



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.

With a continuing decline in operating funds, many Trust beneficiary service agencies must place all available resources in 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 will reduce the deferred maintenance and accessibility needs among Mental Health Trust provider agencies throughout Alaska.

The Department's mission is: *To promote and protect the health and well being of Alaskans.* This project supports the mission by enhancing the quality of life through appropriate service delivery for people with mental or cognitive disabilities or substance use disorders.

The end result to which this project contributes is "Improve and enhance the quality of life for Alaskans with serious behavioral health problems."