

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)

Grant Recipient: Alaska Brain Injury Network

Project Title:

Alaska Brain Injury Network - Purchase Computers and Library Materials for a Virtual Resource Center

House District: 27

Funding Amount: \$ 50,000

Brief Summary:

Purchase Computers and Library Materials for a Virtual Resource Center and Infrastructure

Funding Plan:

Type of Need: One-Time Need

Prior Funding to Date:

None

Other Funding Requests:

None

Project Description:

Alaska has the highest incidence of identified Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI's) in the United States, 28% higher than the national rate. In rural areas, the incidence rate is more than twice the statewide rate, 220/100,000. More than 40% of returning Veterans will be returning to their homeland with a blast injury or traumatic brain injury. This program is essential in insuring that civilians and Veterans alike have access to the information and resources needed to pave one's path through the intricate and often disjointed brain injury service delivery system.

The Alaska Brain Injury Network, Inc. is requesting \$50,000 to develop a comprehensive virtual resource center. This online resource would consist of a computer lab housing an electronic resource directory, assistive audio and visual technology, as well as cognitive rehabilitation technology.

\$10,000 Computers Lab

\$25,000 Software Development

\$15,000 Resource Materials and Assistive Audio, Visual and Cognitive Technology

Information and resources included in the resource center will be comprehensive and specific to the individuals' needs and criteria. It will include information on social security, benefits, funding sources and veteran eligibility criteria. As well as the capability to develop a road map for the consumer based on their specific needs along the continuum of care; acute, post-acute, case management, educational, vocational, housing, and respite needs for persons and their families affected by brain injury.

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