

MH AHFC Homeless Assistance Program

FY2011 Request: \$10,000,000

Reference No: 45390

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Economic Assistance

Category: Health/Human Services

Location: Statewide

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

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Corporate (AHFC) funds, Mental Health Trust Authority Receipts (MHTAAR), State General Funds/Mental Health (GF/MH), AIDEA Dividends, and Federal funds for grants to local communities/agencies to help develop programs to support programs designed to reduce homelessness by providing services that prevent housing displacement and assist the homeless to transition back to permanent housing. Corporate funds will be leveraged with the other funds. All funds will be combined and administered as one program by AHFC.

Funding:	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	Total
AHFC Div	\$3,350,000						\$3,350,000
AIDEA Div	\$3,000,000						\$3,000,000
Fed Rcpts	\$2,000,000						\$2,000,000
GF/MH	\$500,000						\$500,000
MHTAAR	\$1,150,000						\$1,150,000
Total:	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000

<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	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

See funding history at the end of the project description.

Project Description/Justification:

The purpose of this program is to support programs that address homelessness by providing assistance to families in imminent danger of becoming homeless or those who are currently homeless.

The projected outcomes are to:

- Prevent near homeless individuals and families from becoming homeless; and/or,
- Provide homeless individuals and families assistance to obtain safe, sanitary shelter.

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Established in 1993, this program enables thousands of homeless and/or near homeless families to obtain or retain safe and sanitary shelter each year. Demand for this program has increased steadily over the last five years as annual requests for the prevention and operating components have reached \$3 million per year.

This program has taken on the role of a housing trust and is the coordinated funding for homeless prevention activities in Alaska. There are four main funding sources, AHFC, MHTAAR, GF/MH, and other federal or private resources. In the FY2010, 10,867 people (\$2.5 million awarded to 21 projects) benefited from the program; 900 households transitioned from temporary to permanent housing; and 479 households were prevented from becoming homeless. This request is supported by the recently adopted "10-year Plan to Reduce Homelessness in Alaska" which identifies the activities and cost of reducing homelessness in Alaska over 10 years.

The Homeless Assistance Program (HAP) provides grants to assist nonprofit organizations, local governments, and regional housing authorities in addressing the emergency needs of homeless and near-homeless Alaskans. During the previous two competitive rounds, the total amount of Homeless Assistance Program (HAP) grant requests received by AHFC has averaged \$2.5 million annually. This program has become increasingly important as funds for grants such as homeless assistance from municipal grants and Federal Emergency Housing Assistance continues to shrink.

The most recent grantees have utilized HAP funds to expand shelter facilities, develop supportive transitional housing, provide case management, and rental assistance services and develop supportive housing for mental health trust beneficiaries and the homeless. All funds will be combined and administered as one program by AHFC. A portion of these funds may be used to support the planning and coordination efforts of the Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homelessness.

Inadequate funding will increase the number of homeless families in Alaska and force existing shelters to either exceed capacity or turn away clients. Families in areas where no shelter exists will be forced to live in substandard and/or overcrowded conditions, known to foster higher degrees of domestic violence and substance abuse. Low-wage earning households experiencing a family crisis will also have to contend with the likelihood of homelessness if emergency rental assistance is not available. In some cases, the homeless will cycle into the correctional or mental health system due to lack of adequate housing. Family homelessness has increased by over 25% since FY2009 as a result of the downturn in the economy and the tightening of the statewide rental market.

Funding History:

The New Homeless Assistance Program

FY2010	\$4,000,000	Alaska Capital Income
FY2010	\$1,000,000	Statutory Designated Dividends
FY2010	\$1,150,000	Mental Health Trust Fund Dividends (MHTAAR)
FY2010	\$500,000	General Funds/Mental Health (GF/MH)
FY2010	\$2,000,000	Federal Receipts
FY2009	\$3,500,000	Corporate Dividends

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FY2009	\$2,500,000	Statutory Designated Dividends
FY2009	\$1,500,000	Mental Health Trust Fund Dividends (MHTAAR)
FY2009	\$500,000	General Funds/Mental Health (GF/MH)

The Old Homeless Assistance Program

FY2008	\$1,000,000	Corporate Dividends
FY2008	\$500,000	Mental Health Trust Fund Dividends
FY2007	\$1,000,000	General Funds/Mental Health (GF/MH)
FY2007	\$1,000,000	Mental Health Trust Fund Dividends (MHTAAR)
FY2006	\$500,000	General Funds/Mental Health (GF/MH)
FY2006	\$500,000	Mental Health Trust Fund Dividends (MHTAAR)
FY2005	\$250,000	General Funds/Mental Health (GF/MH)
FY2005	\$500,000	Mental Health Trust Fund Dividends (MHTAAR)
FY2004	\$250,000	Corporate Dividends
FY2004	\$500,000	Mental Health Trust Fund Dividends (MHTAAR)
FY2003	\$250,000	Corporate Dividends
FY2003	\$500,000	Mental Health Trust Fund Dividends (MHTAAR)
FY2002	\$250,000	Corporate Dividends
FY2002	\$200,000	Mental Health Trust Fund Dividends (MHTAAR)
FY2001	\$250,000	Corporate Dividends
FY2001	\$200,000	Mental Health Trust Fund Dividends (MHTAAR)
FY2000	\$250,000	Corporate Dividends
FY2000	\$200,000	Mental Health Trust Fund Dividends (MHTAAR)
FY1999	\$250,000	Corporate Dividends
FY1998	\$250,000	Corporate Dividends
FY1997	\$250,000	Corporate Dividends
FY1996	\$250,000	Corporate Dividends (funded under the former Emergency Housing Assistance Program).