

MH Deferred Maintenance and Accessibility Improvements **FY2011 Request:** **\$500,000**
Reference No: **33670**

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Deferred Maintenance
Category: Health/Human Services **Recipient:** Various
Location: Statewide **Contact:** Arnold Liebelt
House District: Statewide (HD 1-40) **Contact Phone:** (907)465-1870
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2010 - 06/30/2015

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Capital grant funds offered competitively to providers serving Mental Health Trust beneficiaries for deferred maintenance and accessibility improvements. This project contributes to the department's mission "To promote and protect the health and well-being of Alaskans" and the end result "The quality of life for Alaskans experiencing a serious emotional disturbance (SED), a serious mental illness (SMI) and/or a substance use disorder (SUD) is enhanced."

Funding:	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	Total
GF/MH	\$500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$13,000,000
Total:	\$500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$13,000,000

<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	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

CH13/SLA09/P14/L13—\$750.0 GF/MH
 CH29/SLA07/P13/L24 \$2,000.0 GF
 CH5/SLA05/P13/L20 - \$150.0 GF/MH / \$350.0 MHTAAR
 CH157/SLA04/P11/L10 \$400.0 MHTAAR
 CH84/SLA03/P10/L14 – \$333.3 MHTAAR
 CH95/SLA02/P12/L26 – \$200.0 GF/MH / \$400.0 MHTAAR
 CH95/SLA02/P13/L13 – \$200.0 GF/MH / \$400.0 MHTAAR
 CH62/SLA01/P10/L4 – \$400.0 GF/MH / \$400.0 MHTAAR
 CH134/SLA00/P10/L27 – \$100.0 GF/MH / \$550.0 MHTAAR
 CH85/SLA99/P9/L16 \$250.0 GF/MH / \$250.0 MHTAAR

Project Description/Justification:

Funds will be awarded statewide to agencies on a competitive basis for deferred maintenance, including facility renovation, repair, or upgrade and accessibility improvements. The funds are needed to keep program facilities operational and accessible.

The ongoing need for this project has been well documented by the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, the beneficiary boards and the Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Plan, *Moving Forward*. The unmet need for deferred maintenance is also documented by the consistent number of applicants that are left unfunded by each Request for Proposal (RFP) due to the limited funds

available for this grant program. The most recent RFP garnered \$4,446,961 in requests with only \$705,000 available for award. Maintenance of buildings housing treatment offices, residential services and administrative offices is a continual problem for providers serving Mental Health Trust beneficiaries. Some agencies have staff working in buildings that are in serious states of deterioration and disrepair. Clients are sometimes housed in residential program facilities in which maintenance and repair needs are extensive.

With a continuing decline in operating funds, many Mental Health 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.