

**Catholic Social Services - Brother Francis Shelter
Completion**

**FY2007 Request: \$300,000
Reference No: 41945**

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Construction
Category: Housing/Social Services **Recipient:** Catholic Social Services
Location: Anchorage Areawide **Contact:** Samuel Thomas
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Estimated Project Dates: 06/30/2006 - 07/01/2011

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This funding will help pay the balance of the newly constructed Brother Francis Shelter. This program contributes to the Department's mission of promoting a healthy economy and strong communities by providing a dignified, safe, warm, and caring facility to the homeless in Alaska.

Funding:	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$300,000						\$300,000
Total:	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input checked="" 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:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Project Description/Justification:

The new 18,500 square foot Brother Francis Shelter is now open and serving the homeless population. The facility offers a continuum of serves and programs that move individuals from homelessness to self-sufficiency.

However, while many pledges have been made, there is still funding required to pay for the outstanding construction costs because many of the pledges are over a 5-year period. Catholic Social Services has a gap between the construction costs needing to be paid now and the actual cash in the bank. Of the \$5,500,000 total project cost, \$4,050,000 has been provided by federal, state and private grants, \$602,365 from private donations, and \$671,700 are from outstanding pledges.

In addition, the new Brother Francis Shelter is required to pay approximately \$46,435 a year to the Cook Inlet Housing Authority Preventive & Major Maintenance fund for maintenance and upkeep of the facility.

Brother Francis Shelter is a place of safety and shelter for many homeless people in Alaska. In fiscal year 2005, 2,570 men and women were served by the shelter. Of these, 2,570 people, 783 were new guests and 682 were from outside of Anchorage and outside of Alaska. This number highlights the need of Anchorage's and Alaska's homeless. With this many people in the facility, the wear and tear is much greater than usual. Although the building is new today, it will soon need repairs and continue to need them.

The completion of the new Brother Francis Shelter brings renewed hope to the thousands of men and women who will find themselves homeless in the years ahead and is a perfect example of how government, private industry and philanthropic partnerships can work together to solve a community problem.