

Graduate Medical Education/Family Practice Residency Program **FY2010 Request: \$2,200,000**
Reference No: 47888

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Workforce Dev
Category: University
Location: Statewide **Contact:** Michelle Rizk
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2009 - 06/30/2014

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Funds will be passed thru to Providence Alaska Medical Center for the Alaska Family Medicine Residency Program. This state funding will provide residency training to address Alaska's physician workforce shortage. Alaska needs a net gain of 52 physicians per year for the next 21 years to meet the healthcare needs of Alaskans (from the Physician Supply Task Force report 2006).

Funding:	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$2,200,000						\$2,200,000
Total:	\$2,200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,200,000

<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 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:

FY09 \$2.0 million GF; FY08 \$2.0 million GF. Prior funding for this program was provided in the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development as a Grant to a Named Recipient.

Project Description/Justification:

The Alaska Family Medicine Residency trains medical school graduates who intend to practice family medicine in Alaska. Training doctors in locations where they are most needed is one of the best ways to recruit them to these communities. The Alaska Family Medicine Residency is one of the most effective residencies in the United States at placing physicians in targeted practices. It is also the only residency program in the Northwest that does not receive annual direct state appropriations from their state university or higher education system.

The training program at the Alaska Family Medicine Residency is focused on the needs of Alaska.

- 78% of graduates practice in Alaska
- 50% practice in rural communities
- 33% practice in Native healthcare system

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Graduates have entered practice in: Anchorage (26, 62% in underserved practices); Bethel (5); Dillingham (3); Fairbanks (1); Juneau (1); Kotzebue (1); Seward (6); Unalaska (2); Wasilla (2); Wrangell (1); Rural Locum Tenens (2).

As part of the required training, the Alaska Family Medicine Residency Program operates the Providence Family Medicine Center, which provides care to the underserved population of Anchorage. The center sees over 30,000 patients per year, over 80% of whom are patients who have barriers to care, including Medicare, Medicaid and uninsured patients.