

**AHFC Denali Commission Projects**

**FY2011 Request: \$4,000,000**

**Reference No: 41531**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation

**Project Type:** Life / Health / Safety

**Category:** Development

**Location:** Statewide

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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2010 - 06/30/2015

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The Denali Commission Projects utilize Federal funds to administer the Commission's housing programs, primarily in rural areas of Alaska. The Denali Commission's goal is to provide decent, affordable housing for seniors and teachers in rural Alaska. Lack of housing has forced seniors to relocate to other communities where appropriate housing with necessary support is available. Lack of decent rural housing for teachers has been cited by school administrators as one of the factors that contribute to the inability to attract and maintain a stable teaching corps. The United States Congress has responded to this issue by setting aside funding.

<b>Funding:</b>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$4,000,000						\$4,000,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,000,000</b>

<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
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

FY2010 funded \$5,000,000 Federal Receipts; FY2009 funded \$7,000,000 Federal Receipts; FY2008 funded \$10,000,000 Federal Receipts; FY2007 funded \$17,000,000 Federal Receipts; FY2006 was funded with Federal Receipts through a Revised Program Legislation (RPL) in the Federal and Competitive Grants program for \$20,000,000.

**Project Description/Justification:**

**The purpose of this project** is to administer the Denali Commission's housing programs primarily to rural Alaska.

**The projected outcomes are to:**

- Increase the production of additional housing for teachers in rural Alaska by 10 units; and,
- Increase the production of additional housing for rural elders in Alaska by 10 units.

**The Denali Commission Projects** utilize Federal funds to administer the Commission's housing programs. These funds will allow AHFC to administer current programs designated for rural areas of Alaska. The Denali Commission's goal is to provide decent, affordable housing for seniors and

teachers in rural Alaska. Lack of housing has forced seniors to relocate to other communities where appropriate housing with necessary support is available. Lack of decent rural housing for teachers has been cited by school administrators as one of the factors that contribute to the inability to attract and maintain a stable teaching corps. The United States Congress has responded to this issue by setting aside funding through the Denali Commission for these purposes.

Attracting and maintaining a pool of qualified teachers in rural Alaska is a goal of the State of Alaska. In order to achieve this, housing for teachers must be available, affordable, and of a quality that encourages these professionals to locate in rural settings. These funds will also be used to support the development of housing for the fastest growing segment of the Alaskan population; persons 55 years of age and older. A statewide needs assessment done in 2006 showed that there is \$1 billion of senior housing needed to address the growth in the senior population through 2030. The population of seniors (over 60) is projected to increase 117% by 2030, or approximately 80,000 people.

**Elder Supportive Housing Program** – Projects will be part of a statewide strategy for elder supportive housing needs. The Alaska Senior Housing Needs Assessment will be completed under this program. Funds will be allocated on a competitive basis. Many elders require medical attention that necessitates them to either live in hub communities so they can be close to hospitals, or to travel out of their home regions to larger, unfamiliar cities. The housing projects planned under this program will allow elders to remain in their home communities and home regions as long as possible by greatly enhancing elder access to necessary medical treatment, monitoring and supervised follow-up. To date, 24 elder housing units have been completed and 125 are under construction.

**Teacher Housing Program** – In accordance with the 2005 Denali Commission Teacher Housing Strategy, AHFC has partnered with the Denali Commission to provide newly constructed teacher housing units and repair existing housing stock for teacher housing. The Commission's Teacher Housing strategy places an emphasis on:

- A repair/renovation option to improve existing teacher housing stock; (50% cost share).
- A priority for new construction in communities prioritized by level of need; (cost share determined by AHFC underwriting process).

Since 2004, the Denali Commission Teacher Housing Program has funded the development of rental units in 35 rural Alaska communities.