility renovation, repair, or upgrade and accessibility improvements to program facilities. The funds are needed to keep program facilities operational and accessible. The Department proposes to use up to approximately 50% of the request to continue funding deferred maintenance projects in rural Alaska (small communities) that are on the established capital needs assessment list. The Department is currently involved in a capital needs assessment for all facilities providing services for Trust beneficiaries in small communities. The balance of this request will be awarded to agencies statewide on a competitive basis.

The ongoing need for this project has been well documented by the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, the beneficiary boards and the Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Plan, *In Step - The Plan*. Maintenance of buildings housing treatment offices, residential services and administrative offices is a continual problem for providers serving Mental Health Trust beneficiaries. Some agencies have staff working in buildings that are in serious states of deterioration and disrepair. Clients are sometimes housed in residential programs in which maintenance and repair needs are extensive.

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While some larger agencies are able to set aside funds for maintenance, many small, primarily rural, Trust beneficiary service agencies must place all available resources in the day-to-day operations of providing care to clients, and are not able to set aside repair and replacement funds for their buildings. There is usually no other option for these agencies, and their buildings continue to deteriorate. Funds for repair of beneficiary service provider facilities are a good investment in the health care of Alaskans. The amount of funds requested is only a small part of the total need.

The number of deferred maintenance projects continues to grow as agencies continue to defer the maintenance needs of their facilities due to lack of funds. Also, potential available funding sources to address deferred maintenance continue to decrease. This request, if funded, will substantially reduce the deferred maintenance and accessibility needs among Mental Health Trust provider agencies throughout Alaska.

The FY2002 and FY2003 appropriations will be awarded based on the results of the capital needs assessment. Deferred maintenance and accessibility projects on the established list will be funded with the FY02 and FY03 funds. These projects are limited to service providers in rural Alaska (small communities). This FY2004 and FY2005 request will fund projects statewide. Rural projects on the prioritized list that will be established through the capital needs assessment will receive up to 50% of this request, with the balance awarded statewide. Though it is not known at this time, the Department anticipates that there will be more projects in small communities than can be funded with the FY2002 and FY2003 deferred maintenance funds. If this is the case, the Department is requesting that up to 50% of this request be used to continue funding these projects. In the event that no small community agencies are in need of these funds, than the funds will be awarded statewide.

The Department proposes to have only one application opening for FY2004 and FY2005. Only grant applications evaluated and recommended for funding during this period will be funded unless insufficient proposals are received to fully obligate the funds.