

Senior Centers Deferred Maintenance, Construction, Renovation, Expansion and Equipment

FY2006 Request: \$2,000,000
Reference No: 40043

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Deferred Maintenance

Category: Health/Human Services

Location: Statewide

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2005 - 06/30/2010

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project funds renovation and maintenance requirements of senior facilities in 30 communities. The facilities are either not-for-profit or publicly owned with a variety of equipment replacement or renovation needs. The request meets an array of senior health needs and is a means of reducing inappropriate hospitalization and early institutionalization.

Funding:	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	Total
Bond Funds	\$1,000,000						\$1,000,000
Fed Rcpts	\$1,000,000						\$1,000,000
Total:	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000

<input checked="" 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
50% = 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:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

This is the first year of the project.

Project Description/Justification:

This project funds renovation and maintenance requirements of senior facilities in 30 communities. The facilities are either not-for-profit or publicly owned with a variety of renovation and equipment needs. Items include replacement of windows, assisted living facility code compliance modifications, dietary equipment, and similar items. The request meets an array of senior health needs and is a means of reducing inappropriate hospitalization and early institutionalization.

The department strives to keep seniors in their communities as long as possible rather than placing them in institutions that are more expensive. One of the means of accomplishing this is providing support to local senior centers. These provide a safe haven for seniors and an opportunity for them to socialize with their peers.

The department receives funding for providing meals, transportation and support services for seniors but has no funds for providing capital repairs to the facilities or purchasing equipment. The Department is not aware of any federal grant programs that would accomplish these goals. Many of the non-profit agencies made requests for funds from the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority and the Rasmussen Foundation but were not funded.

The projects to be funded though this request were submitted through a needs assessment survey sent out to each of the Senior Centers by the Alaska Commission on Aging. The funds will be granted to the senior centers.

The Department's Mission is: *To promote and protect the health and well being of Alaskans.* This project supports the Department's mission by providing safe and adequate care for Alaskan seniors.