

Coordinated Transportation and Vehicles

FY2009 Request: \$1,100,000

Reference No: 30648

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Equipment

Category: Transportation

Location: Statewide

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2008 - 09/30/2009

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Competitive grants for coordinated transportation services for Mental Health Trust beneficiaries whenever possible, or purchase of vehicles for beneficiaries where coordinated services are not yet available or appropriate. This project contributes to the Department's Mission by improving the mobility of people and goods.

Funding:	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	Total
GF/MH	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$4,800,000
MHTAAR	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$1,800,000
Total:	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$6,600,000

<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:

FY2008 - \$300,000; FY2007 - \$400,000; FY2006 - \$500,000; FY2005 - \$650,000; FY2004 - \$825,000; FY2003 - \$300,000; FY2002 - \$400,000; FY2001 - \$500,000; FY2000 - \$300,000; FY1999 - \$300,000.

Project Description/Justification:

These funds are for capital projects designed to increase the mobility of Alaska Mental Health Trust beneficiaries - those Alaskans experiencing mental illness, developmental disabilities, chronic alcoholism with psychosis, or Alzheimer's disease or related dementia, as defined by the Alaska Mental Health Trust.

This funding is granted to private nonprofit and public transportation providers through a competitive grant process, in conjunction with the State's FTA (Federal Transit Administration) Section 5310 Elderly and Persons With Disabilities Program and its Public Transportation Social Service Van Replacement and Capital Support Program as follows:

- A Request for Proposals is issued.
- Grant applications are initially screened by Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) staff.
- Grant applications are then evaluated by a Proposal Evaluation Committee comprised of representatives of state-level agencies involved in social services transportation.
- The Proposal Evaluation Committee makes funding recommendations to DOT&PF.
- DOT&PF makes final funding determinations, based upon the Committee's recommendations.

Funds are largely used to support coordinated community transportation systems because these systems maximize availability of accessible and affordable rides for the beneficiary groups. They do this through operational efficiencies and

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arrangement of existing resources to maximize leveraging of new resources for transportation services. In addition to helping beneficiaries, each community transportation system serves as an economic engine for the community - more people can get to job interviews, job training and jobs, while employers find it easier to obtain and keep dependable employees.

Funds are also used for more limited coordinated services and for non-coordinated client transportation, where coordinated systems do not exist, are inappropriate or cannot yet meet particular beneficiary needs. Vehicles are usually purchased with the proviso that, if a coordinated system becomes available within the usable life of the vehicle, the vehicle will be included in the system.