

MEETING AGENDA

Meeting: Program & Planning Committee
Date: July 31, 2025
Time: 8:30 AM
Location: Trust Authority Building, 3745 Community Park Loop, Anchorage
Teleconference: [Zoom Link](#); Meeting ID: 842 6183 9319; Passcode: 907
 Call-in number +1 669 444 9171; alaskamentalhealthtrust.org
Trustees: Agnes Moran (Chair), Corri Feige, Kevin Fimon, Brent Fisher (ex-officio)

Thurs July 31, 2025

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Future Meeting Dates

Full Board of Trustees / Program & Planning / Resource Management / Audit & Risk / Finance

(Updated – July 2025)

- Program & Planning Committee July 31, 2025 (Thu)
- Audit & Risk Committee August 1, 2025 (Fri)
- Finance Committee August 1, 2025 (Fri)
- Resource Mgt Committee August 1, 2025 (Fri)
- Full Board of Trustees August 27-28, 2025 (Wed, Thu) – Anchorage

- Program & Planning Committee October 15, 2025 (Wed)
- Audit & Risk Committee October 16, 2025 (Thu)
- Finance Committee October 16, 2025 (Thu)
- Resource Mgt Committee October 16, 2025 (Thu)
- Full Board of Trustees November 19-20, 2025 (Wed, Thu) – Anchorage

- Program & Planning Committee January 21, **2026** (Wed)
- Finance Committee January 22, **2026** (Thu)
- Resource Mgt Committee January 22, **2026** (Thu)
- Audit and Risk Committee January 22, **2026** (Thu)
- Full Board of Trustees February 18-19, **2026** (Wed, Thu) – Juneau

- Program & Planning Committee April 22, **2026** (Wed)
- Finance Committee April 23, **2026** (Thu)
- Resource Mgt Committee April 23, **2026** (Thu)
- Audit and Risk Committee April 23, **2026** (Thu)
- Full Board of Trustees May 20-21, **2026** (Wed, Thu)– location TBD

Future Meeting Dates Statutory Advisory Boards (Updated – July 2025)

Alaska Commission on Aging

ACOA: <https://aging.alaska.gov>

Executive Director: Martin Lange, (907) 465-4793, martin.lange@alaska.gov

- September 25, 2025 - Virtual
- December 2-3, 2025 – Virtual
- February 24-26, 2026 - TBD

Alaska Mental Health Board / Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

AMHB: <http://health.alaska.gov/amhb/Pages/default.aspx>

ABADA: <https://health.alaska.gov/abada/Pages/default.aspx>

Executive Director: Kermit Wilson, (907) 465-4650, kermit.wilson@alaska.gov

- TBD

Governor’s Council on Disabilities and Special Education

GCDSE: <http://health.alaska.gov/gcdse/Pages/default.aspx>

Executive Director: Patrick Reinhart, (907)269-8990, patrick.reinhart@alaska.gov

- Triennial Meeting, Oct 6-7 Hybrid/Anchorage
- Disability and Aging Summit Oct 14-15, Anchorage
- Triennial Meeting, Feb 10-12, Hybrid/Juneau

Trustee Committee Assignments

Updated June 2025

Executive Committee

- Brent Fisher, Chair
- Agnes Moran, Vice Chair
- Anita Halterman, Secretary
- Mary Wilson, staff

Audit & Risk Committee

- Kevin Fimon, Chair
- Corri Feige
- Anita Halterman
- Brent Fisher, *non-voting*
- Julee Farley, staff

Finance Committee

- John Morris, Chair
- Kevin Fimon
- Anita Halterman
- Brent Fisher, *non-voting*
- Julee Farley, staff

Program & Planning Committee

- Agnes Moran, Chair
- Kevin Fimon
- Corri Feige
- Brent Fisher, *non-voting*
- Katie Baldwin, staff

Resource Management Committee

- Corri Feige, Chair
- Anita Halterman
- Josie Hickel
- Brent Fisher, *non-voting*
- Jusdi Warner, staff

**ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY
PROGRAM & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
HYBRID/WEBEX
April 24, 2025
8:30 a.m.**

**Originating at:
Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
3745 Community Park Loop, Suite 200
Anchorage, Alaska 99508**

Trustees Present:

Agnes Moran
Rhonda Boyles, Acting Chair
Kevin Fimon
Brent Fisher, Ex-officio

Other Trustees Present:

Corri Feige
Kevin Fimon

Trust Staff Present:

Mary Wilson
Allison Biastock
Katie Baldwin-Johnson
Shannon Cochran
Valette Keller
Julee Farley
Luke Lind
Carrie Predeger
Michael Baldwin
Eric Boyer
Kelda Barstad
Tina Voelker-Ross
Eliza Muse
Debbie DeLong
Kat Roch
Samantha Ponts

Also participating:

Patrick Reinhart; Stephanie Hopkins; Christopher Orman; Lee cruise; Charlene Tautfest; Emily Ricci; Tracy Dompeling; Leah Van Kirk.

PROCEEDINGS

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR BOYLES called the meeting to order and called the roll.

TRUSTEE MORAN thanked Trustee Boyles for taking over the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHAIR BOYLES asked for any announcements. There being none, she moved to approval of the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: A motion to approve the agenda, as presented, was made by TRUSTEE MORAN; seconded by TRUSTEE FIMON.

After the roll-vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Chair Boyles; yes.)

ETHICS DISCLOSURE

CHAIR BOYLES asked for any ethics disclosures. There being none, she moved to the minutes from January 8, 2025.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: A motion to approve the minutes from January 8, 2025, was made by TRUSTEE MORAN; seconded by TRUSTEE FIMON.

After the roll-vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Chair Boyles; yes.)

CEO UPDATE

CHAIR BOYLES recognized CEO Wilson, and stated her how happy she was that she was there, and looks forward to meeting her.

CEO WILSON stated that, recently, one focus for her and the trustees was a day of strategic planning a few weeks ago. They looked at the current process and strategies and dynamically refreshed them in response to the revolving needs of the beneficiaries, and also the insight and desire of the trustees. She shared that she learned that there is a smart, dedicated and very value-driven team at the Trust who are highly effective, and she is confident that they would continue to be so in the future. She went through a few of the top short-term and long-term priorities identified. The budget development process needs to be improved, as well as the strategic framework for the focus area implementation. There is a goal to use the data better to develop an accurate future of the effectiveness of the grant-making to the beneficiaries, and to better serve the needs of all of the areas and populations of the state. She continued that after this is the Trust strategic planning, and we will have a board strategic planning session at the end of June. A contractor was secured to help facilitate that need, from the East Coast, and they have a lot of experience in public entity and board strategic planning. There will be more details to come. She moved to an update on Juneau and stated they are trying to be responsive to legislative inquiries and questions that helps to understand their view of what we need to be doing, and then helps them understand how we do our work. She added that one of the subjects in the strategic

planning is just any contingency planned to be done on behalf of the beneficiaries around any shortfalls in funding they may have due to Federal funding and Medicaid changes. Staff continues to monitor and focus on what is known, and any concrete possible actions that we may take. She stated that the Trust partner advisory boards will speak to all of their Federal funding issues and their populations during their presentations to the Full Board in May. She thanked Chair Boyles for the kind words and remained honored to be working in this capacity, and for the trust in her, and in the trust for the beneficiaries.

CHAIR BOYLES thanked CEO Wilson and hoped her time at the Trust is as personally fulfilling as hers has been serving as a trustee. She asked for any comments or questions.

TRUSTEE FIMON stated appreciation to CEO Wilson for how quickly she got up to speed on the things she was able to handle in Juneau. He continued that it was one of the most complete testimonies we have had, and it was very informative. He appreciated it, and he wanted to say that on the record.

TRUSTEE MORAN echoed Trustee Fimon's comments. It was an impressive showing, and they all worked together well.

CHAIR BOYLES asked COO Baldwin-Johnson to introduce the Crisis Now Update.

CRISIS NOW UPDATE/OVERVIEW

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON introduced Sam Ponto, program officer, who will present the Crisis work. Tracy Dompeling, director of Behavioral Health, will join to copresent. There is a lot of work happening that is congruent with the efforts of the Trust.

MS. PONTOS stated she was pleased to be there for her first committee presentation at the Trust to provide an update on Crisis services. The vision in advancing Crisis Now is that every Alaskan, no matter where they live, has a simple, reliable path in the moment of crisis. That means they know who to call, who will respond, and where they go for help. Work is being done toward a future where accessing behavioral healthcare is just as coordinated and effective as physical healthcare. She highlighted some of the recent successes that demonstrate how this vision is being put into action.

MS. DOMPELING thanked the trustees for the opportunity to talk about Crisis. There is a lot of work happening at the State level, and it began with the 90-day Careline integration. Careline is the call line for both 988; and there is an 800 number where individuals in crisis can use, as well. The call center infrastructure continues strengthening. She stated that they are thinking about the future vision for the call center, for mobile crisis, places to go for help, and the technology needs for the future.

TRUSTEE FIMON stated that the numbers showed over 100 contacts per day, and he asked about what was learned so far about the capacity, or the problems that were run into.

MS. DOMPELING replied that over the years the additional work and support went into the call line. The folks who worked within that contract at the DBH level were able to identify Federal supports through 988 grants. As the call numbers increased, there needed to be an expansion of that work. Since 2022, Mobile Crisis Teams and Mobile Integrated Health Teams expanded statewide. Recently, Nome, as well as Bethel, reached out about on-boarding a Mobile Crisis

Team. She stated that local Crisis coordinators are very instrumental in making sure implementation is tailored to each region's needs in terms of building partnerships. She noted some of the successes in different communities. She then talked about the increase of voluntary availability in Mat-Su at True North Recovery, as well as at Set Free Alaska. Currently, there are three projects in development: Crisis Stabilization, Residential, and Detox will be opened in May '26, and Outpatient Behavioral Health will be operational in September '26. Fairbanks is working toward a 23-hour crisis stabilization center, and Maniilaq and Kotzebue are moving toward an EmPATH model. The EmPATH model started in California and is now recognized as a national best practice by the Joint Commission. It has been shown to reduce hospitalizations by 75 percent, and is a flexible model for both settings. She continued that the progress is encouraging many services to remain heavily grant-reliant with limited options for provider reimbursement. Recruiting and retaining staff, especially in rural areas, continues to be a significant hurdle. There is also the need for more data and evaluation efforts to clearly demonstrate system impact.

MS. DOMPELING talked about House Bill 138 which is about the 988 surcharge and needs to get passed. She also talked about some of the past bills that looked at licensure compacts. There are challenges in both nursing and social worker areas in the licensure compact. She talked about some types of compacts that could be beneficial in the future to help support that workforce; areas of concern for people considering standing up those services.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN stated that, in talking to different nursing groups, they are afraid if this goes through it would limit their ability to bargain when their contracts came up. It was a common theme heard that this view was diluting the workforce and diluting their ability to get fair restitution for their work.

MS. DOMPELING replied that she had heard that kind of thinking and comments. Some of the nurses in Alaska, especially in State facilities, are in positions that cannot strike.

CHAIR BOYLES asked about the timeline on the licensure compact issue and the nursing issue. She continued that the Legislature will be out in May, and we will have to wait.

MS. BIASTOCK stated, in looking at those pieces of legislation, that they are Governor's bills and are still sitting in their first committee of referrals. There has been legislation around the nurse licensure compact over the last several sessions that have not successfully made it over the finish line. But the Legislature has continued to debate.

MS. PONTS moved to the collective efforts that represent important steps toward building a more sustainable system for crisis care across Alaska.

MS. DOMPELING talked about the civil commitment regulations initiated by the Department of Family and Community Services. She believed that they are out for public comment and are a long overdue cleanup to some of the civil commitment regulations. They are also working with the Division of Behavioral Health along with the Healthcare Services Division, on subacute facility licensing regulations, which are working their way through the regulatory process.

MS. PONTS moved to a snapshot of where they currently stand with performance monitoring efforts across key areas of the Crisis system. Overall, there is steady progress, particularly in developing key performance indicators for crisis services and community data performing and

broader system-level monitoring and evaluating tools in the early stages. Some key performance indicators show some clear data on beneficiary well-being: for example, reduce trauma, improve mental health, and some quantifiable cost savings across healthcare and law enforcement systems.

TRUSTEE FISHER stated interest in the detail behind the KPIs and monitoring as they are developed, and getting copies of what they actually are. He added that he had been involved in KPI development and insuring their validity since the 1980s, starting with manufacturing.

MS. PONTS stated that the key performance indicators will be necessary input for a comprehensive evaluation project which will be focused on in 2025.

MS. DOMPELING touched on the 90-day interoperability and Medicaid rate methodology review. The hope is for the State to provide an opportunity to see at the behavioral health levels and all other levels where those rates are, where they potentially need increases, with an opportunity to try to incentivize certain particular types of services. They are also hoping for a report from the contractor that outlines their recommendation for Medicaid rates and any considerations they might have to incentivize certain types of services that are important to Alaska, keeping kids close to home and having families stay together.

MS. PONTS stated the importance of finalizing the statewide valuation with the support of Agnew::Beck and others. She emphasized the critical invisible factor that includes development with a stigma, and it shapes perceptions that are important in continuing the work to expand and improve crisis services in Alaska.

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON thanked them both and added that it is very important to understand all the work that the Department and DBH do to realize this expansion of the continuum.

CHAIR BOYLES asked for any other comments. There being none, she moved to the next presentation.

BENEFICIARY-RELATED DATA UPDATES

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON introduced Leah Van Kirk, policy adviser with the Department of Health. She and Tracy Dompeling will provide an overview of some of the data they pulled together. This is an opportunity to start somewhere with the data, which is a great precursor for getting prepped for strategic planning.

MS. VAN KIRK stated appreciation for the opportunity to share some of the data that impacts Alaskans, because the importance of understanding the data is that it can be targeted about how prevention activities or services that need to be offered are invested in. She talked about the Medicaid utilization, the overdose and suicide data, and then some of the crisis data.

MS. DOMPELING looked at the Medicaid-related utilization data and talked about how the services continue to increase. In talking about Medicaid, there are two different types of services: services billed through Alaska's state plan services; and then the service array that was developed through the 1115 Behavioral Health Reform Waiver, which is the new name of the waiver. She talked about the diagnosis groups and then the top services.

TRUSTEE MORAN asked about tracking autism and if they move into a different category once they are out of the youth stage, or if they are sent out of state.

MS. DOMPELING replied that there is some age limit on autism services, and she would follow up on that.

MS. VAN KIRK spoke about some of the data around youth being served in psychiatric residential treatment facilities and acute inpatient psychiatric hospitals. It also represents the distinct number of youth receiving community-based services. She highlighted that when talking about youth, that is individuals under the age of 21; so up to the age of 20. This data represents children enrolled in Medicaid; not children receiving services not on Medicaid.

CEO WILSON liked what was said about the length of stay and getting that data. She asked if, when they next present, to look at benchmark, in-state and out-of-state length of stay compared to benchmark for youth. That will give a good idea of preventable delays potentially and then what is needed.

MS. VAN KIRK replied that that is some data that can be shared in the future.

MS. DOMPELING moved to an 1115 service for home-based family treatment. That is a service that includes treatment, as well as wrap-around services that are provided in the home or in communities to try to reduce that need for in-patient hospitalization and residential treatment for children and adults. She stated that there are three intensity or acuity levels, and it is important to think about the lowest level of this intervention that does not require the youth to be diagnosed, so there is a lower frequency of intervention, and it allows providers who offer this service to be able to provide some of those in-home services without having have all the diagnostic pieces that are needed for the higher levels.

MS. VAN KIRK talked about overdose information and understanding some of the data and demographics related to what Alaskans are experiencing. She pointed out some data that shows by year what the overdose deaths equaled. She stated that about 89 percent of those deaths are unintentional, and she went over some of the unintentional causes related to the increase in fentanyl. One of the significant changes seen between 2020 and 2021 was that it was the first time the number of people dying by overdose exceeded the number of people dying by suicide in Alaska; and those numbers continue to increase. She continued that an important piece identified is the need for prevention and intervention when people experience stress or mental health challenges. There is a need to be able to respond when people are in crisis, and to identify early on when people are struggling.

MS. DOMPELING continued through more Medicaid crisis service data and the amount of Medicaid claims seen throughout the different types of crisis services. She also talked about the Careline contacts which have increased by year, and that were broken out by the age groups. She called attention to the 15- to 24-age group, youth groups, and the desire to make sure that youth and the young adult population is aware of 988, and that Careline and those crisis-related services can be afforded.

CHAIR BOYLES talked about the impressive amount of credible data and the presentation skills.

TRUSTEE MORAN stated appreciation for the comprehensive data presentation.

CHAIR BOYLES called a ten-minute break.

(Break.)

MINI-GRANT

CHAIR BOYLE recognized Eliza Muse, an evaluation and planning program officer.

MS. MUSE stated that she had Lucas Lind and Carrie Predeger with her today, who are a part of the development of this presentation. She continued that this conversation is a follow-up to the October presentation they gave regarding the mini-grant program. She added that this session is about sharing some of the outreach and inreach conducted, and some key takeaways and discussion of what the path ahead looks like for the mini-grant program. This program is a big part of what the Trust does, and the input is crucial as work is being done to improve it. She began with a quick refresher on the mini-grant program and shared the steps taken to better understand what works well and what does not. She also discussed the latest findings from the recent survey and listening session. She walked through the data and, importantly, wanted to open things up for trustees' thoughts and questions. She stated that most mini-grant recipients are identified through an organization and referred through family, team meetings, and/or clinicians. The guidelines are generally clear, and people would like a straightforward list of what is covered by the mini-grant. The participants responded that the biggest needs include housing assistance, help with communication assistive devices, therapy supplies, technology like laptops, basics like furniture are some of the biggest needs.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN asked for clarification on the housing assistance.

MR. LIND replied that for housing assistance it is typically first and last months' rent for a security deposit for new housing. There are requests for emergency bridge payments for rent, but typically they are not funded because there is too big of a need for the program. Then, items like a bed, mattress for moving into a new housing situation. He stated that mini-grants are not typically used as an emergency program. It is intended to be a gap to meet beneficiaries' needs.

MS. MUSE moved to the challenges and heard that administering these grants require a lot of time, administration and paperwork for these agencies, to prove that items were delivered to beneficiaries. These organizations follow back up to ensure the items have been delivered and pull in their receipts. This is time-consuming and delayed, especially if the delay is in shipping. The Medicaid denial requirement is complicated, and can be time-consuming. They also learned of many unmet needs due to budget limits. She then moved to the administrative side regarding staff time spent processing each grant. A simple grant may take a few hours, but more complex cases can extend into weeks or even months. Agencies are reimbursed \$100 per grant, which may be sufficient but may not cover all the staff time associated with processing these grants. She continued that the key takeaways from the March outreach, overwhelmingly, is that this program is highly valued by both beneficiaries and organizations that they serve. The guidelines work for most, and we are striving to clarify them further. The administrative burden on behalf of those organizations remains a significant issue, and there is a need to consider the impact of rising costs for goods and services. She continued that the next steps that the staff is really focusing on is increasing access in those underrepresented regions, namely through outreach to tribal and rural providers. We are expanding the communication efforts and key geographic

regions to bolster up and show that the grants are available and how they can access the mini-grants. We will keep monitoring and evaluating this program so there is continuous improvement. She added that we are working on updating the guidelines currently and clarifying what is covered. We are also improving that data collection through the new portal. These steps are underway, and we believe they will have an immediate positive impact. She continued that they are looking to the Board for some direction on a few key questions: Should we keep the current program format; should these incremental improvements be made right now, or should we consider a whole new model considering lapse, geographical reach, unmet needs in-house versus outsourced administration of these grants. These are all options.

TRUSTEE FIMON stated that discussed was that the individual amount had not been adjusted for many years, and that is something to consider, and it would be interesting to get some data on that.

MR. LIND replied that they heard a lot that the cap is too low. He stated that increasing the cap to a higher number would mean fewer mini-grants and larger ones on average. But without raising the overall program amounts, the hope would be to move the needle on the number of beneficiaries served.

TRUSTEE FISHER stated that that was the information needed.

MR. LIND stated we can work on getting those numbers.

CHAIR BOYLES stated that she would be back this summer to visit with Trust staff relative to ADRD and to look at projecting needs that are going to increase. She thanked them for what they do.

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON stated that that was an excellent discussion and there is feedback and food for thought that staff can take back, analyze, and think more about. This is another step at the beginning of a good conversation with regard to how to continue to think about this program and how to maximize its impact as best as possible.

TRUSTEE FIMON talked about how the Trust has evolved for about four years and how these discussions and the back and forth have helped him to understand the programs, the needs and the intricacies of how it all works, and he is super appreciative of it. He can make better informed votes and decisions, and he hoped that it is helping the others.

CHAIR BOYLES stated that Trustee Moran had to step away. She is a gift as a trustee because of her background in grants and the knowledge she has. With that, she entertained a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE BOYLES.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Fimon, yes; Chair Boyles, yes.)

CHAIR BOYLES thanked all for the wonderful work. She stated that she would miss them, and would be back to say hi.

(Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Program & Planning Committee meeting
adjourned at 11:38 a.m.)

MEMO

To: Agnes Moran, Chair, Program and Planning Committee
Date: July 31, 2025
Re: Program and Planning Committee Review -Consent Agenda –FY25
and FY26 Partnership requests, \$75,000 and less
Amount: \$539,189
Fund Sources: FY 25 Partnership Grants (Page 2, Line 13 of both the FY25 budget)
FY 26 Partnership Grants (Page 2, Line 13 of both the FY26 budget)

REQUESTED MOTION:

The Program & Planning Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approves the following 14 Partnership grants totaling \$539,189 as outlined in the table below to include:

1. OpiAID, “OpiAID Phase 2”, \$75,000
2. Native Village of Dot Lake, “Domestic Violence Safe Housing and Counseling”, \$60,000
3. United Way of Anchorage, “Home for Good - Qualitative evaluation of permanent supportive housing project”, \$51,176
4. Battle Dawgs, “Operation Arctic Renewal: Outdoor-Based Suicide Prevention for Veterans”, \$50,000
5. Anchorage School District, “Pop Up Playgroups”, \$50,000
6. Interior Community Health Center, “Dental Grant”, \$50,000
7. Mat-Su Health Services, “Dental Grant”, \$50,000
8. Kin Support Program Haa Yaitxu Saiani, “Southeast Alaska Kin Support Pilot”, \$50,000
9. Cook Inlet Counseling, “Sage/Saltbox Implementation”, \$30,750

10. Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities, “Complex Care - Providers United to Create Options”, \$27,500
11. FOCUS, Inc., “Phone Replacement System”, \$14,763
12. Interior AIDS Association, “IAA Building Improvements”, \$10,000
13. Arc of Anchorage, “Workforce Sustainability Partnership with GoodLife University”, \$10,000
14. Frontier Community Services, “Goodlife at Frontier Community Services”, \$10,000

These funds will come from the Partnerships/Designated Grants line of the FY25 and FY26 budgets.

There are 14 Partnership grant requests of \$75,000 or less for consideration at the full Board of Trustee meeting. Individual grant memos with staff analysis, project descriptions, project budgets, grant performance measures and the requested start and end dates are included with this memo.

Each memo also has a motion if the Trustees elect to remove one or more grant requests from the consent agenda for individual consideration.

#	Grantee Organization	Project Title	Primary Area Served	Requested Amount	Approval Motion
1	OpiAID, Inc.	Compassionate Technology Pilot for Opioid Use Disorder	Kenai Peninsula	\$75,000	The Board of Trustees approve a \$75,000 FY25 Partnership grant to OpiAID, Inc. for the Compassionate Technology Pilot for OUD grant.
2	Native Village of Dot Lake	Domestic Violence Safe Housing and Counseling	Dot Lake Village and Statewide	\$60,000	The Board of Trustees approve a \$60,000 Partnership grant to the Native Village of Dot Lake for the Domestic Violence Safe Housing and Counseling grant. These funds will come from the Partnerships/Designated Grants line of the FY26 budget.
3	United Way of Anchorage	Home for Good - Qualitative evaluation of permanent supportive housing project	Anchorage	\$51,176	The Board of Trustees approve a \$51,176 Partnership grant to United Way of Anchorage for the Home for Good - Qualitative evaluation of permanent supportive housing project. These funds will come from the Partnerships/Designated Grants line of the FY26 budget.

4	Battle Dawgs	Operation Arctic Renewal: Outdoor-Based Suicide Prevention for Veterans	Mat-Su	\$50,000	The Board of Trustees approve a \$50,000 FY26 Partnership grant to Battle Dawgs for the Operation Arctic Renewal: Outdoor-Based Suicide Prevention for Veterans grant.
5	Anchorage School District	Pop Up Playgroups	Anchorage	\$50,000	The Board of Trustees approve a \$50,000 FY25 Partnership grant to the Anchorage School District for the Pop Up Playgroups project.
6	Interior Community Health Center	Interior Community Health Center Dental Grant	Fairbanks	\$50,000	The Board of Trustees approve a \$50,000 FY26 Partnership grant to Mat-Su Health Services, Inc. for the Mental health Trust Dental Grant.
7	Mat-Su Health Services, Inc.	Dental Grant	Mat-Su	\$50,000	The Board of Trustees approve a \$50,000 FY26 Partnership grant to the Interior Community Health Center for the FY26 Interior Community Health Center Dental Grant.
8	Kin Support Program Haa Yaitxu Saiani	Southeast Alaska Kin Support Pilot	Juneau	\$50,000	The Board of Trustees approve a \$50,000 Partnership grant to Kin Support Program Haa Yaitxu Saiai for the Southeast Alaska Kin Support Pilot grant. These funds will come from the Partnerships/Designated Grants line of the FY26 budget
9	Cook Inlet Counseling, Inc.	Sage/Saltbox Implementation	Kenai Peninsula	\$32,575	The Board of Trustees approve a \$32,575.00 FY25 Partnership grant to Cook Inlet Counseling, Inc. for the Sage/Saltbox Implementation grant.
10	Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities	Complex Care - Providers United to Create Options	Statewide	\$27,500	The Board of Trustees approve a \$27,500 FY26 Partnership grant to the Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities for the Complex Care - Providers United to Create Options project.
11	FOCUS, Inc.	Phone Replacement System	Anchorage	\$14,763	The Board of Trustees approve a \$14,763 FY25 Partnership grant to FOCUS, Inc. for the Phone System Replacement grant.
12.	Interior AIDS Association	IAA Building Improvements	Fairbanks	\$10,000	The Board of Trustees approve a \$10,000 FY26 Partnership Grant to Interior AIDS Association for the IAA Building Improvements grant. These funds will come from the Partnerships/Designated Grants line of the FY26 budget.

13.	Arc of Anchorage	Workforce Sustainability Partnership with Goodlife University	Anchorage	\$10,000	The Board of Trustees approve a \$10,000 FY26 Partnership Grant to the Arc of Anchorage for the Workforce Sustainability Partnership with GoodLife University grant. These funds will come from the Partnerships/Designated Grants line of the FY26 budget.
14.	Frontier Community Services	Goodlife at Frontier Community Services	Kenai Peninsula	\$10,000	The Board of Trustees approve a \$10,000 FY26 Partnership Grant to Frontier Community Services, Inc. for the Goodlife at FCS grant. These funds will come from the Partnerships/Designated Grants line of the FY26 budget.

Grant Approval Memo

Grantee: OpiAID, Inc.
Request Amount: \$75,000.00
Project Title: Compassionate Technology Pilot for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)
Grant Term: August 28, 2025 to March 31, 2027
Fund Source: FY25 Partnerships/Designated Grants (Page 2, Line 13)
Trust Staff: Eric Boyer

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$75,000 FY25 Partnership grant to OpiAID, Inc. for the Compassionate Technology Pilot for OUD grant. These funds will come from the Partnerships/Designated Grants line of the FY25 budget.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?

Trust funds will pay for an Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) biometric monitoring system, including wrist-worn devices, electronic health record integration, and staff training. This pilot program will equip the staff at the Ninilchik Clinic to support 50-100 beneficiaries working through their OUD recovery. This program began with the support of a Trust grant in FY25 and was not finished due to delays in getting the electronic health record and technology implemented before the grant term was completed.

- Who is receiving the funds?

The Ninilchik Traditional Council Community Clinic offers integrated care, which includes assessment, treatment, and case management for beneficiaries experiencing a substance misuse disorder. The clinic service area reaches Soldotna south and goes to Homer.

- Why is staff recommending this project?

This project started last year but could not be completed due to the time it took to integrate the Clinic's electronic health record with the OpiAID biometric software. The project is ready to launch fully, but the Trust grant agreement term has expired. So, Trust staff decided it was best to end the original grant, have OpiAID turn in the unspent portion of the money, and apply for new funding, a continuation of the original pilot project.

- Will this be a multi-year project?

This is a one-time funded project broken into two grant terms due to the delays mentioned previously.

Trust Five Year Funding History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Final Expended</u>
FY24	OpiAID Pilot	\$98,500	Closed	\$26,588

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Grant Approval Memo

Grantee: Native Village of Dot Lake
Request Amount: \$60,000.00
Project Title: Domestic Violence Safe Housing and Counseling
Grant Term: 7/1/2025 to 6/30/2026
Fund Source: FY26 Partnerships/Designated Grants (Page 2, Line 13)
Trust Staff: Heather Phelps

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$60,000 Partnership grant to the Native Village of Dot Lake for the Domestic Violence Safe Housing and Counseling grant. These funds will come from the Partnerships/Designated Grants line of the FY26 budget.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?
Trust funds will pay for one TeeJuh Behavioral Health and Counseling Services staff member to work with domestic violence victims residing in safe shelter houses in the Native Village of Dot Lake. The staff member will provide counseling, group counseling, education, and legal advocacy. TeeJuh is focused on ending domestic violence, substance misuse and suicide.
- Who is receiving the funds?
Dot Lake Village Council will receive the funds for the staff position. The Native Village of Dot Lake is located on the Alaska Highway, 50 miles northwest of Tok and 155 miles southeast of Fairbanks. The Native Village of Dot Lake TeeJuh Behavioral Health Services has been providing culturally appropriate mental and behavioral well-being since 2021 for Indian and/or Alaska Native descent individuals statewide. They are currently providing services to victims in over 24 communities around the state of Alaska. In 2024, TeeJuh's programs completed over 1600 client encounters with a small staff of 5 people.
- Why is staff recommending this project?
This project supports Indian and/or Alaska native descent individuals who have experienced domestic violence. Many victims of domestic violence are Trust beneficiaries who are experiencing mental illness, substance use disorder, including alcohol use, and intellectual developmental disorders. For the last four years, Dot Lake Village has created programs and services for people in Native communities who have issues accessing behavioral health and education services.
- Will this be a multi-year project?
This is a one-time funding request. Sustainability for this project includes federal funding, state funding and Dot Lake Village Council funding. All behavioral health clinicians are licensed and TeeJuh is in the process of finalizing registration for telemedicine with the State of Alaska. TeeJuh plans to bill third-party insurance for services. They are not currently billing for Medicaid.

Trust Five Year Funding History

No Previous Trust Grants

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Grant Approval Memo

Grantee: United Way of Anchorage
Request Amount: \$51,176.00
Project Title: Home for Good - Qualitative evaluation of permanent supportive housing project
Grant Term: 9/1/2025 to 8/30/2026
Fund Source: FY26 Partnerships/Designated Grants (Page 2, Line 13)
Trust Staff: Kelda Barstad

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$51,176 Partnership grant to United Way of Anchorage for the Home for Good - Qualitative evaluation of permanent supportive housing project. These funds will come from the Partnerships/Designated Grants line of the FY26 budget.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?
Trust funds will pay for a qualitative evaluation of the Home for Good project.
- Who is receiving the funds?
United Way of Anchorage is a non-profit organization that is both a convenor, collaborator, and advocacy organization as well as a project incubator. (<https://liveunitedanc.org/about-us/about-us>) In 2019, the United Way of Anchorage launched the Home for Good program with support from philanthropic organizations (including the Trust), the Municipality of Anchorage, and the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness.
- Why is staff recommending this project?
Home for Good is the first large-scale scattered-site supportive housing project implemented in Alaska and the only project using a pay-for-success model. This project served 119 people in Anchorage who were chronically homeless, high public service utilizers, and justice-involved. A large majority of those served are Trust beneficiaries. Percent Service Use Reduction From 12 Months Pre to 12 Months Post (Pilot Cohort through Cohort 7) includes a 95% reduction in shelter stays, 75% reduction in Anchorage Safety Center stays, 63% reduction in Anchorage Police Department encounters, and 31% reduction in use of Anchorage Fire Department Emergency Medical Services.

Quantitative data was collected throughout the project; however, the beneficiary voice is missing from this approach, and additional qualitative data gathering is necessary to better understand the needs of this population. Often, it is a set of soft skills, a nuanced approach, or field innovation that engages an individual - that can be replicated, but cannot be described through quantitative data.

Scattered-site supportive housing projects can be challenging to implement and operate. The benefits of operating a scattered site model include greater community integration and independence. Additional information from the residents will improve understanding of how to support beneficiaries in the community and have a deeper understanding of what worked to end the cycle of chronic homelessness for Trust beneficiaries who are high utilizers of multiple systems. This research will help to inform future supportive housing and home-based case management and behavioral health services, and homelessness outreach programs.

- Will this be a multi-year project?
This is a one-time funding request.

Trust Five Year Funding History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Final Expended</u>
FY21	Home for Good	\$500,000	Closed	\$500,000

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Grant Approval Memo

Grantee: Battle Dawgs
Request Amount: \$50,000.00
Project Title: Operation Arctic Renewal: Outdoor-Based Suicide Prevention for Veterans
Grant Term: August 28, 2025 to August 31, 2026
Fund Source: FY26 Partnerships/Designated Grants (Page 2, Line 13)
Trust Staff: Kelda Barstad

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$50,000 FY26 Partnership grant to Battle Dawgs for the Operation Arctic Renewal: Outdoor-Based Suicide Prevention for Veterans grant. These funds will come from the Partnerships/Designated Grants line of the FY26 budget.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?

Trust funds will pay for outdoor recreation experiences for Trust beneficiaries who are combat veterans such as camping, hiking, fishing, and glacier tours, as well as therapeutic activities like skeet shooting, archery, and access to a newly established Wellness Clinic offering naturopathic treatments for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI). Grant funds will support facility, supply, equipment, and travel costs for the program.

- Who is receiving the funds?

Battle Dawgs is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that offers free programs for veterans struggling with combat-related injuries. Battle Dawgs focuses on serving veterans experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, service-related separation anxiety, and other mental health challenges. Programs include outdoor rehabilitation in Talkeetna, a wellness center, mentorship, pre-employment services, and leadership development. (www.battledawgs.org)

- Why is staff recommending this project?

The focus of this program is to encourage veterans struggling with combat-related injuries, and associated impacts, to experience the Alaskan outdoors and restore camaraderie and connection. Goals of the program include reducing the frequency and severity of mental health condition symptoms, fostering a supportive environment to improve overall well-being, and ultimately reducing the risk and completion of suicide for this population. The target population for Operation Arctic Renewal is Alaska-based combat veterans struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, service-related separation anxiety, and other mental health challenges. The geographic area served is the entire state of Alaska, with travel assistance provided to ensure accessibility for veterans from remote communities.

- Will this be a multi-year project?

The funding request is expected to be a one-time request.

Trust Five Year Funding History

No previous Trust grants FY21 to FY25

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Grant Approval Memo

Grantee: Anchorage School District
Request Amount: \$50,000.00
Project Title: Pop Up Playgroups
Grant Term: August 28, 2025 to August 31, 2026
Fund Source: FY25 Partnerships/Designated Grants (Page 2, Line 13)
Trust Staff: Tina Voelker-Ross

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$50,000 FY25 Partnership grant to the Anchorage School District for the Pop Up Playgroups project.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?
 Trust funds will expand the Anchorage School District’s Early Learning Program “Play to Learn” playgroups to include two additional weekly pop-up play groups for 40 weeks. The goal is to be easily accessible to high-risk families throughout the community of Anchorage. These pop-up playgroups provide a free, engaging opportunity for children (ages 0-8) and their families to participate in structured social-emotional activities facilitated by certified professionals. Trust funds will go towards staffing, travel (to and from the play groups for staff and families), and supplies for the play groups.
- Who is receiving the funds?
 The Anchorage School District's Early Learning Program offers a variety of services from the Early Intervention Services Center, which provides a comprehensive and community-based approach to supporting young learners with diverse needs. Services are delivered in various settings, including specialized Special Education Preschool Developmental Classrooms, Listening & Spoken Language Preschool Classrooms, and inclusive General Education Preschool Classrooms. With a total of over 90 classrooms, ASD’s Early Learning serves over 1,100 students annually, in addition to all those whom we serve through play groups.
- Why is staff recommending this project?
 This project will reach at-risk children and parents who may be Trust beneficiaries. Providing the playgroups in shelters or other conveniently located community organizations decreases the barriers and makes them more accessible for these hard-to-reach families. This project will increase protective factors through building parent resilience and healthy social-emotional development of young learners, which mitigates the long-term impacts of toxic stress that leads to adverse health outcomes. With 1 in 3 Alaskan children experiencing an Office of Children’s Services report before the age of 7, outreach to high-risk families is critical. This project creates an accessible, safe, structured play and learn environment that engages these children and families.
- Will this be a multi-year project?
 This proposal is for a single 12-month grant project. If future funding were to be considered, an additional year of funding would require a new application by the Anchorage School District and Board of Trustees approval.

Trust Five Year Funding History

Fiscal Year	Project Title	Amount	Status	Final Expended
FY24	Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Continuation	\$25,000	Closed	\$25,000
FY23	ASD Mental Health Consultative Model – Pilot Expansion	\$50,000	Closed	\$47,500

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Grant Approval Memo

Grantee: Interior Community Health Center
Request Amount: \$50,000.00
Project Title: FY26 Interior Community Health Center Dental Grant
Grant Term: August 28, 2025 to August 31, 2026
Fund Source: FY26 Partnerships/Designated Grants (Page 2, Line 13)
Trust Staff: Heather Phelps

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$50,000 FY26 Partnership grant to the Interior Community Health Center for the FY26 Interior Community Health Center Dental Grant. These funds will come from the Partnerships/Designated Grants line of the FY26 budget.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?

Trust funds will pay for on-site general dentistry services for Trust beneficiaries. These funds help supplement ongoing oral health care, including fluoride, sealants, oral hygiene, comprehensive and limited exams, films, fillings, and extractions. This grant will support dental care for beneficiaries who are Medicaid ineligible and do not have insurance to receive dental care or whose course of treatment exceeds what Medicaid benefits will cover.

- Who is receiving the funds?

Interior Community Health Center will receive the funds. This mission-driven health center has locations in Fairbanks and Healy, Alaska. It provides medical, integrated behavioral health, and dental services to all community members.

- Why is staff recommending this project?

This project will serve 60 Trust beneficiaries, the majority of whom experience mental illness, developmental disabilities, substance use disorders, Alzheimer’s disease, and related dementias. Potential concerns with this project include workforce issues. According to the Health Resources and Services Administration website, there is a shortage of dental professionals in Alaska. While there is a shortage of dental health care professionals, this project is recommended because it targets Trust beneficiaries.

Will this be a multi-year project?

Yes, the Trust has supported this project since fiscal year 2009. Outside of state grants, this project has little sustainability. Approval from the board of trustees will be required for each year of funding.

Trust Five Year Funding History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Final Expended</u>
FY24	Dental Grant	\$100,000	Closed	\$51,453
FY23	Dental Grant	\$100,000	Closed	\$100,000
FY22	Dental Grant	\$100,000	Closed	\$10,727
FY21	Dental Grant	\$100,000	Closed	\$56,733

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Grant Approval Memo

Grantee: Mat-Su Health Services, Inc.
Request Amount: \$50,000.00
Project Title: Dental Grant
Grant Term: August 28, 2025 to August 31, 2026
Fund Source: FY26 Partnerships/Designated Grants (Page 2, Line 13)
Trust Staff: Eric Boyer

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$50,000 Partnership grant to Mat-Su Health Services, Inc. for the Mental health Trust Dental Grant. These funds will come from the Partnerships/Designated Grants line of the FY26 budget.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?

The Trust funds will support Mat-Su Health Services in providing dental care to Trust beneficiaries who cannot access other funding sources. This grant supports beneficiaries for whom the course of treatment exceeds what Medicaid benefits will cover, or who are Medicaid ineligible.

- Who is receiving the funds?

Mat-Su Health Services, Inc. (MSHS) began as a community mental health center in 1977. MSHS has provided community health services continuously for the last 30+ years. MSHS grew to become a Federally Qualified Health Center to provide primary health care in October 2005.

- Why is staff recommending this project?

Mat-Su Health Services estimates this will help 42 Trust beneficiaries with their dental needs. This is a critical service to beneficiaries' health and quality of life when no other funding streams are available.

- Will this be a multi-year project?

This grant funding has reoccurred over the last four years, and MSHS has utilized the grant funds to improve the lives of Trust beneficiaries.

Trust Five Year Funding History

Fiscal Year	Project Title	Amount	Status	Final Expended
FY24	Mat-Su Health Services Beneficiary Dental Services Grant	\$50,000	Closed	\$49,356
FY23	Mat Su Health Services Beneficiary Dental Services Grant	\$50,000	Closed	\$50,000
FY21	Mat Su Health Services Beneficiary Dental Services Grant	\$50,000	Closed	\$50,000

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Grant Approval Memo

Grantee: Kin Support Program Haa Yaitxu Saiai
Request Amount: \$50,000.00
Project Title: Southeast Alaska Kin Support Pilot
Grant Term: October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026
Fund Source: FY26 Partnerships/Designated Grants (Page 2, Line 13)
Trust Staff: Tina Voelker-Ross

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$50,000 Partnership grant to Kin Support Program Haa Yaitxu Saiai for the Southeast Alaska Kin Support Pilot grant. These funds will come from the Partnerships/Designated Grants line of the FY26 budget.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?
This project will support relatives (grandparents, aunts/uncles, adult siblings, etc.) who have stepped in as full-time caregivers for the children of family members when their parents are unavailable, “kin families.” These kin families are raising children outside of the foster care system. This program provides support and services for kin families, children and biological parents by providing case management, support (cultural connection and traditional activities), education (parenting classes), and connection to resources (to fulfill basic needs, behavioral health or addiction treatment, educational, medical, or legal needs, etc.). Such services support the kin family in providing a stable home for these children, strengthen family resiliency, and eliminate the need for foster placements. Trust funds are for personnel to implement the services for kin families, children, and parents.
- Who is receiving the funds?
Kin Support Program-Haa Yatx’u Saani is a non-profit organization established in 2024 to help “families build and maintain healthy intergenerational relationships that keep children and youth safe, stable, and out of the system.” It is in Juneau, Alaska, and serves Southeast Alaska kin families outside the foster care system. Referrals for the program have come from Tlingit & Haida Tribal Court, the Juneau School District, SEARHC, Bartlett Regional Hospital, Southeast Senior Services, OCS, other community partners, and come via word of mouth from client families who have benefited from the program. The program has active memorandums of understanding (MOUs) with SEARHC and Bartlett Regional Hospital as well.
- Why is staff recommending this project?
This project will serve a population of families and children, many of whom qualify as Trust beneficiaries or are at risk for becoming Trust beneficiaries, and who fall within a service gap. These families have made informal family arrangements to care for the children in the extended family because their parents can no longer care for them due to problems with mental health issues, substance abuse, incarceration, domestic issues, social issues (homelessness, food insecurity), etc. These issues often place the children at risk for Adverse Childhood Experiences such as abuse, neglect, or entry into the foster care system. This project will provide support and services for these kin families, the children, and the biological parents. This programming helps children remain with extended family members, aids the family in maintaining this stable environment, and prevents social welfare system involvement. Benefits of the support of kin families include the maintenance of family connections, the preservation of cultural identity, the reduction of trauma, and the prevention of social welfare involvement.
- Will this be a multi-year project?
This proposal is for a single-year grant project. We are currently not considering multiple years of funding. If future funding were to be considered, an additional year of funding would require a new application from Kin Support Program-Haa Yatx’u Saani and Board of Trustees approval.

Trust Five Year Funding History

No previous Trust grants.

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Grant Approval Memo

Grantee: Cook Inlet Counseling, Inc.
Request Amount: \$32,575.00
Project Title: Sage/Saltbox Implementation
Grant Term: August 28, 2025 to February 28, 2026
Fund Source: FY25 Partnerships/Designated Grants (Page 2, Line 13)
Trust Staff: Heather Phelps

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$32,575 FY25 Partnership grant to Cook Inlet Counseling, Inc. for the Sage/Saltbox Implementation grant. These funds will come from the Partnerships/Designated Grants line of the FY25 budget.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?

Trust funds will pay for software and software implementation costs that will allow the agency to use an updated billing system that can interface with Alaska's Automated Information Management System (AKAIMS), Medicaid, and electronic medical record connection. 100% of the funds go towards the software, software implementation, initial subscription, and web developer license. It is anticipated that funding this project will allow Cook Inlet Counseling Inc. to decrease administrative burden, improve billing and communication with Trust beneficiaries, and improve client experience.

- Who is receiving the funds?

Cook Inlet Counseling Inc. will receive the funds. For over 40 years, Cook Inlet Counseling has supported Trust beneficiaries on the Kenai Peninsula. They serve approximately 350 individuals annually and provide services such as adult and youth outpatient treatment, case management, substance use and integrated assessments, and alcohol and drug information school (ADIS).

- Why is staff recommending this project?

Currently, Cook Inlet Counseling uses an antiquated system (pencil and paper) for billing and payroll. This results in redundancy, lost staff hours, and increased potential rates of data entry error. An upgrade to their software billing system will decrease the administrative burden and increase the time staff can spend providing services to Trust beneficiaries.

- Will this be a multi-year project?

This is a one-time funding request.

Trust Five Year Funding History

No Trust grants FY21 – FY25

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Grant Approval Memo

Grantee: Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities
Request Amount: \$27,500.00
Project Title: Complex Care - Providers United to Create Options
Grant Term: August 28, 2025 to February 28, 2026
Fund Source: FY26 Partnerships/Designated Grants (Page 2, Line 13)
Trust Staff: Eric Boyer

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$27,500 FY26 Partnership grant to the Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities for the Complex Care - Providers United to Create Options project. These funds will come from the Partnerships/Designated Grants line of the FY26 budget.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?

The Trust funds will enable Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities (AADD) and behavior analysis expert contractors to work with the current complex behavior network of stakeholders to examine the system of care and see how youth and adults with complex behavior are being served. This analysis will provide information on the system's assets and deficits. The team will use this to set up pilot projects to expand the array of behavior analysis services for complex needs beneficiaries at two DD/BH serving agencies.

- Who is receiving the funds?

The AADD was founded over 30 years ago to unify the voice of providers to share, develop, and advocate for individualized community-based services for people who experience developmental disabilities. AADD is the largest network of agencies serving community members who experience developmental disabilities in Alaska. AADD has formed strategic alliances between providers, national associations, the State of Alaska, the Governor’s Council on Disabilities and Special Education, and the people we serve and their communities.

- Why is staff recommending this project?

Youth and adult beneficiaries with complex needs cannot access care and services within the current system. This grant will build on current support for people with complex needs and equip the care system to deal more therapeutically and at the community level so that more restrictive measures are not utilized.

- Will this be a multi-year project?

Yes, this is Phase I. Phase II will follow after the pilot results are evaluated and a systems enhancement approach is determined and detailed. Results of the planning Phase I will be considered prior to the development of a Phase II approval for trustee consideration.

Trust Five Year Funding History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Final Expended</u>
FY25	Strengthening Services by Sharing Stories of Lived Experience	\$25,000	Active	n/a
FY25	Cost of Care: Collaborating on Solutions	\$8,250	Active	n/a
FY25	IDD System Capacity Development	\$65,000	Active	n/a
FY25	Building a System to Achieve Employment First for All	\$135,000	Active	n/a
FY24	Alaska Alliance of Direct Support Professionals Organizational Development	\$11,050	Closed	\$11,050
FY24	Reigniting Alaska's Employment First Movement	\$5,000	Closed	\$5,000

Grant Approval Memo

FY24	IDD System Capacity Development	\$65,000	Closed	\$65,000
FY23	DD System Capacity Development	\$65,000	Closed	\$65,000
FY22	DD System Capacity Development	\$65,000	Closed	\$65,000
FY22	Study on Care Coordination Services in Alaska	\$90,000	Closed	\$90,000
FY21	Marketing for DSP Recruitment	\$21,500	Closed	\$21,500
FY21	DD System Capacity Development	\$65,000	Closed	\$65,000

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Grant Approval Memo

Grantee: FOCUS, Inc.
Request Amount: \$14,763.00
Project Title: Phone System Replacement
Grant Term: August 28, 2025 to December 31, 2025
Fund Source: FY25 Partnerships/Designated Grants (Page 2, Line 13)
Trust Staff: Kelda Barstad

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$14,763 FY25 Partnership grant to FOCUS, Inc. for the Phone System Replacement grant. These funds will come from the Partnerships/Designated Grants line of the FY25 budget.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?

Trust funds will support installing a new phone system for FOCUS, a non-profit organization that provides services for people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). The replacement phone system cost will include hardware, software, and app-based phone lines, turnkey installation, set-up of SIM controller, configuration, testing, and end-user training.

- Who is receiving the funds?

FOCUS is a non-profit 501(c) (3) agency serving individuals with special needs and their families in the communities of Eagle River/ Chugiak/JBER, and Anchorage. They also provide early intervention services to families in Cordova, Tatitlek, Chenega Bay, and Valdez. FOCUS offers a wide range of support services to individuals with special needs from birth through adulthood, including early intervention/infant learning services, home and community-based services, a 'next steps' adult program, a pediatric and adult therapy clinic, and a group home. (<https://www.focusoutreach.org/about-focus-outreach/>)

- Why is staff recommending this project?

FOCUS serves 126 Trust beneficiaries with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities. The agency was planning to update the current phone system to resolve recent problems, but upon additional evaluation, it learned that the system has reached end-of-life and must be replaced. A working phone system is critical to maintaining daily operations and timely communications. This project will contribute to the agency's financial stability by funding an unanticipated expense necessary to maintain core operations.

- Will this be a multi-year project?

This is a one-time request.

Trust Five Year Funding History

Fiscal Year	Project Title	Amount	Status	Final Expended
FY23	Executive Director Leadership Transition	\$40,000	Closed	\$24,849
FY23	Summer Camp for Youth and Adults	\$6,000	Closed	\$6,000
FY21	Summer Camp 2021	\$4,000	Closed	\$4,000

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Grant Approval Memo

Grantee: Interior AIDS Association
Request Amount: \$10,000.00
Project Title: IAA Building Improvements
Grant Term: 7/1/2025 to 6/30/2026
Fund Source: FY26 Partnerships/Designated Grants (Page 2, Line 13)
Trust Staff: Heather Phelps

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$10,000 FY26 Partnership Grant to Interior AIDS Association for the IAA Building Improvements grant. These funds will come from the Partnerships/Designated Grants line of the FY26 budget.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?
Trust funds will pay for repairs to the Interior Aids Association building. The building repairs will maintain safe operations for Trust beneficiaries and staff until IAA can raise funds to construct a new building. Note: a planned Trust grant application for capital funds for their new building was withdrawn earlier this year due to changes in their federal funding stream.
- Who is receiving the funds?
The Interior AIDS Association will receive the funds. The Interior AIDS Association provides HIV prevention and programming and is the only opioid treatment program (methadone clinic) in Northern Alaska. IAA was founded in 1988 and currently serves 360 Trust beneficiaries, including 60 individuals in the interior medication-assisted treatment program (methadone clinic). IAA also provides substance use services to inmates at Fairbanks Correctional Center.
- Why is staff recommending this project?
Currently in the state of Alaska, there are eight certified and one provisional opioid treatment programs (methadone clinics). To be an OTP, the agency must conform to federal regulations to disperse and administer medications for the treatment of opioid addiction. IAA has been an OTP since 2000 and is the only one in Northern Alaska. Trust beneficiaries who participate in medication addiction services for opioid use disorder are only able to receive methadone in OTPs. The benefit of this project is that the Trust Beneficiaries could continue services without interruption.
- Will this be a multi-year project?
This is a one-time funding request. Most repairs are anticipated to be completed by 12/31/2025, extending the building's life by ten years. IAA program income and donations provide additional funding.

Trust Five Year Funding History

No previous Trust grants.

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Grant Approval Memo

Grantee: Arc of Anchorage
Request Amount: \$10,000.00
Project Title: Workforce Sustainability Partnership with GoodLife University
Grant Term: 7/1/2025 to 11/15/2025
Fund Source: FY26 Partnerships/Designated Grants (Page 2, Line 13)
Trust Staff: Samantha Ponts

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$10,000 FY26 Partnership Grant to the Arc of Anchorage for the Workforce Sustainability Partnership with GoodLife University grant. These funds will come from the Partnerships/Designated Grants line of the FY26 budget.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?
 Trust funds will cover the initial implementation of Goodlife University’s proven workforce development model customized for Alaska. The Arc of Anchorage has already completed phases one through two with GoodLife University, including education and site review, and is currently waiting on analysis. The Trust funds will enable the critical fourth phase of implementing (1) data-driven metrics to monitor staff engagement, satisfaction, and turnover, and (2) a mentorship program that connects new hires with experienced staff to improve onboarding and increase early retention. This pilot will serve as a model for broader workforce reform in Alaska’s disability services system.
- Who is receiving the funds?
 The Arc of Anchorage offers comprehensive disability services in Anchorage, Alaska, including community living services, case management, health support, employment assistance, and behavioral health programs. The Arc served 352 individual beneficiaries between July 1, 2024, and June 18, 2025, with a staff of between 200 and 210. The mission of The Arc of Anchorage is to empower and celebrate the potential of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Why is staff recommending this project?
 Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) provide essential care to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and co-occurring behavioral health needs across Alaska. High turnover rates among DSPs directly impact the quality of care for vulnerable Alaskans who rely on consistent, skilled support. This pilot project addresses a critical workforce shortage by embedding the GoodLife University training curriculum, mentorship structures, and leadership academy into The Arc’s standard onboarding, training, and staff development processes. This project represents a collaborative funding partnership, with the Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities (AADD) contributing one-third of the total project cost, The Arc of Anchorage providing another third, and the Trust’s grant covering the remaining third. The Arc of Anchorage and AADD will share results across Alaska’s disability service network.
- Will this be a multi-year project?
 This is a one-time funding request for pilot implementation.

Trust Five Year Funding History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Final Expended</u>
FY22	1115 Adult Mental Health Residential 1 & 2	\$216,000	Closed	\$194,886
FY21	The Arc Realignment Project	\$40,000	Closed	\$32,000

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Grant Approval Memo

Grantee: Frontier Community Services, Inc.
Request Amount: \$10,000.00
Project Title: Goodlife at FCS
Grant Term: 5/1/2025 to 8/30/2025
Fund Source: FY26 Partnerships/Designated Grants (Page 2, Line 13)
Trust Staff: Samantha Ponts

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$10,000 FY26 Partnership Grant to Frontier Community Services, Inc. for the Goodlife at FCS grant. These funds will come from the Partnerships/Designated Grants line of the FY26 budget.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?
 Trust funds will cover initial implementation of consulting and coaching services for Frontier Community Services (FCS) to pilot an innovative workforce model provided by GoodLife University consulting and leadership team. FCS has already completed phases one through three with GoodLife University, which included education, site review and analysis. Trust funds will enable the critical fourth phase of implementing the recommended workforce strategies. The project is expected to reduce Direct Support Professional (DSP) turnover, decrease recruitment and training costs, and improve service quality and financial stability for FCS operations. FCS and the Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities (AADD) will continue to work closely throughout the implementation phase.
- Who is receiving the funds?
 Frontier Community Services (FCS) is a nonprofit organization located in Soldotna. FCS programs range from early childhood services through Infant Learning Program to adult day services funded by the Kenai Peninsula Borough and the State of Alaska. FCS currently serves approximately 280 clients annually with a staff of between 136 and 142, including 73 Direct Support Professionals (DSPs). The mission of FCS is to provide quality, individualized home and community-based services for people of all ages who are at risk of, or experiencing a disabling condition, in order to minimize the need for institutional care.
- Why is staff recommending this project?
 FCS serves seniors, children, and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDDs). There is high turnover among Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) in Alaska. Current FCS DSP turnover rates of 65.5% cost FCS approximately \$340,000 annually in recruitment and training. This data highlights the urgency of implementing workforce stabilization strategies. This project will focus on implementing a scalable scheduling model designed to reduce burnout and turnover and offer financial and lifestyle incentives to attract and retain staff. FCS will collaborate with AADD to present and share the model with other provider agencies across the state. This directly supports the Trust’s strategic priority of strengthening workforce capacity through improved recruitment and retention to obtain and maintain knowledge, support innovation, and modernization.
- Will this be a multi-year project?
 This is a one-time funding request. Once implemented, the model is designed to be self-sustaining and require no additional funding.

Trust Five Year Funding History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Final Expended</u>
2024	Accessible Community Engagement	\$21,950	Closed	\$21,950

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To: Agnes Moran, Chair, Program & Planning Committee
Date: July 31, 2025
Re: Program & Planning Committee Review – Partnerships over \$75,000, Focus Area Allocations

On an ongoing basis, the Trust receives grant requests from organizations around the state that serve Trust beneficiaries. Trust program staff reviews these requests to assess their fit with the Trust’s mission and current funding priorities. Following this review, this memo lists 20 items that are recommended by Trust staff for approval by the Board of Trustees.

These requests have been evaluated by Trust program staff and a memo has been prepared that contains the information provided by the applicant, an analysis explaining the program staff’s recommendation, the request’s connection to the Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Plan, and the proposed performance measures that will be assigned to assess each grant’s outcomes.

The individual requests follow this memo in the packet.

	Proposed Motion	Budget Fund Source	Primary Area Served	Project Title	Organization	Page #
1.	<i>The Program and Planning Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve a \$333,600 FY26 Beneficiary Employment & Engagement grant to the Alaska Mental Health Consumer Web for the Alaska Mental Health Consumer Web Grant project. These funds will come from the Clubhouse Support for Rehabilitation and Recovery line of the FY26 budget.</i>	Focus Area – Beneficiary Employment & Engagement	Anchorage	Alaska Mental Health Consumer Web Grant	Alaska Mental Health Consumer Web	39

2.	<i>The Program and Planning Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve a \$213,000 FY26 Beneficiary Employment & Engagement grant to Polaris House for the Clubhouse Support for Rehabilitation and Recovery project. These funds will come from the Clubhouse Support for Rehabilitation and Recovery line of the FY26 budget.</i>	Focus Area – Beneficiary Employment & Engagement	City & Borough of Juneau	Clubhouse Support for Rehabilitation and Recovery	Polaris House	41
3.	<i>The Program and Planning Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve a \$175,000 FY26 Beneficiary Employment & Engagement grant to NAMI Juneau for the Peer Support in Juneau & Southeast Alaska project. These funds will come from the Mental Health Advocacy, Support, Education, and Public Awareness line of the FY26 budget.</i>	Focus Area – Beneficiary Employment & Engagement	City & Borough of Juneau	Peer Support in Juneau & Southeast Alaska	NAMI Juneau	42
4.	<i>The Program and Planning Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve a \$168,800 FY26 Beneficiary Employment & Engagement grant to NAMI Anchorage for the NAMI Anchorage FY26 Operating grant. These funds will come from the Mental Health Advocacy, Support, Education, and Public Awareness line of the FY26 budget.</i>	Focus Area – Beneficiary Employment & Engagement	Anchorage	NAMI Anchorage FY26 Operating Grant	NAMI Anchorage	43
5.	<i>The Program and Planning Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve a \$160,000 FY26 Beneficiary Employment & Engagement grant to the Northern Hope Center for the Northern Hope Center Mental Health Drop-In Center project. These funds will come from the Clubhouse Support for Rehabilitation and Recovery line of the FY26 budget.</i>	Focus Area – Beneficiary Employment & Engagement	Fairbanks	Northern Hope Center Mental Health Drop-In Center	Northern Hope Center	44
6.	<i>The Program and Planning Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve a \$900,000 Mental Health and Addiction Intervention focus area allocation to the Maniilaq Association for the Maniilaq Association EMPATH Unit grant. These funds will come from the Crisis Continuum of Care line of the FY25 budget.</i>	Focus Area – Mental Health & Addiction Intervention	Northwest Arctic Borough and Point Hope	Maniilaq Association EMPATH Unit	Maniilaq Association	45
7.	<i>The Program and Planning Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve a \$750,000 FY25 focus area allocation to Alaska Addiction Rehabilitation Services for the AARS Expansion Project. \$500,000 will come from the Crisis Continuum of Care grant line of the FY25 budget, and \$250,000 will come from the IPS Supported Employment Implementation</i>	Focus Area – Mental Health & Addiction Intervention	Mat-Su Borough	AARS Expansion Project	Alaska Addiction Rehabilitation Services	47

	<i>line of the FY25 budget. These funds will be contingent upon Alaska Addiction Rehabilitation Services securing the pending funding sources outlined in this memo.</i>					
8.	<i>The Program and Planning Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve a \$254,757 FY26 Housing and Home & Community Based Services focus area allocation to Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. for the NWAK Housing Intervention Program grant. These funds will come from the Beneficiary Housing Projects & Related Services line of the FY26 budget.</i>	Focus Area - Housing & Home and Community Based Services	Anchorage	NWAK Housing Intervention Program	Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services	48
9.	<i>The Program and Planning Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve a \$220,500 FY25 Early Childhood Intervention and Prevention grant to the All Alaska Pediatric Partnership for the Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) Line Pilot Project. These funds will come from the Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Capacity Building line of the FY25 budget.</i>	Focus Area/Priority Area– Early Childhood Intervention & Prevention	Statewide	Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) Line Pilot Project	All Alaska Pediatric Partnership	50
10.	<i>The Program and Planning Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve a \$134,400 FY26 Housing and Home & Community Based Services focus area allocation to the Alaska AIDS Assistance Association for the Housing Gap Funding for Trust Beneficiaries Living with HIV grant. These funds will come from the Beneficiary Housing Projects and Related Services line of the FY26 budget.</i>	Focus Area – Housing & Home and Community Based Services	Statewide	Housing Gap Funding for Trust Beneficiaries Living with HIV	Alaska AIDS Assistance Association	52
11.	<i>The Program and Planning Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve a \$113,620 FY25 Early Childhood Intervention and Prevention grant to the Alaska Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health for the Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Project. These funds will come from the Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Capacity Building line of the FY25 budget.</i>	Focus Area/Priority Area– Early Childhood Intervention & Prevention	Statewide	Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Project	Alaska Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health	53
12.	<i>The Program and Planning Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve a \$100,000 Early Childhood Intervention and Prevention grant to the Association for the Education of Young Children, Southeast Alaska for the 4th</i>	Focus Area/Priority Area– Early Childhood	Statewide	4th Trimester Project - Parents as Teachers and	Association for the Education on Young Children - SE Alaska	55

	<i>Trimester Project - Parents as Teachers and Circles of Security for Classrooms grant. These funds will come from the Improve Social Determinants of Health line of the FY25 budget.</i>	Intervention & Prevention		Circles of Security for Classrooms		
13.	<i>The Program and Planning Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve a \$91,734 Partnership grant to the Alaska Safety Alliance for the Re-Envisioned: Alaska's New Statewide Health Workforce Coalition project. These funds will come from the Partnerships/Designated Grants line of the FY26 budget.</i>	Partnership Grant	Statewide	Re-Envisioned: Alaska's New Statewide Health Workforce Coalition	Alaska Safety Alliance	56
14.	<i>The Program and Planning Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve a \$88,000.00 Partnership grant to the Alaska Brain Injury Consortium for the Roads to Recovery: Scaling Community Capacity With the Alaska Brain Bus grant. These funds will come from the Partnerships/Designated Grants line of the FY26 budget.</i>	Partnership Grant	Statewide	Roads to Recovery: Scaling Community Capacity With the Alaska Brain Bus	Alaska Brain Injury Consortium	57
15.	<i>The Program and Planning Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve a \$80,000 Mental Health & Addiction Intervention focus area allocation to the North Star Community Foundation for the NSCF/Fairbanks Reentry Coalition Housing Assistance grant. These funds will come from the Child & Youth Crisis Response System of Care and Technical Assistance line of the FY25 budget.</i>	Focus Area – Mental Health & Addiction Intervention	Fairbanks and North Star Borough	NSCF/Fairbanks Reentry Coalition Housing Assistance	North Star Community Foundation	58
16.	<i>The Program and Planning Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve a \$80,000 Mental Health & Addiction Intervention focus area allocation to Valley Charities, Inc. for the Mat-Su Reentry Coalition Housing Project. These funds will come from the Child & Youth Crisis Response System of Care and Technical Assistance line of the FY25 budget.</i>	Focus Area – Mental Health & Addiction Intervention	Mat-Su Borough	Mat-Su Reentry Coalition Housing Project	Valley Charities	59
17.	<i>The Program and Planning Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve a \$75,000 Authority Grant to the Presbyterian Hospitality House, Inc. for the "The Extra Mile" Strengthening Alaskan Families grant. \$50,000 of these funds will come from the Keep the Kids Home line and the \$25,000 will come from the Partnerships/Designated Grants lines of the FY25 budget.</i>	Focus Area/Priority Area– Early Childhood Intervention & Prevention/	Fairbanks	"The Extra Mile" Strengthening Alaskan Families	Presbyterian Hospitality House	61

		Partnership Grant				
18.	<i>The Program and Planning Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve a \$75,000 FY26 Partnership Grant to Community Connections, Inc. for the 1st Street Triplex Upgrades: Supported Apartment Living for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities grant. These funds will come from the Beneficiary Housing Projects & Related Services line of the FY26 budget.</i>	Focus Area – Housing & Home and Community Based Services	Ketchikan	1st Street Triplex Upgrades: Supported Apartment Living for People Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	Community Connections	62
19.	<i>The Program and Planning Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve a \$50,000 FY26 Authority Grant to NAMI Alaska, Inc. for the Lifeline for Alaskans grant. These funds will come from the Mental Health Advocacy, Support, Education and Public Awareness line of the FY26 budget.</i>	Focus Area – Beneficiary Employment & Engagement	Statewide	A Lifeline for Alaskans	NAMI Alaska	64
20.	<i>The Program and Planning Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve a \$38,003 Mental Health & Addiction Intervention focus area allocation to the Mat-Su Health Foundation for the Crisis Now Implementation Coordinator for Mat-Su grant. These funds will come from the Child & Youth Crisis Response System line of the FY25 budget.</i>	Focus Area – Mental Health & Addiction Intervention	Mat-Su	Crisis Now Implementation Coordinator for Mat-Su	Mat-Su Health Foundation	65

Grant Approval Memo

Grantee: Alaska Mental Health Consumer Web
Request Amount: \$333,600.00
Project Title: Alaska Mental Health Consumer Web Grant
Grant Term: August 28, 2025 to August 31, 2026
Fund Source: Beneficiary Employment & Engagement Focus Area – Clubhouse Support for Rehabilitation and Recovery (Page 8, Line 10)
Trust Staff: Samantha Ponts

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$333,600 FY26 Beneficiary Employment & Engagement grant to the Alaska Mental Health Consumer Web for the Alaska Mental Health Consumer Web Grant project. These funds will come from the Clubhouse Support for Rehabilitation and Recovery line of the FY26 budget.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?

This project supports the Alaska Mental Health Consumer Web (“The Web”), a peer-run, recovery-focused drop-in and engagement center in Anchorage. The Web provides peer support, essential services, and connection for individuals facing mental illness, substance use disorders, traumatic brain injuries, developmental disabilities, and homelessness.

Trust funds will support:

- Peer navigation and support groups led by individuals with lived experience.
- Daily engagement, basic needs assistance, resource referrals, and job-readiness support.
- Community activities, recovery workshops, and wellness education
- Maintenance and operation of a safe, welcoming drop-in center
- Who is receiving the funds?

The Alaska Mental Health Consumer Web, a nonprofit based in Anchorage, is the grantee. The Web serves individuals with behavioral health needs through peer-led, recovery-focused support.

- Why is staff recommending this project?

The project directly benefits Trust beneficiaries who face multiple barriers to care. The Alaska Mental Health Consumer Web’s peer-driven model provides meaningful connection, reduces stigma, and promotes independence and recovery in a low-barrier setting.

- Will this be a multi-year project?

Yes, this project has been supported by the Trust for the past 20 years and is included annually in the approved budget under the Beneficiary Employment and Engagement Focus Area. It was one of the original projects launched through the Beneficiary Project’s Initiative, a core Trust strategy since 2006. There is little sustainability for this project outside of state and philanthropic grants, however its impact on Trust beneficiaries in Anchorage has been consistently demonstrated year after year. Future funding considerations will follow the Trust’s application process and are subject to Trustee approval.

Grant Approval Memo

Trust Five Year Funding History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Final Expended</u>
FY25	Alaska Mental Health Consumer Web BPI Grant	\$333,600	Active	n/a
FY24	Alaska Mental Health Consumer Web BPI Grant	\$333,600	Closed	\$309,489
FY23	Alaska Mental Health Consumer Web BPI Grant	\$333,600	Closed	\$276,968
FY22	Alaska Mental Health Consumer Web BPI Grant	\$333,600	Closed	\$333,600
FY21	Alaska Mental Health Consumer Web BPI Grant	\$333,600	Closed	\$333,600

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Grant Approval Memo

Grantee: Polaris House
Request Amount: \$213,000.00
Project Title: Clubhouse Support for Rehabilitation and Recovery
Grant Term: August 28, 2025 to August 31, 2026
Fund Source: Beneficiary Employment & Engagement Focus Area – Clubhouse Support for Rehabilitation and Recovery (Page 8, Line 10)
Trust Staff: Heather Phelps

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$213,000 FY26 Beneficiary Employment & Engagement grant to Polaris House for the Clubhouse Support for Rehabilitation and Recovery project. These funds will come from the Clubhouse Support for Rehabilitation and Recovery line of the FY26 budget.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?

Trust funds will pay for operational costs to run Polaris House, a community-based service dedicated to supporting and empowering Trust beneficiaries living with mental illness. Operational costs are outlined in detail in the budget and cover personnel services, rent and utilities, supply and equipment costs, and other costs. Through Trust beneficiary participation at Polaris House, their lives will improve in the areas of stability and independence, improved mental health and social engagement, and enhanced employee readiness.

- Who is receiving the funds?

Polaris House will receive the funds. Polaris House is a clubhouse located in Juneau. Members of Polaris House have access to a variety of programs that assist with rehabilitation and recovery.

- Why is staff recommending this project?

Polaris House has served 95 unique individuals and plans to expand to serve an additional 15 new Trust beneficiaries to FY 26. Polaris House serves adult beneficiaries in the Juneau City and Borough in the least restrictive environment who experience mental illness, developmental disabilities, chronic substance use-related disorders, Alzheimer’s disease and related dementia, and those with traumatic or acquired brain injuries. Funding this project will result in Trust beneficiaries engaging in meaningful activities, developing life and vocational skills, and building social connections, which are key factors in long-term recovery.

- Will this be a multi-year project?

Yes, this is a project that has been supported by the Trust for the last 20 years and named in the annually approved budget in the Beneficiary Employment and Engagement Focus Area. This is one of the original projects supported under the Beneficiary Project’s Initiative, which was established as a key Trust strategy in 2006. There is little sustainability for this project outside of state and philanthropic grants. However, the impact of this program for Trust beneficiaries in the Juneau community has been demonstrated year after year. Any future funding consideration will follow the Trust’s application process and is contingent on Trustee approval.

Trust Five Year Funding History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Final Expended</u>
FY25	BPI Grant	\$213,000	Active	n/a
FY24	BPI Grant	\$213,000	Closed	\$211,392
FY23	BPI Grant	\$213,000	Closed	\$213,000
FY22	BPI Grant	\$213,000	Closed	\$213,000
FY21	BPI Grant	\$189,959	Closed	\$189,959
FY21	Individual Placement Supports	\$50,000	Closed	\$50,000

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Grant Approval Memo

Grantee: NAMI Juneau
Request Amount: \$175,000.00
Project Title: Peer Support in Juneau & Southeast Alaska
Grant Term: August 28, 2025 to August 31, 2026
Fund Source: Beneficiary Employment & Engagement Focus Area – Mental Health Advocacy, Support, Education, and Public Awareness (Page 8, Line 9)
Trust Staff: Samantha Ponts

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$175,000 FY26 Beneficiary Employment & Engagement grant to NAMI Juneau for the Peer Support in Juneau & Southeast Alaska project. These funds will come from the Mental Health Advocacy, Support, Education, and Public Awareness line of the FY26 budget.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?

This project expands peer support services across Juneau and Southeast Alaska for individuals experiencing mental illness and substance use disorders. Through the delivery of peer-led mental health navigation, Student Health and Educational Services (SEHE), ongoing support groups, and peer workforce training, the program provides accessible, low-barrier support to Trust beneficiaries. Trust funds will provide:

- Youth mental health education groups (SEHE) for grades 4-8
- Peer-led support group sessions and peer navigation services
- Peer Support Specialist and suicide intervention (TWRAS) trainings
- Workshops supporting the peer support workforce
- Who is receiving the funds?

NAMI Juneau (NAJ) is receiving the funds. NAJ has decades of experience delivering peer-led support services across Southeast Alaska and continues to be a regional leader in providing recovery-focused, community-based mental health support.

- Why is staff recommending this project?

This project directly supports Trust beneficiaries experiencing mental illness and substance use disorders. The project aligns with the Trust's mission by increasing access to community-based services, reducing reliance on emergency and institutional care, and building a trained peer workforce that reflects lived experience.

- Will this be a multi-year project?

Yes, this project has been supported by the Trust for the past 20 years and is included annually in the approved budget under the Beneficiary Employment and Engagement Focus Area. It was one of the original projects launched through the Beneficiary Project's Initiative, a core Trust strategy since 2006. There is little sustainability for this project outside of state and philanthropic grants, however its impact on Trust beneficiaries in Anchorage has been consistently demonstrated year after year. Future funding considerations will follow the Trust's application process and are subject to Trustee approval.

Trust Five Year Funding History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Final Expended</u>
FY25	BPI Grant	\$100,550	Active	n/a
FY24	BPI Grant	\$100,550	Closed	\$100,550
FY23	BPI Grant	\$100,550	Closed	\$100,550
FY22	BPI Grant	\$100,550	Closed	\$100,550
FY21	BPI Grant	\$100,550	Closed	\$100,550

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Grant Approval Memo

Grantee: NAMI Anchorage
Request Amount: \$169,790
Project Title: NAMI Anchorage FY26 Operating Grant
Grant Term: August 28, 2025 to August 31, 2026
Fund Source: FY26 Mental Health Advocacy, Support, Education and Public Awareness
Trust Staff: Samantha Ponto

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$168,800 FY26 Beneficiary Employment & Engagement grant to NAMI Anchorage for the NAMI Anchorage FY26 Operating grant. These funds will come from the Mental Health Advocacy, Support, Education, and Public Awareness line of the FY26 budget.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?

This project supports NAMI Anchorage’s peer-led mental health services, focused on education, connection, and recovery support for Trust beneficiaries and families impacted by mental illness. Trust funds will support staffing, peer group coordination, outreach, educational programs, culturally responsive activities, and the development of a Midtown Resource Room to centralize navigation and referrals.

- Who is receiving the funds?

NAMI Anchorage, a long-standing nonprofit based in Anchorage, is the grantee. The organization has a well-established history of providing peer-led support services, advocacy and mental health education to Trust beneficiaries and their families.

- Why is staff recommending this project?

This project directly supports Trust beneficiaries – particularly those with mental illness – by providing low-barrier, culturally responsive services. This project aligns with the Trust’s priorities by:

- promoting recovery and resilience through peer support and education
- addressing stigma through community engagement and cultural outreach
- expanding access to support resources through initiatives like the Midtown Resource Room
- Will this be a multi-year project?

Yes, this project has been supported by the Trust for the past 20 years and is included annually in the approved budget under the Beneficiary Employment and Engagement Focus Area. It was one of the original projects launched through the Beneficiary Project’s Initiative, a core Trust strategy since 2008. There is little sustainability for this project outside of state and philanthropic grants, however its impact on Trust beneficiaries in Anchorage has been consistently demonstrated year after year. Future funding considerations will follow the Trust’s application process and are subject to Trustee approval.

Trust Five Year Funding History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Final Expended</u>
2025	NAMI Anchorage BPI Operating Grant	\$154,100	Active	n/a
2024	NAMI Anchorage BPI Operating Grant	\$154,100	Closed	\$122,622
2023	NAMI Anchorage BPI Operating Grant	\$154,071	Closed	\$89,051
2022	NAMI Anchorage BPI Operating Grant	\$154,071	Closed	\$140,276
2021	NAMI Anchorage BPI Operating Grant	\$154,071	Closed	\$124,769

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Grant Approval Memo

Grantee: Northern Hope Center
Request Amount: \$160,000.00
Project Title: Northern Hope Center Mental Health Drop-In Center
Grant Term: August 28, 2025 to August 31, 2026
Fund Source: Beneficiary Employment & Engagement Focus Area – Clubhouse Support for Rehabilitation and Recovery (Page 8, Line 10)
Trust Staff: Samantha Ponts

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$160,000 FY26 Beneficiary Employment & Engagement grant to the Northern Hope Center for the Northern Hope Center Mental Health Drop-In Center project. These funds will come from the Clubhouse Support for Rehabilitation and Recovery line of the FY26 budget.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?

This project supports the Northern Hope Center (NHC), a peer-supported, member-driven mental health drop-in center in downtown Fairbanks serving adults with serious mental illness and co-occurring conditions. Trust funds will support personnel costs, including salaries and benefits for the Program Manager and Peer Support Specialist, as well as facility expenses such as rent, utilities, phone and internet.

- Who is receiving the funds?

The Northern Hope Center, a Fairbanks-based nonprofit mental health drop-in center, is the grantee. NHS is recognized locally for its important role in serving adults with serious mental illness. This organization has demonstrated strong local partnerships and fiscal responsibility.

- Why is staff recommending this project?

This project provides low-barrier, recovery-focused support for individuals with serious mental illness who often face compounded challenges such as homelessness, poverty, and social isolation. The Northern Hope Center's peer-driven model promotes self-determination, social connectedness, and wellness. These services help prevent crises, reduce the need for emergency or institutional care, and support beneficiaries in achieving greater stability and independence.

- Will this be a multi-year project?

This proposal is for a single 13-month grant project. If future funding were to be considered, an additional year of funding would require a new application from Northern Hope Center and the Board of Trustees' approval.

Trust Five Year Funding History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Final Expended</u>
FY25	Mental Health Drop-in Center BPI Grant	\$154,000	Active	n/a
FY24	Mental Health Drop-in Center BPI Grant	\$154,000	Closed	\$154,000
FY23	Northern Hope Center Mental Health Drop-in Center	\$100,000	Closed	\$100,000
FY22	Northern Hope Center Case Manager	\$50,062	Closed	\$50,062
FY21	Northern Hope Center Drop-in Center	\$80,000	Closed	\$80,000

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Grant Approval Memo

Grantee:	Maniilaq Association
Request Amount:	\$900,000.00
Project Title:	Maniilaq Association EMPATH Unit
Grant Term:	August 28, 2025, to August 31, 2027
Fund Source:	FY25 Mental Health and Addiction Intervention Focus Area: Crisis Continuum of Care (Page 5, Line 19)
Trust Staff:	Samantha Ponts

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$900,000 Mental Health and Addiction Intervention focus area allocation to the Maniilaq Association for the Maniilaq Association EMPATH Unit grant. These funds will come from the Crisis Continuum of Care line of the FY25 budget.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?

The Maniilaq Association EmPATH Unit project establishes an Emergency Psychiatric Assessment, Treatment and Healing unit at the Maniilaq Health Center in Kotzebue. This specialized unit will address the significant gap in behavioral health crisis care in Northwest Alaska by providing a dedicated, calming environment specifically designed for behavioral health crisis stabilization. Trust funds will specifically support: 1) comprehensive development of detailed policies, standardized procedures, and streamlined workflows; 2) enhancements to Electronic Health Record and billing systems; 3) creation of a robust training program for staff; 4) consulting costs for implementation of the EmPATH model. Additionally, Trust funds will offset initial costs for recruiting, onboarding, and training qualified staff needed to operationalize the unit.

- Who is receiving the funds?

Maniilaq Association, a Tribal Health Organization serving the Northwest Arctic Borough of Alaska and The Native Village of Point Hope. The organization currently operates the Maniilaq Health Center (MHC) in Kotzebue and has a track record of receiving and managing federal and state grants to improve behavioral health crisis services in their region.

- Why is staff recommending this project?

This project directly addresses a critical gap in the continuum of care for Trust beneficiaries experiencing behavioral health crises in Northwest Alaska. Currently, individuals experiencing behavioral health crises often receive insufficient treatment in emergency departments or are transported out of the region for stabilization. The EmPATH Unit will provide a more appropriate care setting within the community, reducing reliance on costly transportation, improving patient outcomes, and creating a model that could potentially be replicated in other remote rural Alaskan service areas. This project aligns with Trust priorities for the Crisis Continuum of Care and leverages additional funding from federal sources.

Maniilaq leadership and staff have already invested significant time and resources into this project. This includes many strategic site visits to EmPATH units in New Jersey, Minnesota, and Tennessee between February and March 2023, each involving multidisciplinary teams from Maniilaq to observe operations and engage with clinical leaders. A site visit to an EmPATH unit in California included participation from the Maniilaq President/CEO, VP of Health Services, Medical Director, and Administrator of Social Services.

- Will this be a multi-year project?

Yes, this is a multi-year project with a timeline from August 22, 2025, to August 31, 2027. This project represents Phase 2 of the project, building on the planning and design work initiated in FY23 for a crisis stabilization center. This project follows a phased implementation approach:

- Design phase through 2025
- Prefabricated construction in Anchorage from late 2025 into early 2026
- Oct 2026 Maniilaq Executive Leadership team and BHS staff up 13 key members will travel to meet with University of Kentucky's EmPATH team to discuss ongoing training partnerships, idea sharing, and clinical staff rotations.

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- Transportation and installation in Kotzebue in summer 2026
- Staff recruitment and training from fall 2026 through winter 2027
- Travel to the University of Kentucky for training and shadowing of clinical staff.
- Systems modifications (EHR and billing) from winter 2026 to spring 2027
- Training program implementation and completion between spring and summer 2027
- Operational launch targeted for late summer 2027

Trust Five Year Funding History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Final Expended</u>
FY23	Behavioral Health Crisis Stabilization Center	\$200,000	Closed	\$171,077

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Grant Approval Memo

Grantee: Alaska Addiction Rehabilitation Services (AARS)
Request Amount: \$750,000.00
Project Title: AARS Expansion Project
Grant Term: August 28, 2025 to August 31, 2026
Fund Source: \$500,000: FY25 Mental Health & Addiction Intervention – Crisis Continuum of Care Page 5, Line 19)
 \$250,000: FY25 Beneficiary Employment & Engagement – IPS Supported Employment Implementation (Page 10, Line 12)
Trust Staff: Eric Boyer

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$750,000 FY25 focus area allocation to Alaska Addiction Rehabilitation Services for the AARS Expansion Project. \$500,000 will come from the Crisis Continuum of Care grant line of the FY25 budget, and \$250,000 will come from the IPS Supported Employment Implementation line of the FY25 budget. These funds will be contingent upon Alaska Addiction Rehabilitation Services securing the pending funding sources outlined in this memo.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?

AARS will use the Trust funds to support capital funding to expand their substance use disorder treatment beds from 26 to 52. AARS' assessment of the current system of care demonstrates a need to expand beds to meet this need. They can fiscally support the operational expansion by billing the Medicaid 1115 Waiver.

Phase 1 of this project involved design and site preparation, which is complete. The expansion of 26 residential beds for adults, Phase 2 of the project, is scheduled to be completed by the summer of 2026.

- Who is receiving the funds?

Alaska Addiction Rehabilitation Services, Inc. (AARS) was established in 1982 (formerly Nugen's Ranch), making it one of Alaska's oldest adult residential substance abuse treatment programs. AARS has been serving adults with substance use disorder (SUD) and co-occurring disorders for over 40 years.

AARS combines twelve-step recovery, group and individual counseling, life skills training, and work therapy in a supportive environment. During their recovery at AARS, clients learn about farming and gain a sense of self-worth through work therapy and life skills training. Clients also learn occupational skills through AARS' vocational education program. Before 2012, AARS was located on the Palmer-Wasilla Highway in Wasilla. AARS relocated its treatment program to Point Mackenzie in Wasilla, Alaska.

- Why is staff recommending this project?

Trust program staff recommend this project as it meets a critical need within the Mental Health and Addiction Intervention Focus Area for access to care. By doubling the number of residential SUD beds at AARS, Trust beneficiaries can be assessed and moved into treatment more immediately.

Capital funding for this project has been secured from the State of Alaska (FY25 Capital Budget) and through Federal HRSA funds. In addition, Mat-Su Health Foundation, Rasmuson Foundation, and Murdock Charitable Trust grants are pending.

- Will this be a multi-year project?

This is a one-time funding request for treatment bed expansion and is contingent upon the agency securing the remaining capital to complete the project.

Trust Five Year Funding History

No Trust grants FY21 – FY25

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Grant Approval Memo

Grantee: Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.
Request Amount: \$254,757
Project Title: NeighborWorks Alaska (NWAK) Housing Intervention Program (HIP)
Grant Term: 9/1/2025 to 8/31/2026
Fund Source: FY26 Housing and Home and Community Based Services Focus Area – Beneficiary Housing Projects & Related Services (Page 9, Line 17)
Trust Staff: Kelda Barstad

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$254,757 FY26 Housing and Home & Community Based Services focus area allocation to Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. for the NWAK Housing Intervention Program grant. These funds will come from the Beneficiary Housing Projects & Related Services line of the FY26 budget.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?

Trust funding supports operating costs for the expansion of NeighborWorks Alaska's (NWAK) Housing Intervention Program (HIP). The HIP will provide supportive housing services to the affordable housing they manage so beneficiary residents can attain housing stability, self-determination, and long-term housing success.

NWAK utilizes the Alaska Homeless Management Information System to track data on each program participant. This system allows us to track and report data on many metrics. With Trust funds, NWAK will implement a robust performance measurement framework to assess the scale and effectiveness of the expanded Housing Intervention Program (HIP). This framework will align with the Trust's focus on accountability, impact, and continuous improvement. Data will be collected through NWAK's centralized case management and housing data systems and reviewed quarterly for quality assurance, outcome tracking, and adaptive program management.

- Who is receiving the funds?

Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc., dba NeighborWorks Alaska (NWAK) is a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to improving the quality of life for families and individuals by preserving homes, creating new housing opportunities, and strengthening neighborhoods. (<https://nwalaska.org/>) NWAK owns and operates affordable housing and housing stability programs in Anchorage.

- Why is staff recommending this project?

Single Room Occupancy living options used for transitional housing from homelessness and very low-income housing options do not automatically include housing navigation or case management services to help a person attain employment, additional income, or mainstream housing. This creates a blockage in the housing safety net, creating waitlists for people who are homeless or very low-income. Case management also assists a person in resolving or managing health or behavioral health issues that are barriers to employment or full community participation as well as identifying when a person may need a higher level of care or decision-making support to stay safe. Grant funding is the primary resource for the proposed services in Alaska. During the grant, AMHTA will work with NWAK on the feasibility of utilizing Medicaid as a sustainable resource for case management services.

- Will this be a multi-year project?

This is anticipated to be a two to three year project. Each year of funding will require board of trustee approval.

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Fiscal Year	Project Title	Amount	Status	Final Expended
FY25	Alaska Prisoner Reentry Initiative: Reentry Coalition Capacity Development - Anchorage	\$120,000	Active	TBD
FY24	Alaska Prisoner Reentry Initiative: Reentry Coalition Capacity Development - Anchorage	\$120,000	Closed	\$88,654
FY23	Alaska Prisoner Reentry Initiative: Reentry Coalition Capacity Development - Anchorage	\$100,000	Closed	\$98,458
FY22	Alaska Prisoner Reentry Initiative: Reentry Coalition Capacity Development - Anchorage	\$100,000	Closed	\$93,455
FY22	NWAK Ready To Rent	\$50,000	Closed	\$46,841
FY21	Alaska Prisoner Reentry Initiative: Reentry Coalition Capacity Development - Anchorage	\$100,000	Closed	\$92,521
FY21	COVID-19 Quarantine Housing Support	\$50,000	Closed	\$5,313

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Grant Approval Memo

Grantee: All Alaska Pediatric Partnership
Request Amount: \$220,500.00
Project Title: Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) Line Pilot Project
Grant Term: August 28, 2025 to September 30, 2027
Fund Source: FY25 Early Childhood Intervention & Prevention Priority Area: Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Capacity Building (Page 15, Line 36)
Trust Staff: Tina Voelker-Ross

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$220,500 FY25 Early Childhood Intervention and Prevention grant to the All Alaska Pediatric Partnership for the Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) Line Pilot Project. These funds will come from the Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Capacity Building line of the FY25 budget.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?

This project is to develop an Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) Line pilot to address the gap in mental health support for young children and those who care for them across the state. The IECMH Line will be an established call-in line through which they will offer technical assistance, education, and support for individuals providing care to infants and young children who need information and guidance on social-emotional development, addressing challenging behaviors, and other behavioral health needs of young children. Trust funds will be utilized predominantly for personnel and consulting through developing, implementing, and evaluating the IECMH pilot Line.

- Who is receiving the funds?

The All Alaska Pediatric Partnership (A2P2) is a non-profit organization established in 1995 to improve services and systems for children and families in Alaska. A2P2 is located in Anchorage but works state-wide to collaborate and partner for innovative and evidence-based practices to improve services for children and families, and to help children reach their full potential. A2P2 runs Help Me Grow (HMG) Alaska, a resource line for parents on child development questions and connecting to supports.

- Why is staff recommending this project?

This project supports infant and early childhood mental health capacity building. Alaska has critical shortages in infant and early childhood mental health services, especially in rural and remote areas. This project is designed to support care providers in the infant and early childhood arena, and secondarily, the infants, children, and families in their care, which includes Trust beneficiaries with mental health, substance use disorders, or developmental disabilities, and those at risk for becoming beneficiaries. This project will be linked to the well-established and successful HMG Alaska line. A2P2's experience, knowledge, and skills in managing this high-volume resource line will aid in developing, implementing, and managing the data for this current project. A2P2 has secured additional funding from the Department of Public Health in the amount of \$232,376.00 to develop and implement the IECMH pilot line.

- Will this be a multi-year project?

This proposal is for a single 25-month grant term project. An extended grant term is needed to capture the project's initial development, the implementation, and data collection. We are not currently considering multiple years of funding. If future funding were to be considered after the full implementation of this pilot project, the decision to pursue additional funding would be data-driven. The funding would require a new application by A2P2 and approval through the Board of Trustees.

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Trust Five Year Funding History

Fiscal Year	Project Title	Amount	Status	Final Expended
FY25	Help Me Grow: Community Outreach, Care Coordination and Dev. Screening	\$150,000	Active	n/a
FY25	Early Childhood Governance Outreach Coordination	\$50,000	Active	n/a
FY25	Sponsorship of the 2024 All Alaska Pediatric Symposium	\$2,500	Closed	\$2,500
FY24	Help Me Grow: Early Childhood Community Outreach and Dev. Screening	\$150,000	Closed	\$150,000
FY24	Early Childhood Governance Outreach Coordination	\$50,000	Closed	\$50,000
FY24	Sponsorship of the 2023 All Alaska Pediatric Symposium	\$2,500	Closed	\$2,500
FY24	Early Childhood Development Monitoring Campaign: Early Identification and Intervention	\$140,000	Active	n/a
FY23	Help Me Grow: Early Childhood Community Outreach and Dev. Screening	\$100,000	Closed	\$100,000
FY23	Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Systems Integration Analysis	\$70,000	Closed	\$70,000
FY23	All Alaska Pediatric Symposium Sponsorship	\$2,500	Closed	\$2,500
FY23	Alaska Early Childhood Network Retreat	\$18,700	Closed	\$18,700
FY22	All Alaska Pediatric Symposium Sponsorship	\$2,500	Closed	\$2,500
FY22	Pediatric Sub-specialty - A Systems Approach for the State of Alaska - Year 2	\$50,000	Closed	\$50,000
FY22	Help Me Grow: Pediatric Behavioral Health Treatment Coordination	\$100,000	Closed	\$100,000
FY22	Early Childhood Governance Outreach Coordination	\$50,000	Closed	\$50,000
FY21	Pediatric Sub-specialty - A Systems Approach for the State of Alaska	\$67,910	Closed	\$67,910
FY21	Outreach & Education to Increase Developmental Screening	\$100,000	Closed	\$100,000
FY21	Alaska Early Childhood Development "Amazing Books"	\$5,090	Closed	\$5,090

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Grant Approval Memo

Grantee: Alaska AIDS Assistance Association
Request Amount: \$134,400.00
Project Title: Housing Gap Funding for Trust Beneficiaries Living with HIV
Grant Term: August 28, 2025 to March 31, 2026
Fund Source: Housing and Home & Community Based Services Focus Area – Beneficiary Housing Projects and Related Services (Page 9, Line 17)
Trust Staff: Kelda Barstad

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$134,400 Housing and Home & Community Based Services focus area allocation to the Alaska AIDS Assistance Association for the Housing Gap Funding for Trust Beneficiaries Living with HIV grant. These funds will come from the Beneficiary Housing Projects and Related Services line of the FY26 budget.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?

Trust funds will provide gap funding for rental assistance and case management for Trust beneficiaries served by Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association (Four A's). Housing stabilization funds have been phased out, and this funding will fill a gap for Trust beneficiaries who have not yet transitioned to long-term housing assistance.

- Who is receiving the funds?

The Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association (Four A's) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and the first organization in Alaska dedicated to responding to the illness we now call HIV/AIDS. As the face of AIDS has changed, Four A's has grown to meet the constantly changing needs of clients and has expanded its prevention activities. Over the years, the Four A's has grown into the state's leading HIV/AIDS focused agency serving 91% of the state in two core areas: 1) supportive services for individuals living with HIV/AIDS and their families, and 2) HIV prevention and education. (www.alaskanids.org)

- Why is staff recommending this project?

There is an intersection of people living with HIV who are Trust beneficiaries. Trust beneficiaries enrolled in the program are more complex to serve and often take longer to re-engage in employment, obtain benefit income streams, and stabilize housing. The gap funding will ensure housing stability and continuity of care for eleven Trust beneficiaries living with HIV. Beneficiaries will receive six months of subsidized rental support paired with intensive case management services focused on obtaining a long-term solution to housing needs, including income maximization, access to mainstream housing resources, and maintained access to medical, behavioral, and mental health care. Trust beneficiaries served by this program will be individuals with unstable housing living in Anchorage, the Mat-Su Valley, or the Interior who are living with HIV and unable to maintain stable housing independently.

- Will this be a multi-year project?

This is a one-time funding request.

Trust Five Year Funding History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Final Expended</u>
FY23	Syringe Access Program Expansion – Mat-Su Valley (M-FASAP)	\$14,500	Closed	\$14,500
FY22	Four A's Syringe Access Project - Juneau	\$50,000	Closed	\$50,000

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Grant Approval Memo

Grantee: Alaska Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health
Request Amount: \$113,620.00
Project Title: Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Project
Grant Term: August 28, 2025 to December 31, 2026
Fund Source: FY25 Early Childhood Intervention & Prevention Priority Area: Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Capacity Building (Page 15, Line 36)
Trust Staff: Tina Voelker-Ross

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$113,620 FY25 Early Childhood Intervention and Prevention grant to the Alaska Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health for the Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Project. These funds will come from the Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Capacity Building line of the FY25 budget.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?

Trust funds will increase the number of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) Consultants available to infant and early childhood programs in Alaska by addressing the training needs of 2 cohorts of professionals pursuing certification in IECMH consultation; funding will supplement the current training cohort and extend to a second cohort. Trust funds will fund personnel services for project coordination, mentor/facilitator costs for providing individual and group mentoring, reflective supervision, and other costs, including stipends for participant training and participation in shadowing.

- Who is receiving the funds?

This funding will be under the direction of the Alaska Association of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (AK-AIMH), a non-profit state-wide organization since 2009. AK-AIMH is the leading entity in Alaska with a focus on infant and early childhood mental health. Core activities of AK-AIMH include training, capacity-building, and delivery of services for infants, young children, and families. AK-AIMH actively collaborates with the State of Alaska initiatives, infant and early childhood organizations, and is a member of the Alliance for the Advancement of Infant Mental Health.

- Why is staff recommending this project?

This project supports infant and early childhood mental health capacity building. While the focus of the project is training, it has the long-term potential to benefit infants, children, families, and infant and early childhood programs. Research on the benefits of IECMH consultation includes increased protective factors, reduced challenging behaviors, and the prevention of early childhood expulsion and suspension (the “preschool to prison pipeline”). Additionally, it has been shown to have significant positive effects on early childhood professionals (improved self-efficacy, reduced stress, and burnout). Filling this gap in Alaska has potential impacts on at-risk children, their families, and the workforce.

- Will this be a multi-year project?

This proposal is for a single 19-month grant project. An extended grant term is needed to supplement the training of cohort 1, recruit for cohort 2, and complete the 1-year training for cohort 2. We are not currently considering multiple years of funding. If future funding were to be considered, an additional year of funding would require a new application from AK-AIMH and Board of Trustees approval.

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Trust Five Year Funding History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Final Expended</u>
FY23	Project Compass: Leading the Way in Workforce Development for Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Services in Alaska	\$50,000	Closed	\$47,479
FY22	Project Compass: Leading the Way in Workforce Development for Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Services in Alaska	\$50,000	Closed	\$48,230
FY21	Project Compass: Leading the Way in Workforce Development for Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Services in Alaska	\$50,000	Closed	\$50,000

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Grant Approval Memo

Grantee: Association for the Education of Young Children, Southeast Alaska
Request Amount: \$100,000.00
Project Title: 4th Trimester Project - Parents as Teachers and Circles of Security for Classrooms
Grant Term: August 28, 2025 to August 31, 2026
Fund Source: FY25 Early Childhood Intervention and Prevention Priority Area: Improve Social Determinants of Health (Page 15, Line 39)
Trust Staff: Tina Voelker-Ross

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$100,000 Early Childhood Intervention and Prevention grant to the Association for the Education of Young Children, Southeast Alaska for the 4th Trimester Project - Parents as Teachers and Circles of Security for Classrooms grant. These funds will come from the Improve Social Determinants of Health line of the FY25 budget.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?

This project, implemented through the Association for the Education of Young Children Southeast Alaska (AEYC-SE), will support the Parents as Teachers (PAT) home-visiting program and the Circles of Security (COS) for the classroom training program, which supports healthy emotional and social development. Trust funds will support the cost of personnel (PAT Home visitors and part-time COS classroom facilitator), and supplies such as postpartum care kits for new moms, and supportive learning materials for the COS training program.

- Who is receiving the funds?

The AEYC-SE is a childcare resource and referral hub for SE Alaska, located in Juneau, Alaska. They have been serving early educators, children, parents, and families since 1982. They offer programs that support the growth and well-being of children and families including Parents as Teachers (PAT), Circles of Security training, other early childhood childcare provider training, resources and referrals for families, parenting classes, kindergarten readiness information, and assistance for early learning programs to become nationally accredited.

- Why is staff recommending this project?

The Parents as Teachers (PAT) 4th Trimester Project and the Circles of Security for the Classroom Training program are designed to support beneficiaries of the Alaska Mental Health Trust. Specifically, individuals experiencing mental illness and substance use disorders. The home visiting services enhance family stability and reduce the risk of adverse outcomes associated with untreated perinatal mental health issues. The Circles of Security program promotes social-emotional development and create supportive learning environments for young children. By addressing the needs of these beneficiary groups, both projects aim to improve mental health outcomes. AEYC-SE has secured additional funding from the Alaska Children's Trust, the City and Borough of Juneau, and Tlingit & Haida, totaling \$55,000.00, to support this project.

- Will this be a multi-year project?

This proposal is for a single 13-month grant project. If future funding were to be considered, an additional year of funding would require a new application by AEYC-SE and Board of Trustees approval.

Trust Five Year Funding History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Final Expended</u>
FY24	Circles of Security for Child Care Professionals (COSP) & Parents as Teachers (PAT) Support	\$50,000	Closed	\$50,000
FY23	PAT Stop Gap Funding	\$95,000	Closed	\$95,000
FY22	Help PAT Attend National Conference	\$14,625	Closed	\$13,874

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Grant Approval Memo

Grantee: Alaska Safety Alliance
Request Amount: \$120,000.00
Project Title: Re-Envisioned: Alaska's New Statewide Health Workforce Coalition
Grant Term: August 28, 2025 to August 31, 2026
Fund Source: FY26 Partnerships/Designated Grants (Page 2, Line 13)
Trust Staff: Eric Boyer

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$120,000 partnership grant to the Alaska Safety Alliance for the Re-Envisioned: Alaska's New Statewide Health Workforce Coalition project. These funds will come from the Partnerships/Designated Grants line of the FY26 budget.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?

Trust funds will pay the Alaska Workforce Alliance (AWA) to hire and support staff who will oversee the Alaska Healthcare Workforce Coalition. This will involve outreach and forming a coalition of health care providers, agencies, educators, and associations. The staff-led coalition will develop and implement a work plan by engaging the various key stakeholders who are currently doing some workforce efforts - although nothing is currently aligned and coordinated at a statewide level. The AWA staff would collaborate with the many disconnected efforts and bring alignment.

- Who is receiving the funds?

The Alaska Workforce Alliance (AWA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to strengthening workforce development across all of Alaska's industries through collaboration, education, and targeted initiatives. AWA operates as a subsidiary of the Alaska Safety Alliance, building on 25 years of experience and leadership in workforce development. Guided by Alaska's Workforce Future, AWA focuses on shared statewide goals such as expanding career awareness and pathways, developing a skilled and adaptable workforce, and ensuring ALL Alaskans can contribute their talents.

- Why is staff recommending this project?

Workforce recruitment, engagement, training, and retention continue to be among the top needs expressed by beneficiary-serving partners to our Trust program staff in surveys or group stakeholder feedback forums. The current health workforce landscape is disjointed and uncoordinated due to the lack of an oversight body or leadership. Resurrecting the healthcare workforce coalition will provide the infrastructure needed to lead partners in enhancing the state's workforce recruitment and retention efforts. The last iteration of the AK Healthcare Workforce Coalition was successful but lost traction during the early days of COVID-19. Prior to that, the coalition was led by the Department of Health, UAA, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOLWD), and the Trust. By the pandemic's end, no one was willing to lead in restarting the coalition. The Trust Authority staff do not have the capacity to take on the function and role of staffing the coalition. That is where the AWA has stepped up and offered to be that entity. The AWA also aligns with the DOL's AK Workforce Investment Board (AWIB).

- Will this be a multi-year project?

This proposal is for a single 12-month grant project. If future funding were to be considered, an additional year of funding would require a new application from AWA and the Board of Trustees' approval.

Trust Five Year Funding History

No Trust Grants FY21 -FY25

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Grant Approval Memo

Grantee: Alaska Brain Injury Consortium
Request Amount: \$88,000.00
Project Title: Roads to Recovery: Scaling Community Capacity With the Alaska Brain Bus
Grant Term: 11/1/2025 to 10/31/2026
Fund Source: FY26 Partnerships/Designated Grants (Page 2, Line 13)
Trust Staff: Kelda Barstad

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$88,000.00 Partnership grant to the Alaska Brain Injury Consortium for the Roads to Recovery: Scaling Community Capacity With the Alaska Brain Bus grant. These funds will come from the Partnerships/Designated Grants line of the FY26 budget.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?
Trust funds will pay for the operation of the Alaska Brain Bus program.
- Who is receiving the funds?
The Alaska Brain Bus is a project of the Alaska Brain Injury Consortium. “The Brain Bus” operates out of a refurbished mobile bus to serve areas on the road system outside of the Anchorage/MatSu city centers. The Alaska Brain Injury Consortium is a non-profit entity that operates the Brain Bus. The Consortium is an organization of like-minded Alaskans working toward a common goal of improving the lives of our community members and their families impacted by traumatic brain injury.
- Why is staff recommending this project?
Alaska leads the nation with 278 traumatic brain injuries (TBI) per 10,000 residents. An estimated 247 Alaskans will be permanently disabled due to a brain injury each year. While the physical damage from a TBI can continue for many months after injury, recovery from the effects of that damage can take years or even decades. For many people in Alaska, treatment of any sort is hard to come by, and having access to it for the time needed to recover fully is next to impossible. The Brain Bus provides community-informed and community-based care, creating care models which are as unique as each community the bus visits. (<http://www.alaskabrainbus.com/>)

Trust beneficiaries interacting with the Brain Bus often discover the symptoms they have been struggling with for months or years are the result of a brain injury, and for the first time, know what the problem is and how to begin treatment.
- Will this be a multi-year project?
Three to five years of Trust grant funding is expected. The core services cannot be billed to insurance. Future financial support through Medicaid Administrative Claiming is possible; however, the State of Alaska does not have the infrastructure to add new contracts at this time. Each year of funding will require board of trustee approval.

Trust Five Year Funding History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Final Expended</u>
FY24	Alaska Brain Bus Expansion	\$76,000	Pending final report (due 7/31/25)	TBD
FY22	The Alaska Brain Bus	\$50,000	Closed	\$50,000

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Grant Approval Memo

Grantee: North Star Community Foundation
Request Amount: \$80,000.00
Project Title: NSCF/Fairbanks Reentry Coalition Housing Assistance
Grant Term: August 28, 2025 to August 31, 2026
Fund Source: Mental Health & Addiction Intervention Focus Area - FY25 Child & Youth Crisis Response System of Care and Technical (Page 5, Line 26)
Trust Staff: Heather Phelps

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$80,000 Mental Health & Addiction Intervention focus area allocation to the North Star Community Foundation for the NSCF/Fairbanks Reentry Coalition Housing Assistance grant. These funds will come from the Child & Youth Crisis Response System of Care and Technical Assistance line of the FY25 budget.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?

Trust funds will provide rent and utilities and associated supplies (union dues, licensing fees, household items) for Trust beneficiaries reentering society after being incarcerated at least once in the three preceding years. It is anticipated that approximately 41 Trust beneficiaries will be served during a twelve-month period. The expected outcomes for this project are for Trust beneficiaries to report an increase in their quality of life, an increase in successful community reintegration, and a decrease in participant recidivism.

- Who is receiving the funds?

The Fairbanks Reentry Coalition, through its fiscal agent, North Star Community Foundation, is receiving the funds to use for its Fairbanks Reentry Coalition Housing Assistance Program. The area served is Fairbanks and North Star Borough. The Fairbanks Reentry Coalition creates a community where returning citizens have the keys to achieve their personal goals successfully.

- Why is staff recommending this project?

This project will support Trust beneficiaries reentering their community after incarceration. The majority of the Trust beneficiaries experience a substance use disorder and mental illness, but some also experience Alzheimer's and related dementia and developmental disabilities. The project will provide housing assistance to help Trust beneficiaries to avoid housing insecurity and provide support for successful community reintegration.

- Will this be a multi-year project?

While this is a one-time funding request, it should be noted that the Trust has funded this project for fiscal year 2024 and 2025. The Fairbanks Reentry Coalition is anticipated to request funds for the next fiscal year and will require the board of trustee approval each year of funding.

Trust Five Year Funding History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Final Expended</u>
FY25	Fairbanks Reentry Coalition Housing Project	\$71,500	Active	n/a
FY25	Fairbanks Hopelink Warming Center	\$50,000	Active	n/a
FY24	Fairbanks Reentry Coalition Housing Project	\$50,000	Closed	\$49,893

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Grant Approval Memo

Grantee: Valley Charities, Inc.
Request Amount: \$80,000.00
Project Title: Mat-Su Reentry Coalition Housing Project
Grant Term: August 28, 2025 to August 31, 2026
Fund Source: Mental Health & Addiction Intervention Focus Area - FY25 Child & Youth Crisis Response System of Care and Technical (Page 5, Line 26)
Trust Staff: Heather Phelps

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$80,000 Mental Health & Addiction Intervention focus area allocation to Valley Charities, Inc. for the Mat-Su Reentry Coalition Housing Project. These funds will come from the Child & Youth Crisis Response System of Care and Technical Assistance line of the FY25 budget.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?

Trust funds will provide rent and utilities for up to three months for Trust beneficiaries reentering society after being incarcerated at least once in the preceding three years. It is anticipated that approximately 55 Trust beneficiaries will be served. 90% of the budget is dedicated to paying housing and utility costs for trust beneficiaries, and 10% of the budget is for an administrative fee. The expected outcomes for this project are for Trust beneficiaries to report an increase in their quality of life, an increase in successful community reintegration, and a decrease in participant recidivism.

- Who is receiving the funds?

The Mat-Su Reentry Coalition, through its fiscal agent, Valley Charities, is receiving the funds. The Mat-Su Reentry Coalition is a collaboration of individuals, community stakeholders, public and non-profit agencies, faith-based services, and business partners who are united and committed to reducing recidivism and returning citizens to the Mat-Su community.

- Why is staff recommending this project?

This project will support Trust beneficiaries reentering their community after incarceration. The majority of the Trust beneficiaries experience a substance use disorder, but some also experience mental illness and developmental disabilities. The project will provide housing assistance to help Trust beneficiaries obtain transitional or permanent housing and provide support for successful community reintegration.

- Will this be a multi-year project?

While this is a one-time funding request, it should be noted that the Trust has funded this project for the last five fiscal years. The Mat-Su Reentry Coalition is anticipated to request funds for the next fiscal year and will require the board of trustee approval each year of funding.

Trust Five Year Funding History

Fiscal Year	Project Title	Amount	Status	Final Expended
FY25	Alaska Prisoner Reentry Initiative: Reentry Coalition Capacity Development - Mat-Su	\$120,000	Active	n/a
FY25	Durable Medical Equipment Lending Program New Location	\$49,945	Active	n/a
FY25	Mat-Su Reentry Coalition Housing Project	\$80,000	Closed	\$79,998
FY24	Alaska Prisoner Reentry Initiative: Reentry Coalition Capacity Development - Mat-Su	\$120,000	Closed	\$119,936
FY24	Mat-Su Reentry Housing Project	\$80,000	Closed	\$80,000

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FY24	2023 Mat-Su Reentry Summit	\$15,000	Closed	\$13,688
FY23	Alaska Prisoner Reentry Initiative: Reentry Coalition Capacity Development - Mat-Su	\$100,000	Closed	\$99,847
FY23	Medical Equipment Lending Program	\$15,500	Closed	\$15,500
FY23	Mat-Su Reentry Housing Project	\$50,000	Closed	\$49,999
FY22	Alaska Prisoner Reentry Initiative: Reentry Coalition Capacity Development - Mat-Su	\$100,000	Closed	\$92,758
FY22	2022 Mat-Su Virtual Reentry Summit	\$10,000	Closed	\$10,000
FY22	Mat-Su Reentry Housing Project	\$50,000	Closed	\$50,000
FY21	Alaska Prisoner Reentry Initiative: Reentry Coalition Capacity Development - Mat-Su	\$100,000	Closed	\$100,000
FY21	2021 Mat-Su Virtual Reentry Summit	\$5,000	Closed	\$5,000
FY21	Mat-Su Reentry Housing	\$80,000	Closed	\$79,679

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Grantee:	Presbyterian Hospitality House, Inc.
Request Amount:	\$75,000.00
Project Title:	"The Extra Mile" Strengthening Alaskan Families
Grant Term:	August 28, 2025 to August 31, 2026
Fund Source:	\$50,000 FY25 Early Childhood Intervention & Prevention Priority Area: Keep the Kids Home (Page 14, Line 26) \$25,000 FY25 Partnerships/Designated Grants (Page 2, Line 13)
Trust Staff:	Tina Voelker-Ross

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$75,000 Authority Grant to the Presbyterian Hospitality House, Inc. for the "The Extra Mile" Strengthening Alaskan Families grant. \$50,000 of these funds will come from the Keep the Kids Home line and the \$25,000 will come from the Partnerships/Designated Grants lines of the FY25 budget.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?

This project will ensure frequent and meaningful family contact for residents participating in the Presbyterian Hospitality House (PHH) residential group homes, with a focus on the treatment of male youth who have engaged in problematic sexual behavior. The project aims to increase in-person family contact for rural youth and support safe reunification through structured visitation and therapeutic sessions. Trust funds will support travel and accommodations for family visits and benefit 10-15 families (approximately 40-60) individuals across rural Alaska.

- Who is receiving the funds?

PHH is a nonprofit organization in Alaska that has been in operation since 1957. PHH operates group homes and therapeutic treatment homes for youth in Fairbanks, Wasilla, the Kenai Peninsula, and Seward. This grant will be implemented with the youth in 2 residential group homes in Fairbanks called the Chena and Bias homes.

- Why is staff recommending this project?

The youth participating in the PHH residential treatment program are all Trust beneficiaries. Children who act out sexually are at severe risk of never reunifying with their family and spending their entire adolescence in residential treatment or foster care settings. In those situations, youth remain in treatment settings until they are 18 rather than returning home. Research shows that when children and families receive intervention for problematic sexual behaviors, the rates of recidivism are between three and six percent; there is substantial evidence to show that families can reunify safely in many circumstances. This project seeks to enhance family contact and support safe reunification through structured visitation and therapeutic sessions.

- Will this be a multi-year project?

This proposal is for a single 13-month grant project. If future funding were to be considered, an additional year of funding would require a new application by PHH and Board of Trustees approval.

Trust Five Year Funding History

No Trust grants FY21 to FY25

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Grant Approval Memo

Grantee: Community Connections, Inc.
Request Amount: \$75,000.00
Project Title: 1st Street Triplex Upgrades: Supported Apartment Living for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
Grant Term: 5/20/2025 to 12/30/2025
Fund Source: FY26 Housing and Home and Community Based Services Focus Area – Beneficiary Housing Projects & Related Services (Page 9, Line 17)
Trust Staff: Kelda Barstad

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$75,000 FY26 Authority Grant to Community Connections, Inc. for the 1st Street Triplex Upgrades: Supported Apartment Living for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities grant. These funds will come from the Beneficiary Housing Projects & Related Services line of the FY26 budget.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?

Trust funds will pay for labor and materials to remodel a property owned by Community Connections. The remodel will support additional housing units for Trust beneficiaries experiencing an Intellectual or Developmental Disability.

- Who is receiving the funds?

Community Connections is a 501(c)(3) non-profit provider established in 1985 and located in Ketchikan. (<https://comconnections.org/>) The agency serves Ketchikan, Metlakatla, and Prince of Wales. People across the lifespan are served through an infant learning program, children’s mental health services, and home and community-based services for seniors and people with disabilities, including beneficiaries with an intellectual or developmental disability.

- Why is staff recommending this project?

Currently, there are no other residential services of this type available in the area, except for one other apartment home owned by Community Connections: Opportunity House. Opportunity House has a waiting list and low turnover, so additional units are needed in the community. The remodel will add 5-6 housing units (7 units in total) in Ketchikan to be paired with group home or supported living services for beneficiaries with an Intellectual or Developmental Disability. Pairing the housing units with these services will maximize housing stability for the residents and provide long-term sustainability for the project through billing the Intellectual or Developmental Disability (IDD) or Adults with Physical and Developmental Disabilities (APDD) Medicaid waivers.

- Will this be a multi-year project?

This is a one-time funding request.

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Trust Five Year Funding History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Final Expended</u>
FY24	Electronic Health Record: Purchase and Year 1 Implementation	\$67,500	Closed	\$67,500
FY23	Therapeutic Foster Care: Expansion and Sustainability	\$400,000	Closed	\$400,000
FY22	Family Focused Treatment Association Conference 2022 for Alaska Child Placement Agencies	\$15,000	Closed	\$15,000
FY22	Habilitative Service Expansion	\$10,000	Closed	\$10,000
FY22	Family Focused Treatment Association	\$10,000	Closed	\$7,000
FY21	Rock Wall Stabilization and Mitigation Measures	\$100,000	Closed	\$100,000
FY21	Family Focused Treatment Association	\$10,000	Closed	\$10,000

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Grantee: NAMI Alaska, Inc.
Request Amount: \$50,000.00
Project Title: A Lifeline for Alaskans
Grant Term: August 28, 2025 to August 31, 2026
Fund Source: FY26 Mental Health Advocacy, Support, Education and Public Awareness (Page 8, Line 9)
Trust Staff: Kelda Barstad

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$50,000 FY26 Authority Grant to NAMI Alaska, Inc. for the Lifeline for Alaskans grant. These funds will come from the Mental Health Advocacy, Support, Education and Public Awareness line of the FY26 budget.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?

Trust funds will expand peer-led mental health support across the state. NAMI Alaska provides training for the Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau affiliates and offers online support groups and referrals to services in Alaska locations without affiliates.

- Who is receiving the funds?

NAMI, National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI advocates for access to mental health services, treatment, support, and research, and is committed to raising awareness and building hope. NAMI's mission is to end the stigma of mental illness. NAMI Alaska is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that provides support to local affiliate organizations and offers education, support, advocacy, and public awareness for individuals, their families, friends, and community members whose lives are affected by a mental health condition statewide.

- Why is staff recommending this project?

NAMI Alaska provides services not typically offered through a treatment program. The organization provides peer-led support groups and referrals for Trust beneficiaries with a mental health condition and family members supporting a beneficiary. These services target helping the individual and their family members learn about what it means to have a mental health condition and how to cope with the diagnosis and symptoms associated with it.

- Will this be a multi-year project?

This request is expected to be for a multi-year period as part of the Beneficiary Program Initiatives Focus Area. Each year of funding will require approval from the board of trustees.

Trust Five Year Funding History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Final Expended</u>
FY24	NAMI Provider Education Program	\$7,000	Closed	\$7,000
FY23	NAMI Alaska/AFSP-Alaska Chapter Together for Mental Health Symposium	\$2,500	Closed	\$2,500
FY21	Peer to Peer Support	\$36,000	Closed	\$36,000

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Grantee: Mat-Su Health Foundation
Request Amount: \$38,003.00
Project Title: Crisis Now Implementation Coordinator for Mat-Su
Grant Term: August 28, 2025 to August 31, 2026
Fund Source: FY25 Mental Health & Addiction Intervention - Child & Youth Crisis Response System (Page 5, Line 26)
Trust Staff: Eric Boyer

Requested Motion:

The Board of Trustees approve a \$38,003 Mental Health & Addiction Intervention focus area allocation to the Mat-Su Health Foundation for the Crisis Now Implementation Coordinator for Mat-Su grant. These funds will come from the Child & Youth Crisis Response System line of the FY25 budget.

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?

The Trust funds would pay for the Crisis Now Coordinator (CNC) in the Mat-Su region. The Crisis Now Coordinator works with the provider agencies, who operate the call center for 988/911, mobile crisis teams, and the crisis stabilization centers to ensure a high-functioning crisis response system of care. The CNC is working to fill gaps in the response system, establish a functional referral network among available service providers and evaluate outcomes of services that have been implemented.

- Who is receiving the funds?

The Mat-Su Health Foundation (MSHF) would receive the funds for the Crisis Now Coordinator and contract with Melissa Toffolon with Actionable Data, who is currently fulfilling the valley's Crisis Now coordination role. The MSHF is a regional philanthropic entity that supports healthcare for all residents of the Mat-Su region. The MSHF has been a partner with the Trust on the implementation of improved local crisis response design since the beginning of the Trust's behavioral health crisis response initiative.

- Why is staff recommending this project?

The Crisis Now Coordinator is working to support the planning and operationalization of the Crisis Now Framework, as well as setting up the Crisis Care Team in the Valley. The post-crisis care team consists of providers who work together with dispatch, mobile crisis teams, and emergency services to ensure a "warm handoff" between providers. This also ensures that Trust beneficiaries receive services on the day they need them. This system has been launched and is working to strengthen the system of care.

- Will this be a multi-year project?

This proposal is for a single 12-month grant project term with an anticipated need for future investment to maintain the localized project management and support continued progress on implementing the envisioned improved crisis response. The MSHF would likely contribute to future support of this effort. If future Trust funding were to be considered, an additional year of funding would require a new application from MSHF and the Board of Trustees' approval.

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<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Final Expended</u>
2024	Crisis Now Implementation Coordinator for Mat-Su	\$100,000	Closed	\$61,997
2023	Mat-Su Multi-Disciplinary Team Cloud9 Implementation and Pilot Project	\$50,000	Closed	\$0
2023	2022 Mat-Su Community Health Needs Assessment	\$10,000	Closed	\$10,000
2022	Marketing & Integrated Fund Management Plan For Alaska's SHARP	\$21,550	Closed	\$21,550
2021	Mat-Su Community Development Coordinator	\$100,000	Closed	\$100,000
2021	Palmer Families with Infants and Toddlers (FIT) Court	\$75,000	Closed	\$75,000

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Statutory Advisor RFR - MHTARR

- **Alaska Coalition on Aging**
- **Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education**

May 6, 2025

**From: Katie Baldwin-Johnson, Chief Operating Officer
Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority**

Re: REQUEST FOR RECOMMENDATIONS – FY27

Deadline:

The deadline for the response is the end of business June 16, 2025. Please respond through use of our online portal: <https://bbgm-apply.yourcausegrants.com/apply/programs/a0783d0f-2783-48cc-97cc-60a4dd273e1d>

Audience

This Request for Recommendations (RFR) is directed to Trustees, Trust Authority staff, administrative policymakers, Trust advisory groups, state agencies, and legislators. Recommendations should be written in a clear manner and should not assume advanced knowledge of any specific field of service or consumer group.

Purpose

The information collected through this RFR will help shape budget strategies aimed at improving outcomes for Trust beneficiaries. Trustees are responsible for setting the budget for Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts (MHTAAR) and General Fund/Mental Health (GF/MH) recommendation expenditures to ensure a comprehensive, coordinated mental health program across the state. Each RFR recommendation received will be considered; however, a submission is not a guarantee of inclusion in the Trust budget.

The Trust also advocates for these budget recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature. To make informed decisions and effectively advocate for funding, the Trust needs a clear understanding of:

- The populations in need of services
- Regional service demands
- Available resources
- Outcomes of current and proposed services

Recommendations should align with the Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Program Plan, which guides justification of needs and expected outcomes for beneficiaries. Additionally, it is essential to understand how the advisory boards have worked with state departments to formulate the proposed recommendations.

Scope

This RFR applies to the FY27 budget process and includes both operating and capital projects. Proposals may request funding through MHTAAR, GF/MH recommendations, or other related fund sources. Advisory groups and state agencies are encouraged to collaborate with one another and with other stakeholders when developing recommendations.

Submission Requirements

Each submission must include:

- **General project information**
(Project Title, Narrative Description, Funding Request Amount, Relevant Data Supporting the Need, and Verification that the Department/Division Receiving the Funds Approves the Request)
- **Advisory board priority**
(Relative ranking among submitted requests)
- **Narrative on project impact**
(How the project will benefit Trust beneficiaries, which populations to be served and intended performance measures and outcomes)
- **Sustainability plan**
(Include a plan for continuing the project beyond Trust and/or GF/MH funding and recommended duration of funding)
- **Connection to the Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Plan**

Please contact Lucas Lind, Grants Administrator, if you have questions about the link to the RFR portal or instructions: Lucas.Lind@alaska.gov

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Request Overview

Advisory Board submitting project:	Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education
Project Title:	Universal Changing Spaces Assistance Fund
Total Project Amount for FY27:	\$250,000.00
Board Priority:	GCDSE 2 of 7

Request Details

Project Description

The Universal Changing Spaces Assistance Fund is a proposed program designed to support the installation of universal changing spaces in public-serving facilities, non-profits, and businesses across Alaska. This initiative will provide matching funds to small nonprofit organizations, small government entities, and for-profit businesses that seek to create inclusive, accessible spaces for individuals with disabilities and their caregivers. Universal changing spaces meet a critical unmet need for individuals who cannot use standard-sized baby changing stations, enabling greater community participation, dignity, and independence. GCDSE recommends prioritize applications in the following tiered structure to maximize equity and impact:

- Small nonprofit organizations will be eligible for a 90/10 match (90% grant-funded, 10% applicant-funded),
- Large nonprofits (with annual revenues over \$5 million) and small government entities (serving populations under 10,000) will qualify for an 80/20 match,
- Small for-profit businesses will be eligible for a 60/40 match.

This program directly aligns with the intent and momentum behind Alaska's proposed HB141, which aims to expand access to universal changing spaces in state-funded public buildings. The Assistance Fund compliments these efforts by extending support to community-based and private sector partners, ensuring that inclusive design principles are implemented across a broader range of spaces and services. Through targeted financial support, the Universal Changing Spaces Assistance Fund will advance accessibility and uphold the dignity and rights of all Alaskans, particularly individuals with disabilities and their families.

State agency that would receive project funding

It is proposed that the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) or the Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities (AADD) serve as the fiscal agent for the Universal Changing Spaces Assistance Fund. Either entity would be well-positioned to administer the program, given their experience supporting accessibility initiatives and working closely with individuals with disabilities and community-based organizations.

An administrative fee of no more than 15% is requested to support staffing, oversight, and fund management responsibilities.

To ensure a fair and inclusive review process, it is proposed that an application review panel be formed, including representatives from:

- The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority,

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- The selected administering entity (SILC or AADD),
- The Governor’s Council on Disabilities and Special Education
- The Alaska Commission on Aging

This collaborative structure ensures alignment with the mission and goals of each organization, while leveraging expertise from across Alaska’s disability and advocacy networks.

Have you received confirmation that the recipient agency has authorized this request?

Given the limited timeframe, we would have to confirm with the two proposed entities if either, both or another entity would be more appropriate to administer the fund.

Sustainability plan for funding this project in future fiscal years

In FY 2027, the Universal Changing Spaces Assistance Fund will focus on successful implementation, outreach, and building momentum. Key sustainability actions during this year will include:

- Awarding funds and supporting installations across Alaska, generating visible, community-based impact.
- Compiling and distributing free design standards and best practices from national accessibility organizations to help applicants and local partners incorporate universal changing spaces effectively.
- Beginning outreach to statewide building associations, architects, and construction firms to introduce adult changing spaces as essential public amenities.
- Establishing partnerships and raising awareness to lay the foundation for future private and philanthropic investment.

Beyond FY 2027, the program will focus on expanding its reach and influence to promote lasting systems change. Efforts will include:

- Seeking continued support from private foundations, corporate sponsors, and philanthropic organizations committed to accessibility and inclusive design.
- Deepening engagement with the architecture and construction industries to normalize adult changing spaces as a standard design element in new and renovated public buildings.
- Advocating for changes to public infrastructure policy and building codes, in alignment with the intent of HB141, to institutionalize the inclusion of universal changing spaces.
- Promoting statewide adoption through resource sharing, technical assistance, and showcasing successful models across communities.

These efforts will ensure that universal changing spaces become a common, expected feature of Alaska’s built environment, well beyond the initial program fund.

How will this request serve Trust beneficiaries?

The proposed Universal Changing Spaces Assistance Fund directly supports the objectives outlined in Alaska’s Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Program Plan (2025–2029),

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titled Strengthening the System II. This plan emphasizes building a responsive, inclusive, and community-based system of care for Trust beneficiaries—Alaskans experiencing mental illness, intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), substance use disorders, Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias, and traumatic brain injuries.

Key Areas of Alignment:

1. Promoting Dignity and Inclusion for Trust Beneficiaries- The installation of universal changing spaces addresses a fundamental need for individuals with disabilities and their caregivers, ensuring they can participate fully in community life. This initiative aligns with the plan's focus on creating environments that uphold the dignity and independence of Trust beneficiaries, particularly those with IDD and mobility challenges.
2. Enhancing Community-Based Services and Supports- By providing financial assistance to organizations for the installation of universal changing spaces, the fund supports the development of accessible infrastructure within communities. This effort complements the plan's strategy to expand home and community-based services, enabling beneficiaries to live and engage in their communities safely and comfortably.
3. Advancing Prevention and Early Intervention Efforts- The plan underscores the importance of early intervention and preventive measures to improve outcomes for Trust beneficiaries. Accessible facilities equipped with universal changing spaces can prevent health complications associated with inadequate hygiene options, thereby supporting the plan's preventive health objectives.
4. Fostering Cross-Sector Collaboration- The administration of the fund through entities like the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) or the Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities (AADD), with oversight from the Governor’s Council on Disabilities and Special Education and the Trust, exemplifies the collaborative approach advocated in the plan. Such partnerships are vital for creating a cohesive system of care that leverages the strengths of various stakeholders.

Serving Trust Beneficiaries:

The Universal Changing Spaces Assistance Fund is designed to meet the specific needs of Trust beneficiaries by:

- Improving Accessibility: Ensuring that public spaces are equipped to accommodate individuals with disabilities, thereby reducing barriers to community participation.
- Supporting Caregivers: Providing necessary facilities that assist caregivers in managing the personal care needs of beneficiaries with dignity and ease.
- Promoting Health and Safety: Reducing the risk of injury or health issues associated with inadequate changing facilities, aligning with the plan's emphasis on preventive care.

By addressing these critical areas, the fund not only fulfills the immediate needs of Trust beneficiaries but also contributes to the broader goals of the Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Program Plan, fostering a more inclusive and supportive environment for all Alaskans.

Funding Details

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FY27 MHTAAR Requested Amount:	\$250,000.00
FY27 GF/MH Requested Amount:	\$0.00
FY27 Other Requested Amount:	\$0.00
Other Fund Source: n/a	

Additional Information

Primary beneficiary population served by this project:	All Beneficiaries
Geographic area served by project:	Statewide
Connection to Comp Plan:	Area of Focus 8: Services in Institutional Settings

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Request Overview

Advisory Board submitting project:	Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education
Project Title:	Project SEARCH Adult Site
Total Project Amount for FY27:	\$75,000.00
Board Priority:	GCDSE 5 of 7

Request Details

<p>Project Description</p> <p>The Project SEARCH (PS) program is a proven employment program for individuals with disabilities to receive comprehensive and intensive training and supports to become employed. The PS international model serves primarily serve young adults aged 18-22 with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities in their final year of school in nine-month program at a host business. The selected interns learn both hard and soft job skills in a real world apprenticeship model in the host business. The interns will train in that time under at least three rotational areas of the business for skill development, work on classroom activities and projects, and gain experience and training in interested career fields. The interns will begin with skill assessments and job interest evaluations in the beginning of the year, become familiar with their skill tasks during each rotation and successfully master those objectives, and graduate after successful completion. Near the end of the program, the PS team assists the intern with resume writing, mock job interviews and more all aimed and getting a meaningful job. Success in Project SEARCH is measured by getting a job that pays minimum wage or better, at least 20 hours or more a week, and in an integrated job setting for at least 9 months, but the PS team follows the students well beyond that, ensuring long term employment is achieved</p> <p>The Council is the Statewide Coordinator for Project SEARCH and has been so for 14 years, having originally introducing the model to Alaska with a small amount of Trust support and other grants. As the Statewide Coordinator of PS in Alaska, our job is to make sure all programs meet fidelity with program, and coordinate and assist with training for each of the program partners, which include a host business site, school district, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, and a community rehabilitation provider.</p> <p>Currently, Alaska has three Project SEARCH sites located in Fairbanks, MatSu, and Anchorage. These three sites have consistently achieved employment outcomes from the first year they began in Alaska receiving awards and recognition with the effectiveness of their staff. Funding for these three programs comes primarily from the school districts in each location, plus support from the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. The Council's role as statewide coordinator is to pay for the licensing agreement with Project SEARCH, and to provide technical assistance to the three sites. These current sites are all youth based, aimed at serving transition age students from the school districts in final year of education on deferred diploma. The request for this funding is to allow new site development in the state, and to include development of an adult based program aimed at post high school young adults with disabilities. This would be for young adults who experience I/DD and already out of high school up to a maximum of age 35. Alaska does not currently have the program for adults at</p>

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this time unlike other sites within the rest of the United States and could provide great benefit to young Alaskans seeking employment.

State agency that would receive project funding

DOH/SDS/GCDSE

Have you received confirmation that the recipient agency has authorized this request?

Yes

Sustainability plan for funding this project in future fiscal years

This new adult program would launch in FY 27, and it may take two years to become a stable program. Therefore, we recommend \$40 K in Year 2 and no additional funds after that because if successful, we anticipate ongoing DVR support, as well as Medicaid dollars from clients that are on waivers and have supported employment in their plan of care.

Once sites become stable the host business, DVR services, CRP support, and education staff justify and continue to provide the program with continued staffing and funding. The largest cost is the initial licensing and set up for a site, and then partner agencies begin to continually write in the program as part of their organizational work.

How will this request serve Trust beneficiaries?

Improved employment outcomes for beneficiaries, growth and outreach to parents/caregivers of people with disabilities and improving social narrative of PWD becoming employed and the importance of transitions and independence, improved examples and relations with employers to hiring people with disabilities in the workplace.

Direct training and support for employment and serves larger social and systems change as instructors work with host businesses and families to encourage PWDs being able to work successfully. The intensive model PS uses is extensive and detailed enough to create lasting outcomes and not require clients to retrain or lose independence – this was created with proven data and curriculum to be effective and is backed by evidence to have grown internationally over the last 15 years.

Funding Details

FY27 MHTAAR Requested Amount:	\$75,000.00
FY27 GF/MH Requested Amount:	\$0.00
FY27 Other Requested Amount:	\$0.00
Other Fund Source: n/a	

Additional Information

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Primary beneficiary population served by this project:	Developmental Disabilities
Geographic area served by project:	Anchorage Municipality
Connection to Comp Plan:	Area of Focus 3: Economic and Social Well-being

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Request Overview

Advisory Board submitting project:	Alaska Commission on Aging
Project Title:	Alaska State Plan for Senior Services FY 2027-2031
Total Project Amount for FY27:	\$60,000.00
Board Priority:	ACoA 1 of 2

Request Details

<p>Project Description</p> <p>The Alaska Commission on Aging (ACoA) produces the Alaska State Plan for Senior Services every four years. This plan is a requirement of the Federal government, in order for Alaska to receive the federal funds through the Older Americans Act. The State Plan for Senior Services acts as a roadmap and progress tracking device, laying out a comprehensive plan for providing Senior Services to all of Alaska's seniors.</p> <p>The State Plan for Senior Services lays out a comprehensive plan for providing Senior Services to all of Alaska's seniors, including dementia care, housing, transportation, medical care, food security, homelessness, traumatic brain injuries, employment, substance abuse, and elder protection services.</p> <p>Due to the structure of the State budget, ACoA's annual budget does not include an increase of funding every four years to account for the increased expenditures for consultant assistance and travel needed to get feedback from Alaska's Seniors.</p> <p>ACoA is requesting assistance from the Trust in order to travel to Alaskan communities throughout the state to get feedback from seniors who represent Alaska's diverse population, and contract a consultant who will assist with the compilation of the FFY 2027-2031 State Plan for Senior Services.</p>
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State agency that would receive project funding
Department of Health, Senior and Disabilities Services

Have you received confirmation that the recipient agency has authorized this request?
I have confirmed with Nicole Wery-Tagaban at Senior and Disabilities Services (DOH - State of Alaska) that they are willing and able to receive the funding.

Sustainability plan for funding this project in future fiscal years
Due to the long cycle (4 years) of creating the State Plan for Senior Services, there has not been long-range planning done in order to ensure that funding is budgeted. The State of Alaska's budgeting system generally does not allow the accumulation of funds over fiscal years. However, ACoA's Executive director will be discussing this strategy with Senior and Disabilities Services to explore how to prepare for this need in the future.

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How will this request serve Trust beneficiaries?

Due to the comprehensive approach of the State Plan for Senior Services, Trust beneficiaries age 60 and older will be impacted by the plan. Specifically, the plan addresses the needs of seniors with Alzheimer's and related dementias, traumatic brain injuries, substance use disorders, and mental illness. ACoA reaches out to organizations and care partners working with these beneficiaries to determine how they will be working to serve them effectively.

Funding Details

FY27 MHTAAR Requested Amount:	\$60,000.00
FY27 GF/MH Requested Amount:	\$0.00
FY27 Other Requested Amount:	\$0.00
Other Fund Source: n/a	

Additional Information

Primary beneficiary population served by this project:	All Beneficiaries
Geographic area served by project:	Statewide
Connection to Comp Plan:	Area of Focus 2: Healthcare

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Request Overview

Advisory Board submitting project:	Alaska Commission on Aging
Project Title:	Annual Alaska Senior Summit
Total Project Amount for FY27:	\$5,000.00
Board Priority:	ACoA 2 of 2

Request Details

<p>Project Description</p> <p>The Alaska Commission on Aging respectfully requests \$5,000 from the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority to support the FY27 Senior Summit, a statewide virtual convening dedicated to advancing systems of care for older adults, especially senior Trust beneficiaries. The summit is tentatively planned for Q1 of FY2027.</p> <p>The Summit will serve as a collaborative platform for state agencies, tribal partners, caregivers, providers, senior centers, and older Alaskans statewide—particularly those in rural and remote communities—to learn, share, and mobilize around Trust priorities. By focusing on community-based solutions and person-centered care, the event supports multiple Areas of Focus in the Plan, including Integrated Healthcare, Substance Use Disorder Prevention, Protecting Vulnerable Alaskans, Services in the Least Restrictive Environment, and Workforce Development.</p> <p>Key objectives addressed by the Summit include: Expanding access to culturally responsive, trauma-informed care for seniors with behavioral health needs, elevating dementia-capable practices and community-based Alzheimer’s supports, addressing substance misuse among older adults, raising awareness about TBI and cognitive decline in aging populations, and strengthening protective services and reducing isolation for vulnerable elders, including those at risk of self-neglect or abuse.</p> <p>The four topics we repeatedly hear from older adults as priorities to address are: access to food, stable housing, health and transportation.</p> <p>This hybrid event will be hosted via Zoom, with funding supporting paid expert speakers and outreach efforts to ensure rural access and participation. Partnering communities will be equipped to host free local watch sites, creating opportunities for engagement in village and hub settings. This approach reflects the Plan’s commitment to equity, local ownership, and services delivered “as close to home as possible.” We hope to facilitate fruitful discussions, problem solving and sharing statewide among communities that would otherwise likely not interact with one another.</p> <p>In addition to serving Trust beneficiaries, the Summit will generate data and community feedback to inform future planning. The Commission will compile a post-event report summarizing themes, community needs, and policy recommendations that can guide the Trust’s ongoing efforts to improve the mental health system for Alaska’s aging population.</p>

State agency that would receive project funding
Department of Health, Senior and Disabilities Services

Have you received confirmation that the recipient agency has authorized this request?
Yes, confirmed.

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Sustainability plan for funding this project in future fiscal years

The Senior Summit is designed for long-term sustainability by leveraging a low-cost, high-accessibility virtual format. By hosting the event via Zoom and supporting initial equipment needs in partner communities, we are building a reusable infrastructure that allows future summits and related gatherings to continue with minimal recurring expenses.

We anticipate that the success of this first statewide Summit will generate interest among organizations, foundations, and private partners to support future events through sponsorships, donations, or in-kind contributions—particularly to fund expert speakers or offer stipends to rural facilitators.

Additionally, the Alaska Commission on Aging is committed to exploring partnerships with existing aging and mental health networks to embed the Summit as a regular, collaborative platform for advancing elder-focused initiatives in Alaska.

How will this request serve Trust beneficiaries?

The FY27 Alaska Senior Summit will focus on mental illness, substance use disorders, Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias (ADRD), and traumatic brain injuries (TBI) among older Alaskans. The event will provide a statewide platform delivered via Zoom with supported rural participation, to elevate voices, share resources, and coordinate strategies that improve quality of life and care for these populations.

The Summit’s statewide reach will ensure that underserved rural and Alaska Native communities are included, through community-based watch sites. The event will create space for beneficiaries and those who serve them—caregivers, tribal health representatives, and providers—to learn, network, and co-develop solutions. In doing so, it supports the Trust’s mission of improving the lives of beneficiaries through collaboration, innovation, and direct community impact.

Funding Details

FY27 MHTAAR Requested Amount:	\$5,000.00
FY27 GF/MH Requested Amount:	\$0.00
FY27 Other Requested Amount:	\$0.00
Other Fund Source: Possibly AARP, other foundations.	

Additional Information

Primary beneficiary population served by this project:	All Beneficiaries
Geographic area served by project:	Statewide
Connection to Comp Plan:	Area of Focus 2: Healthcare

FY27 Budget Recommendations

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1	Budget Category	Total FY27(MHT Admin/MHTAAR/AG)	MHTAAR/MHT Admin	Authority Grant Funds	GF/MH Recommendations
2	Trust/TLO Operating Budgets (MHT)	12,050.1	12,050.1	-	-
3	Non-Focus Area Allocations (NFA)	18,476.5	1,356.5	17,120.0	950.0
4	Mental Health & Addiction Intervention Focus Area (MHAI)	2,197.0	1,584.5	612.5	750.0
5	Disability Justice Focus Area (Justice)	2,196.9	1,956.9	240.0	-
6	Beneficiary Employment & Engagement Focus Area (BEE)	400.0	400.0	-	-
7	Housing and Home & Community Based Services Focus Area (H&HCBS)	3,534.0	2,409.0	1,125.0	5,750.0
8	Workforce Development Priority Area (Workforce)	2,143.0	1,818.0	325.0	-
9	Early Childhood & Youth Priority Area (Early Childhood)	1,381.1	892.6	488.5	-
10	FY27 Subtotals	42,378.6	22,467.6	19,911.0	7,450.0
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1	Project Title	Dept/RDU/Component	Operating (O) or Capital (C)	Focus/Priority Area	MHT Admin/ MHTAAR	GF/MH Recommendation
2	Trust Authority MHT Agency Budget	DOR	O	MHT	5,771.8	-
3	Trust Land Office Agency Budget	DNR	O	MHT	5,382.5	-
4	TAB/Cordova Maintenance & Operations	DNR	O	MHT	895.8	-
5	Trust Authority & Trust Land Office Subtotal				12,050.1	
6	ABADA/AMHB Joint Staffing	DOH/DBH/AMHB-ABADA	O	NFA	491.5	-
7	GCDSE Joint Staffing	DOH/DSDS/GCDSE	O	NFA	225.0	-
8	ACoA Staffing & Support	DOH/DSDS/ACoA	O	NFA	200.0	-
9	Scorecard Update	DOH/DPH/HAVRS	O	NFA	70.0	-
10	DOH Comprehensive Program Planning	DOH/DBH	O	NFA	75.0	-
11	Beneficiary Mental Health Status Data Collection	DOH/DPH/CDPHP	O	NFA	45.0	-
12	Coordinated Community Transportation	DOTPF/Program Development Alaska Transit Office	C	NFA	-	700.0
13	Deferred Maintenance	DOH/SDS	C	NFA	250.0	250.0
14	Non Focus Area Subtotal				1,356.5	950.0
15	Behavioral & Physical Health Care Integration	DOH/DBH	O	MHAI	75.0	-
16	Crisis Call Center	DOH/DBH	O	MHAI	750.0	750.0
17	Statewide Designation, Evaluation, Stabilization & Treatment Coordinator	DFCS - Department Support Services	O	MHAI	87.0	-
18	Zero Suicide Initiative	DOH/DBH	O	MHAI	62.5	-
19	Complex Care Program	DFCS - Department Support Services	O	MHAI	400.0	-
20	Adult Protective Services	DOH - SDS	O	MHAI	75.0	-
21	Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies	UAA-COH	O	MHAI	135.0	-
22	Mental Health & Addiction Intervention Subtotal				1,584.5	750.0
23	Alaska Justice Information Center	UAA/Anchorage Campus	O	Justice	293.0	-
24	Public Guardian Position	DOA/OPA/Public Guardian	O	Justice	138.0	-
25	Public Guardian Position - OCS Transition	DOA/OPA/Public Guardian	O	Justice	91.5	-
26	Crisis Intervention Team/Behavioral Health training and Programs for First Responders-AK State Troopers	DPS - AK State Troopers	O	Justice	60.0	-
27	Crisis Intervention Team/Behavioral Health training and Programs for First Responders-AK Police Standards Council	DPS - AK Police Standards Council	O	Justice	80.0	-
28	Centralized Competency Calendar Project	ACS/Therapeutic Courts	O	Justice	158.3	-
29	Holistic Defense	DOA/PDA	O	Justice	63.2	-
30	Holistic Defense Social Worker	DOA/PDA	O	Justice	119.2	-
31	Occupational Therapist in DJJ Youth Facilities	DFCS/DJJ/Bethel & Fairbanks Youth Facility	O	Justice	100.0	-
32	Trauma Treatment for Incarcerated Women	DOC/HARS	O	Justice	150.0	-
33	Addressing Comorbid Health and Addiction Issues Prominent Within Severe and Persistent Mentally Ill Populations	DOC/HARS	O	Justice	151.7	-
34	APIC Discharge Planning Model in DOC	DOC/HARS	O	Justice	200.0	-
35	DOC Discharge Incentive Grants	DOR/AHFC	O	Justice	200.0	-
36	Criminal Justice Mental Health First Aid Train the Trainers	UAA Training Center	O	Justice	50.0	-
37	Behavioral Health Administrator Position	ACS/Trial Courts Division	O	Justice	102.0	-
38	Disability Justice Subtotal				1,956.9	-
39	Beneficiary Employment Conference	DOL/DVR	O	BEE	100.0	-
40	Beneficiary Employment Technical Assistance and Planning	UAA/CHD	O	BEE	75.0	-
41	MicroEnterprise	UAA/CHD	O	BEE	225.0	-
42	Beneficiary Employment & Engagement Subtotal				400.0	-

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1	Project Title	Dept/RDU/Component	Operating (O) or Capital (C)	Focus/Priority Area	MHT Admin/ MHTAAR	GF/MH Recommendation
43	Rural Housing Coordinator-Ketchikan	DOR/AHFC	C	H&HCBS	135.0	-
44	Special Needs Housing Grant	DOR/AHFC	C	H&HCBS	200.0	1,750.0
45	Homeless Assistance Program	DOR/AHFC	C	H&HCBS	950.0	2,850.0
46	Brain Injury Council of Alaska Staff	UAA/CHD	O	H&HCBS	105.0	-
47	Care Coordination Liaison	DOH/SDS	O	H&HCBS	95.0	-
48	Dementia Education and Prevention	DOH/DPH	O	H&HCBS	130.0	-
49	Home Modifications & Upgrades	DOH/SDS	C	H&HCBS	-	1,150.0
50	Statewide Dementia Training Project	UAA-CHD	O	H&HCBS	150.0	-
51	Environmental Modifications Improvement	DOH/SDS	O	H&HCBS	94.0	-
52	"No Wrong Door" Coordinated Access to Services	DOH/SDS	O	H&HCBS	300.0	-
53	Person Centered Transportation	DOH/SDS	C	H&HCBS	250.0	-
54	Housing and Home & Community Based Services Subtotal				2,409.0	5,750.0
55	The Alaska Training Cooperative	UAA/CHD	O	Workforce	585.0	-
56	UAA School Psychology Program	UAA/CAS	O	Workforce	200.0	-
57	Peer Support Certification	DOH/DBH	O	Workforce	50.0	-
58	Individual Placement & Supports (IPS) Capacity Building	DOH/DBH	O	Workforce	30.0	-
59	Alaska Workforce Profile	DOLWD / Administrative Services Division	O	Workforce	25.0	-
60	Direct Support Professional Training/Professional Development	DOH/SDS	O	Workforce	200.0	-
61	Autism Awareness and Response for Public Safety	UAA/CHD	O	Workforce	150.0	-
62	Alaska Area Health Education Centers	UAA/AHEC	O	Workforce	250.0	-
63	Supported Employment Workforce	UAA/CHD	O	Workforce	75.0	-
64	Alaska Health Occupations Students of America	UAA/AHEC	O	Workforce	100.0	-
65	Psychological Services Center Expansion	UAA/CAS	O	Workforce	103.0	-
66	Clinical Psychology Program APA Accreditation	UAA/CAS	O	Workforce	50.0	-
67	Workforce Development Subtotal				1,818.0	-
68	ILP Statewide Equity Project	DOH/SDS/EIILP	O	Early Childhood	300.0	-
69	Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program	DOH/DPH/WCFH	O	Early Childhood	36.6	-
70	Trauma Engaged Schools PBIS Coaching	DEED-Health & Safety	O	Early Childhood	150.0	-
71	Early Childhood Intervention: Pyramid Model	DOH/DPH	O	Early Childhood	151.0	-
72	Family Services Training Center - ICY Conference	UAA/CHD/FSTC	O	Early Childhood	80.0	-
73	ACEs Data Linkage and Analysis	DOH/DPH/WCFH	O	Early Childhood	175.0	-
74	Early Childhood & Youth Subtotal				892.6	-
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1	Project Title	Recipient	Focus/Priority Area	Authority Grant
2	Partnerships/Designated Grants	Unallocated Funding	NFA	2,000.0
3	Trust Strategic Initiatives/Data Collection	Unallocated Funding	NFA	5,000.0
4	Development & Facilitation of Trust Strategic Initiatives	Contract Services	NFA	200.0
5	Trust Focus Area Strategy Implementation	Unallocated Funding	NFA	5,000.0
6	Programmatic Administration	DOR/AMHTA	NFA	150.0
7	Mini grants for ADRD	Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska	NFA	500.0
8	Mini grants for beneficiaries experiencing mental illness, chronic alcoholism, substance use disorders and intellectual and developmental disabilities and traumatic brain injuries	To be allocated to recipient of Mini Grant administrative contract	NFA	2,000.0
9	Trust Mini Grant Contract Administration	Contract Services	NFA	300.0
10	Flex Funds for Mental Health Courts	Partners for Progress	NFA	230.0
11	ANDVSA Victim Transition Supports	Alaska Network for Violence & Sexual Assault	NFA	200.0
12	Grant-writing technical assistance	Contract Services	NFA	300.0
13	Technical assistance for beneficiary groups & Trust initiatives	Contract Services	NFA	500.0
14	Communications	Contract Services	NFA	450.0
15	Conferences/Sponsorships	Sponsorship Contracts	NFA	30.0
16	Rural & Community Outreach	Contract Services	NFA	100.0
17	Trust Conference	Contract Services	NFA	160.0
18			Non Focus Area Subtotal	17,120.0
19	Crisis Now Initiative Project Management Contract	Contract Services	MHAI	350.0
20	Fairbanks Crisis Now Coordinator	City of Fairbanks	MHAI	138.0
21	Ketchikan Crisis Now Coordinator	Ketchikan Wellness Coalition	MHAI	124.5
22			Mental Health & Addiction Intervention Subtotal	612.5
23	Local re-entry coalition coordinator-Anchorage	Neighborworks	Justice	60.0
24	Local re-entry coalition coordinator-Mat-Su	Valley Charities	Justice	60.0
25	Local re-entry coalition coordinator-Juneau	JAMHI Health & Wellness	Justice	60.0
26	Local re-entry coalition coordinator-Fairbanks	City of Fairbanks	Justice	60.0
27			Disability Justice Subtotal	240.0
28	IDD System Capacity Development	Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities	H&HCBS	25.0
29	Affordable Housing Development Position	Juneau Housing First Collaborative	H&HCBS	50.0
30	TABI Phasic Implementation Plan for Identification, Intervention, and Enhanced Community Infrastructure	Southcentral Foundation	H&HCBS	200.0
31	Gulf Coast TABI Expansion Project	Independent Living Center	H&HCBS	125.0
32	Home & Community Based Services Reform Contract	Contract Services	H&HCBS	150.0
33	ADRD Rural Outreach & Prevention	Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska	H&HCBS	175.0
34	Self Directed Home & Community Based Services	Independent Living Center	H&HCBS	400.0
35			Housing and Home & Community Based Services Subtotal	1,125.0
36	Alaska Psychology Internship Consortium	Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education - Contract	Workforce	125.0
37	Clinical Supervision Support	Alaska Behavioral Health Association	Workforce	200.0
38			Workforce Development Subtotal	325.0
39	Help Me Grow Alaska: Community Outreach, Care Coordination & Dev Screening	All Alaska Pediatric Partnership	Early Childhood	150.0
40	Reimagining Child Welfare Project	Alaska Impact Alliance	Early Childhood	250.0
41	Early Childhood Center-Based Mental Health Consultation	Rural Alaska Community Action Program	Early Childhood	88.5
42			Early Childhood & Youth Subtotal	488.5
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FY27 Proposed Budget Detail Report

This document provides additional information related to staff recommendations for the Trust's FY27 budget.

This narrative report serves as a supplemental tool to support the Trustee's consideration and approval of the FY27 budget. Content is organized by budget section and placed in the same order as the content in the draft budget spreadsheet. Note that this year the budget is broken out into two sections: Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts (MHTAAR) grant-funded projects with state agencies, and Authority Grant (AG) funded projects. Within those sections, increments are organized by Trust focus and priority areas.

MHTAAR Spending

- *Non-focus Area Allocations*
- *Mental Health & Addiction Intervention*
- *Disability Justice*
- *Beneficiary Employment and Engagement*
- *Housing and Home & Community Based Services*
- *Workforce Development*
- *Early Childhood and Youth*

Authority Grant Spending:

- *Non-focus Area Allocations*
- *Mental Health & Addiction Intervention*
- *Disability Justice*
- *Housing and Home & Community Based Services*
- *Workforce Development*
- *Early Childhood and Youth*

For each line in the budget, you will find in this document details including grant type, relevance to the Comp Plan, a brief project/initiative description, and an analysis that includes project data if available. Also included is a funding history, up to five years, for grant-supported projects.

Budget lines that represent new items in the budget are noted in **orange**.

During the July 2025 Program and Planning Committee meeting, Trust program officers and staff will present each section of the proposed budget, after which trustees will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the budget with staff. Any amendments to the proposed budget, as well as a formal motion to adopt the final budget will take place at the August 2025 full board meeting.

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Non-Focus Area Allocations MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 2, Line 6	Project Name: ABADA/AMHB Joint Staffing	Grantee Name: DOH/DBH/AMHB-ABADA
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$491.5 MHTAAR	Project Category: Capacity Building	

Comp Plan Relevance: Goal 4 Substance Use Disorder Prevention, Objective 4.1, Increase awareness, improve knowledge, and change behavior to prevent drug and alcohol misuse.

Description: The primary function of the ABADA/AMHB involves planning and coordinating behavioral health services funded by the State of Alaska. The Boards also advocate for programs and services that promote improved lives. The joint Boards support the Trust in planning, developing, and evaluating the Trust’s focus/priority area work. In collaboration with the Department of Health and the Trust, the Boards partner together to support the work of the Comprehensive Mental Health Plan.

Analysis: In FY 24, the Board’s staff helped provide information and data to the Trust evaluation team for the yearly Comp Plan Scorecard update. The advocacy coordinator managed the advocacy weekly meetings, outreach, action alerts, and updates from Hill that were prudent regarding the bills and legislation that concerned beneficiary welfare. The advocacy coordinator held four publicly noticed Super Advocacy trainings. The Boards held quarterly meetings around the state, which helps local community members gain knowledge and understanding of how services are delivered in that region and what gaps in services exist. Board staff routinely serve on proposal evaluation committees with the DOH, various advisory boards, planning committees for evaluation projects like the Mental Health in Schools Report, and monthly meetings like the Alaska Behavioral Health Association.

The Boards hold publicly noticed comment periods, providing valuable feedback on how behavioral health services are accessed. Over the last two years, the Boards averaged around 850 advocates who were engaged at the community level. The Boards are a valued partner of the Trust and provide feedback on the Comp Plan, Trust budget, and advocacy issues impacting beneficiaries.

Five Year Project Funding History - AMHB-ABADA Joint Staffing		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$491,500	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$491,500	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$491,500	\$315,601
FY23	\$491,500	\$348,727
FY23	\$491,500	\$491,500

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Non-Focus Area Allocations MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 2, Line 7	Project Name: GCDSE Joint Staffing	Grantee Name: DOH/DSDS/GCDSE
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$225.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Goal 9: Workforce, Data and Funding, Objective 5: Encourage a culture of data-driven decision-making that includes data sharing, data analysis, and management to link support services across Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) divisions and other departments.		
Description: The Governor’s Council on Disabilities and Special Education (GCDSE) fills five distinct state and federal roles, including that of statutory advisor for the Trust. GCDSE Joint Staffing funds support the Council's basic operations related to data, planning, and advocacy. This funding supports two positions at GCDSE: 1) a Research Analyst III, and 2) a Planner III position.		
Analysis: This funding supports advocacy and services for Trust beneficiaries of all ages with disabilities by improving their lives in relation to early intervention, self-advocacy and determination, employment, housing, health, transportation, special education, community inclusion, and relevant legislation. The GCDSE is a statutory partner for planning services for Trust beneficiaries and provides expertise and support related to the Comp Plan for issues related to early intervention, special education, and services for beneficiaries who experience developmental disabilities. The FY24 mid-year report (3/15/2024) noted that the GCDSE continues to collect and analyze data points related to all their projects. This includes their annual stakeholder survey and other surveys at GCDSE events. This data represents their stakeholder’s voice, our Trust beneficiaries. In terms of advocacy, they provided 2 support letters on national issues and adopted 6 position papers for legislative advocacy in Alaska. The GCDSE Research Analyst was also active on various collaborative partnerships with agencies and on the working groups for the update of the Comp Plan. Because of the relevance of their work and input related to our Trust beneficiaries, funding GCDSE has been maintained over time and is included in the FY26 & FY27 budgets. The GCDSE also receives state and federal funding to carry out their duties. The increase in their budget of \$40,500 will support their statutory duties to the Trust.		
Five Year Project Funding History - GCDSE Joint Staffing		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$225,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$184,500	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$184,500	\$184,219.01
FY23	\$184,500	\$149,465.25
FY22	\$184,500	\$168,376.93

**FY27 Budget Line Detail: Non-Focus Area Allocations
MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations**

Budget Line: Page 2, Line 8	Project Name: ACoA Staffing and Support	Grantee Name: DOH/DSDS/ACoA
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$200.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 10, Data; Objective 2: Encourage a culture of data-driven decision-making that includes data sharing, data analysis, and management to link support services across Alaska DOH and DFCS divisions and other departments.		
Description: Trust funding supports the Alaska Commission on Aging (ACOA) to facilitate the Commission’s work to implement legislation and programs that affect older adult beneficiaries and advocate for positive outcomes for seniors. At least one position that conducts planning and data collection activities is expected to be hired from this funding.		
Analysis: With partnership funding, ACOA will provide the Trust with data on Alaska's beneficiary population, including the number of beneficiaries, their characteristics, and trends in their quality of life, based on the most credible and consistent data available. Alaska-specific data is preferred when available. The Commission will implement strategies to improve the status of beneficiaries in the key advocacy issues identified by the Commissioners. ACOA will conduct an annual survey of stakeholders to assess satisfaction and make recommendations for change. The Commission will collaborate with the Trust and other key partners in key planning activities related to beneficiaries and Trust focus areas, including but not limited to staff participation in focus area meetings and activities, Trust-sponsored initiatives, research and planning activities, and public planning processes with beneficiaries. Data and a report on planning activities will be provided to trustees annually.		
Five Year Project Funding History - ACoA Staffing and Beneficiary Program Support		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$200,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$200,000	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$200,000	\$191,527
FY23	\$200,000	\$51,580
FY22	\$140,000	\$140,000

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Non-Focus Area Allocations MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 2, Line 9	Project Name: Scorecard Update	Grantee Name: DOH/DPH/HAVRS
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$70.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Data/Planning	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 10, Objective 2, Data-driven decision-making		
<p>Description: This project is funded to support staffing and ensure data quality, improving the method for tracking progress on Alaska's mental health program. The project ensures that accurate data is used to measure the effectiveness of the mental health program plan. This, in turn, allows for better program development and resource allocation, ultimately aiming to improve the health outcomes of Trust Beneficiaries.</p>		
<p>Analysis: These efforts should ultimately lead to a more data-driven and impactful program for the Trust's target population. The project outlines steps to improve the measurement of Alaska's mental health program plan. By ensuring accurate data collection and potentially revising the evaluation method (Scorecard), the project can lead to a better understanding of program effectiveness in reaching the target population, more informed resource allocation to areas with the greatest need, and improved program design and service delivery based on data-driven insights. This project also aligns with the Trust's focus on improving mental health services in Alaska by strengthening the data collection and evaluation methods used to track program progress.</p> <p>This project outlines key activities measured through performance metrics. These activities contribute to a more effective mental health program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leading data analysis for the Comp Plan data subcommittee and department dashboards ensures data used for evaluation aligns with program goals (Strengthening the System 2025-2029) and is effectively visualized for stakeholders. • Updating the evaluation tool (Such as a Scorecard or alternative) and documenting changes enhances data accuracy and transparency, enabling more effective program assessment. • Updating prevalence estimates ensures data reflect the target population's evolving needs. 		
Five Year Project Funding History - Scorecard Update		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$70,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$40,000	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$40,000	\$40,000
FY23	\$40,000	\$38,000
FY22	\$40,000	\$40,000

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Non-Focus Area Allocations MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 2, Line 10	Project Name: DOH Comprehensive Program Planning Coordinator	Grantee Name: Department of Health, Division of Public Health
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$75.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Data/Planning	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 9, Workforce, Objective 9.3: Funding is available to support the Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Program		
Description: This project is funded for staffing (.5FTE within the Department of Health). The project connects the Department of Health (DOH) and Department of Family and Community Services (DFCS) to beneficiaries by establishing a dedicated role to manage a comprehensive mental health program plan. This plan aims to enhance mental health services over the next five years by improving implementation, evaluation, and data-driven decision-making.		
Analysis: The project benefits the Trust's target population by establishing a dedicated position within the Department of Health to manage the implementation of a comprehensive mental health program plan. This plan, implemented over the next five years, aims to enhance access to and improve the quality of mental health services for Alaskans. While the project description doesn't quantify the impact, it outlines activities such as facilitating data-driven program development and monitoring, which should lead to improved services for those in need.		
<p>The project's performance measures and activities will lead to positive outcomes for beneficiaries. Developing an implementation framework and facilitating meetings ensures clear communication and collaboration among stakeholders responsible for delivering mental health services. This improved coordination is expected to lead to more efficient program implementation, ultimately benefiting beneficiaries through enhanced access to services. Additionally, the focus on improving monitoring and evaluation tools will enable better data collection on program effectiveness, which can be used to identify areas for improvement and ultimately lead to improved services for beneficiaries.</p>		
Five Year Project Funding History - DOH Comprehensive Program Planning		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$75,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$75,000	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$75,000	\$62,706.22
FY23	\$75,000	\$38,456.78
FY22	\$75,000	\$3,381.98

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Non-Focus Area Allocations MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 2, Line 11	Project Name: Beneficiary Mental Health Status Data Collection	Grantee Name: DOH/DPH/CDPHP
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$45.0, MHTAAR	Project Category: Data/Planning	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 10 Data; Objective 10.2 Data-Driven decision-making		
<p>Description: The goal of this project is to ensure there is Alaska-specific data available addressing the mental health status of Trust beneficiaries. These funds are used by the Department of Health - Division of Public Health to support the administration, outreach, collection, and analysis of data collected through the Center for Disease Control’s (CDC) Behavioral Risk Factors Surveillance System (BRFSS), the Youth Behavioral Risk Behavior Surveillance Systems (YRBS), and School Health Profiles.</p>		
<p>Analysis: Data collected and analyzed through these surveillance systems utilized by the Division of Public Health are used in a variety of manners including through monitoring progress on the DOH Comp Plan via the Alaska Scorecard, Healthy Alaskans initiative, and others. This data is used by community organizations in monitoring their services and applying for grant funding from local, state, and federal sources. The 2024 BRFSS annual survey exceeded the sample size target of 5,000 and the data is currently being prepared by the CDC for return to the State, and the 2025 survey is in progress. The State released the representative sample results from the 2024 YRBS data from the CDC. To ensure the availability of a representative sample of Alaskan-specific beneficiary data, it is anticipated that the Trust will continue funding this item.</p>		
Five Year Project Funding History - Beneficiary Mental Health Status Data Collection		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$45,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$45,000	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$85,000	\$85,000
FY23	\$45,000	\$45,000
FY22	\$45,000	\$45,000

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Non-Focus Area Allocations MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 2, Line12	Project Name: Coordinated Community Transportation	Grantee Name: DOTPF/Program Development Alaska Transit Office
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$700.0 GF/MH recommendation	Project Category: Capital-Equipment	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 3 Economic & Social Well-Being: Objective 4: Enhance timely access to basic needs services.		
Description: The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (AKDOT&PF) Community Transit Office awards Trust funds, paired with other funding sources, through a competitive application process to non-profit, local government and Tribal entities throughout Alaska for operating assistance, purchase of services, and capital project that enable and enhance the mobility of Trust beneficiaries.		
Analysis: The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) Community Transit Office (ACT) awards funds through a competitive application process to non-profit agencies and tribes throughout Alaska for operating assistance, purchase of services and capital projects that enhance/enable the mobility of Trust Beneficiaries. This proposal is for funds to plan for and coordinate mobility and human services transportation systems in local communities by pooling available resources, i.e. for coordinated transportation. Other options may include developing taxi voucher programs, taxi accessibility projects, convertible ambulances, boats, and snowmobile carts. Uncoordinated mobility services and transportation systems are not cost-effective and create additional barriers for Trust beneficiaries (e.g. accessibility and eligibility restrictions or limited hours of services). This proposal allows for these funds to be used to purchase or replace accessible vehicles owned by consumer-run and other provider nonprofit corporations for non-coordinated uses where coordination is not feasible. Operating assistance, taxi voucher and vehicles are used to transport Trust Beneficiaries to things such as services, community activities or work; vehicles are also be used to transport staff to consumer homes, and other beneficiary-related transportation.		
<p>There are approximately thirteen Alaskan communities that have public transportation, and though it provides great benefits to all residents, it can still be limited. Including public transportation communities, there are approximately twenty-five Alaskan communities with Coordinated Transportation Plans. Although providers work to develop and maintain coordinated transportation systems, these systems do not always meet the needs of Trust Beneficiaries. These projects improve/increase the mobility options and services for Trust Beneficiaries.</p> <p>While MHTAAR funding has been phased out, continued advocacy is needed for GF/MH funding to bring in federal resources and continue added flexibility into the program to respond to the unique needs of small Alaskan communities. Beneficiaries consistently list transportation as a top service need.</p>		
Five Year Project Funding History - Coordinated Community Transportation		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
Grant transitioned to only GF/MH funding in FY26		
FY25	\$300,000	Capital Funds - Term ends FY29
FY24	\$300,000	Capital Funds - Term ends FY28
FY23	\$300,000	Capital Funds - Term ends FY27
FY22	\$300,000	Capital Funds - Term ends FY26

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Non-Focus Area Allocations MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 2, Line 13	Project Name: Deferred Maintenance	Grantee Name: DOH/SDS
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$250.0 MHTAAR, \$250.0 GF/MH recommendation	Project Category: Capital	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 9 Workforce Objective 3: Ensure funding is available to support the strategies identified in Alaska’s Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Program. a. Strategy: Advocate to ensure the Mental Health Budget Bill includes the appropriations necessary to fund the operating and capital expenditures for the continuum of services.		
Description: The Trust supports this biannual capital funding to the Department of Health to issue grants that enable organizations serving trust beneficiaries opportunities to address deferred maintenance needs through competitive grants administered by the Department of Health. This grant improves the capacity of beneficiary-serving organizations.		
Analysis: Agencies providing services to Mental Health Trust beneficiaries have a great need for deferred maintenance, renovation, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant improvement projects to existing structures. Providing funds for repairing and maintaining facilities is a good investment in the health and well-being of Trust beneficiaries. Projects include ramps and accessible bathrooms to ensure an agency's physical space is accessible, as well as projects that improve the physical environment, such as a new roof, insulation, or heating system. These projects make lasting improvements to the facilities used by Trust beneficiaries. All funds are awarded through a statewide competitive process.		
Twenty-six grant awards were issued to agencies across the state during the last solicitation in FY23. Deferred Maintenance is a Non-Focus Area Allocation, as it supports agencies implementing programs across multiple focus areas.		
There are typically no other funding sources to assist programs with deferred maintenance. Organizations that have received awards view this grant source as a critical resource and needed option to support organizational capacity and efficient business practices. This project has demonstrated positive outcomes and received more applications than there is funding available.		
Five Year Project Funding History - Deferred Maintenance		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	No FY26 Trust Grant	
FY25	No FY25 Trust Grant	
FY24	\$250,000	Capital Funds - Term ends FY28
FY23	\$250,000	Capital Funds - Term ends FY27
FY22	\$250,000	Capital Funds - Term ends FY26

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Mental Health & Addiction Intervention Focus Area MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 2, Line 15	Project Name: Behavioral & Physical Health Care Integration	Grantee Name: DOH/DBH
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$75.0, MHTAAR	Project Category: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 2, Healthcare; Objective 2.1: Alaskans have access to and receive quality integrated healthcare services.		
<p>Description: The grant will support the operations and staffing support for the Department of Health, Division of Behavioral Health for the Behavioral Health (BH) and Physical Health (PH) Care Integration position. The main roles include serving as the subject matter expert on the integration of primary and behavioral health care for the State of Alaska. This position collaborates with the Single State Authority (SSA)/Medicaid entity and agencies on the state and federal level to identify barriers, challenges, and opportunities for billing behavioral health services within primary care settings; and contribute toward the efforts to integrate primary care with behavioral health across the continuum of care in Alaska and work with stakeholders to identify training needs for the workforce for integrating primary care and behavioral. The position collaborates with statewide partners and other stakeholders on data analysis to identify needs and develop strategies for implementation and evaluation, addressing system of care needs related to the integration of primary care and behavioral health.</p>		
<p>Analysis: Trust funding will provide the Department of Health, Division of Behavioral Health, with the necessary resources to secure the existing positions of Behavioral Health (BH) and Physical Health (PH) Care Integration. The role is critical in increasing access to care for Trust beneficiaries and providing system-wide changes and advocacy for state and federal improvements to the healthcare and behavioral healthcare systems of care. The BH and PH Care Integration work would foster collaboration between systems of care with diverse providers, identify gaps and challenges in the care continuum, and provide workforce development and training to increase cross-disciplinary competencies for services to Trust beneficiaries. DOH/DBH has pursued broader federal funding sources to support this work. Trust funding in FY26 and FY27 is intended to serve as a bridge to more sustainable funding in FY28.</p>		
Five Year Project Funding History - Behavioral & Physical Health Care Integration		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$75,000	Grant started 7/1/2025 - FY26 is the first year of Trust funding.

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Budget Line: Page 2, Line 16	Project Name: Crisis Call Center	Grantee Name: DOH/DBH
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$750.0 MHTAAR, \$750.0 GF/MH recommendation	Project Category: Direct Service	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 5, Suicide Prevention; Objective 5.1: Coordinate prevention efforts to ensure Alaskans have access to a comprehensive suicide prevention system; Objective 5.2: Support and improve the system to assist individuals in crisis.		
Description: The increment allocated through the Department of Health (DOH), Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) will support agencies exploring and/or initial implementation of crisis call centers to provide direct intervention and a warm, talk line and services and/or increasing referrals to treatment and recovery supports for Trust beneficiaries experiencing severe mental illness, substance use disorders, and/or at-risk youth. Funding can be used for staffing support while onboarding new programs, operations support, expanding services, workforce development, early intervention programs, and more.		
<p>Analysis: Crisis Contact Center funding will increase the accessibility of funding through the Department of Health, Division of Behavioral Health, to support Alaska’s statewide crisis contact center. The crisis contact center receives in-state crisis calls, text messages, and online chats. Beginning July 16, 2022, it also began receiving 9-8-8 calls from Alaskans. The crisis contact center provides support to Alaskans who need “someone to talk to,” are in emotional distress or a suicidal crisis, in need of crisis intervention, and connects people to additional services when needed. The crisis contact center is available free of charge to all Alaskans and operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. The contact center has focused its efforts on engaging youth, resulting in a 42% increase in utilization among 10-24-year-olds from March 2024 to March 2025. In FY24, staff responded to over 32,000 contacts, averaging approximately 89 contacts per day. A crisis contact center is one of three major components needed to develop a coordinated crisis continuum of care. They provide immediate support, triage calls, and connect people with additional services and support when needed. The cost of delivering contact center services has increased due to rising call volumes, additional programming, the implementation of 9-8-8, text messaging, and online chat functions, which require additional staff, training, supplies, and equipment. American Rescue Plan Act funds have supported the increases in costs and services, and they are set to expire in September 2025. Federal grants and GF/MH support the remaining costs. Alternative legislation is being considered for long-term sustainability. The project has transitioned to GF/MH recommendation and requires advocacy to ensure the long-term sustainability of statewide implementation. The Trust will work with DOH/DBH to identify alternative sustainable funding sources.</p>		
Five Year Project Funding History - Crisis Call Center		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$750,000	Grant started 7/1/2025 - FY26 is the first year of Trust funding.

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Budget Line: Page 2, Line 17	Project Name: Statewide Designation, Evaluation, Stabilization & Treatment Coordinator	Grantee Name: DFCS/Department Support Services
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$87.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Capacity Building	
<p>Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 5, Suicide Prevention; Objective 5.1: Coordinate prevention efforts to ensure Alaskans have access to a comprehensive suicide prevention system; Objective 5.2: Support and improve the system to assist individuals in crisis.</p>		
<p>Description: The grant supports the operations of the Statewide Designation, Evaluation, Stabilization, and Treatment (DES/DET) Coordinator, which is housed in the Commissioner’s office. The DES/DET Coordinator position streamlines the coordination and review process of all Title 47 ex parte orders for individual proceedings through the civil mental health and involuntary commitment process, currently performed by the Department of Law paralegals in each judicial district across the state. The DES/DET Coordinator serves as a single point of contact for the department and its statewide partners. Through this Statewide DES/DET Coordinator, the department intends to improve patient care and reduce administrative burdens on emergency departments, DOC, and DET facilities, including API, as well as the Department of Law. Through this coordinated, patient-centered approach, Trust beneficiaries will be better served.</p>		
<p>Analysis: The Department of Family and Community Services (DFCS), Commissioner’s Office (CO), Statewide Designation, Evaluation, Stabilization and Treatment (DES-DET) Coordinator provides support to DFCS to improve patient care and reduce administrative burdens of healthcare providers, the Department of Corrections (DOC), and DES-DET facilities. The coordinator continues to focus on gathering more detailed information about the causes of any delays in the evaluation and transfer of individuals on Title 47 (T47) holds, as well as evaluating how the Coordinator can collaborate with hospitals, transportation services, and local providers to utilize that information and develop processes that improve coordination.</p> <p>In FY23, DFCS was able to recruit additional staff to support the efforts of the DES-DET Coordinator, including a “backup” Health Program Manager and a Complex Care Coordinator. In FY 24, the DES-DET Coordinator tracked an estimated 1,548 individuals between systems of care, including API, DET facilities, and other providers, to coordinate and facilitate access to care. Throughout FY24, the coordinator collaborated with ImageSource to develop an online, secure tracking system for T47 respondents, moving the process away from Excel spreadsheets and onto a secure, automated data system that will enable better data tracking, analysis, and save time and effort. The new system was operational in FY25. The coordinator has also actively engaged additional regions to establish new Designated Evaluation Stabilization programs, with a specific focus on the Northern Region. Facility visits and training for hospitals occurred in Ketchikan, Sitka, Juneau, Bethel, Kotzebue, Anchorage, and Mat-Su. Training has been prioritized for correctional officers and law enforcement in Ketchikan, Bethel, Palmer, Eagle River, and Anchorage. The DES-DET Coordinator project is in its seventh year of Trust investment, and broader system changes may be realized with continued support.</p>		
<p>Five Year Project Funding History - Statewide Designation, Evaluation, Stabilization & Treatment Coordinator</p>		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$87,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$87,000	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$87,000	\$87,000
FY23	\$75,000	\$69,667
FY22	\$78,800	\$38,644

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Budget Line: Page 2, Line 18	Project Name: Zero Suicide Initiative	Grantee Name: DOH/DBH
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$62.5 MHTAAR	Project Category: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 5, Suicide Prevention; Objective 1: Coordinate prevention efforts to ensure Alaskans have access to a comprehensive suicide prevention system; Objective 2: Support and improve the system to assist individuals in crisis.		
Description: The grant supports the operations of the Zero Suicide Program Coordinator (ZSPC), reports to implement the Zero Suicide Framework statewide, and is instrumental in coordinating partnerships and collaborations to ensure implementation of the Zero Suicide Framework and best practices statewide. The ZSPC is responsible for community development, readiness, support, and technical assistance to existing programs and/or grantees, as well as working with communities seeking to improve their suicide continuum of care.		
Analysis: The Zero Suicide Initiative project provides financial support to the Department of Health, Division of Behavioral Health, to host a Zero Suicide Prevention Coordinator (ZSPC). The ZSPC partners with the Trust and stakeholders to apply the Zero Suicide best practices framework to statewide healthcare systems. In 2022, Alaska's suicide death rate was 27.6 per 100,000, ranking it as the second highest in the nation and nearly double the national rate of 14.1 per 100,000. The highest rates are found among Alaska Native and American Indian populations, as well as individuals ages 10-24. Addressing suicide deaths and attempts is complex and requires multifaceted strategies, particularly in a geographically and culturally diverse state like Alaska. The Zero Suicide framework helps providers standardize their assessment and treatment of individuals at risk of suicide. The Alaska Department of Health, Division of Behavioral Health, has partnered with the Trust to co-fund the position of Zero Suicide Program Coordinator. This position is vital as it aligns with best practices that support the Crisis Now model of stabilization at the community level. The Department of Behavioral Health funded the Zero Suicide Program Coordinator, who was hired and began work on February 1, 2024. The Coordinator has facilitated webinars, workshops, and community outreach, and has established a nine-month Community of Practice for stakeholders implementing the framework. The Zero Suicide Initiative project is now in its fourth year of Trust investment, and broader system changes are anticipated with continued support. The most recent Request for Proposals (RFP) closed in FY25, and one pilot site will implement the Zero Suicide framework in FY26. This project's final year of funding is FY27.		
Five Year Project Funding History - Zero Suicide Initiative		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$62,500	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$62,500	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$62,500	\$62,500
FY23	\$62,500	\$62,500
FY22	\$71,500	\$71,500

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Budget Line: Page 2, Line 19	Project Name: Complex Care Program	Grantee Name: DFCS/Department Support Services
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$400.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Capacity Building	
<p>Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 4, Substance Use Disorder Prevention; Objective 4.3: Improve treatment and recovery support services to reduce the impact of mental health and substance use disorders. Area of Focus 5, Suicide Prevention; Objective 5.1: Coordinate prevention efforts to ensure Alaskans have access to a comprehensive suicide prevention system; Objective 5.2: Support and improve the system to assist individuals in crisis.</p>		
<p>Description: The grant supports the operations of the Complex Care Programming, which is housed in the Department of Family and Community Services (DFCS). The work on complex care streamlines the coordination and review process for youth and adults with complex behavioral and medical conditions. These efforts support various workgroups on admissions, discharge planning, assessments, and treatment plan coordination and work towards identifying gaps and improving systems for individuals with complex needs. The department aims to enhance patient care and alleviate administrative burdens on healthcare systems. This will be a significant change in practice, and through this coordinated, patient-centered approach, Trust beneficiaries will be better served.</p>		
<p>Analysis: Trust funding supports the DFCS complex care work in coordination with the Complex Care Unit, with the goal of better serving Trust beneficiaries in higher levels of institutional care. This ultimately enables beneficiaries to transition to lower levels of community-based care in the least restrictive settings, within their chosen communities. The focus is on enhancing coordination, collaboration, and support for individuals with complex needs within the DFCS system.</p> <p>Past and current funding supports weekly Case Response Team (CRT) meetings, monthly Complex Care Committee (CCC) meetings, the development of a pilot program for transitioning children from institutions to community-based settings, policy review and proposal development, and consultation and coordination assistance. The CRT has analyzed the systems within Alaska that serve individuals with complex needs and identified the current systematic gaps. This has been achieved by creating a data-tracking system for complex cases. Additionally, the CRT is part of a larger workgroup between the DFCS and the Department of Health (DOH). This allows both departments to work cohesively to improve systems, support the facilitation of more resources for beneficiaries, and enhance communication between divisions and the two departments.</p> <p>In FY24, a DFCS Needs Assessment identified critical gaps in the continuum and laid the groundwork for targeted interventions. In April 2024, a project was launched to enhance the Complex Care Unit's (CCU) capacity to effectively monitor and address complex cases using a robust data tracking system. The CCU aims to utilize Artificial Intelligence (AI) for early intervention and service coordination by monitoring and screening high utilizers. Collaboration remained central, with biweekly meetings facilitating coordination between divisions and enabling better support for cross-divisional cases. Increased funding for this work is recommended through FY27. This project has a history of providing positive outcomes. Staff will continue to monitor it and support this work in the future.</p>		
Five Year Project Funding History - Complex Care Program		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY25	\$156,600	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$150,000	\$150,000

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Budget Line: Page 2, Line 20	Project Name: Adult Protective Services	Grantee Name: DOH - SDS
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$75.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Direct Service	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 6: Protecting vulnerable Alaskans; Objective 6.4: Increase timely access to protective services statewide.		
Description: The grant supports the operations of Adult Protective Services to maintain investigation capacity. The APS position will assist with institutional discharge planning from hospitals and the Department of Corrections, including petitions for guardianship and/or conservatorship.		
<p>Analysis: The Adult Protective Services (APS) position is funded with Medicaid administrative claiming and Alaska Mental Health Trust funds. This position pilots an APS position dedicated to working with people discharged from hospitals and institutions who are identified as needing the decision-making support of a conservator or guardian. This position is expected to serve beneficiaries directly and have a direct impact on the system of care.</p> <p>In FY23, 183 beneficiaries were assisted, and 100 people were trained. Despite hospitals, the Alaska Psychiatric Institute, and the Department of Corrections serving people who cannot keep themselves safe, these institutions tend to underreport abuse, neglect, self-neglect, and exploitation to APS. The mandated reporter education training is expected to continue as an important method of outreach to the organizations and improve services to vulnerable Alaskans.</p> <p>APS continued to investigate reports of harm filed through Central Intake that met APS criteria from DOC/hospital/API admissions or discharge and other DES/DET facilities, petition for guardianship/conservator as needed for vulnerable clients who cannot make decisions for themselves, and request records from medical facilities, DOC, and API to file court actions.</p>		
Five Year Project Funding History - Adult Protective Services		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$75,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$75,000	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$75,000	\$8,534
FY23	\$75,000	\$9,202
FY22	\$75,000	\$27,077

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Mental Health & Addiction Intervention Focus Area MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 2, Line 21	Project Name: Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies	Grantee Name: UAA - CHD
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$135.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 9: Workforce; Objective 9.2: Advance the competencies of the healthcare, behavioral health, and public health workforce		
Description: This project proposes to re-establish and revitalize the Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies (CAAS) at the University of Alaska Anchorage to address Alaska’s substance use crisis. CAAS intends to serve as a clearinghouse for evidence-based substance use interventions, develop a much-needed public health workforce in Alaska, and conduct interprofessional research related to Trust beneficiaries.		
Analysis: This proposal aims to reestablish the Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies (CAAS) at the University of Alaska Anchorage. The intention is to revitalize CAAS to effectively address Alaska’s significant substance use crisis, which includes alcohol-attributed death rates that are more than twice the national average and a 44.5% increase in opioid-related overdose deaths from 2022 to 2023.		
The proposal aims to support the re-envisioning, revitalization, and re-establishment of CAAS to meet the unique substance use education, workforce, Alaska-relevant research, evaluation, and technical assistance needs of Alaska’s Trust beneficiaries. The re-established center would function as a clearinghouse, producing evidence-based substance use summaries, such as systematic reviews and scoping reviews, focusing on prevention, early intervention, treatment, and recovery support relevant to the needs of Trust beneficiaries, Alaska providers, and policymakers.		
Additionally, CAAS would explore community-driven and university-supported academic pathways to increase Alaska’s trained substance use workforce serving Trust beneficiaries across various academic disciplines, programs, colleges, and institutions. This initiative will address Alaska’s emerging substance use technical assistance, research, and evaluation needs, ultimately enhancing the support provided to Trust beneficiaries. This is expected to be a 2-3 year funding commitment, starting in FY27.		

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Disability Justice Focus Area MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 2, Line 23	Project Name: Alaska Justice Information Center	Grantee Name: UAA/Anchorage Campus
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$293.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Data/Planning	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 10 Data, Objective 10.2 encourage a culture of data-driven decision making that includes data sharing, data analysis, and management to link support services across DOH and DFCS divisions and other departments		
Description: Alaska Justice Information Center (AJiC) is Alaska’s resource for compiling, analyzing, and reporting criminal justice data to policymakers and practitioners to improve public safety and health, increase criminal justice system accountability, and reduce recidivism. This project is a partnership between the Trust, the University of Alaska, and the Anchorage College of Health Justice Center. In addition to the current project deliverables related to beneficiary data, funds for a one-time request increase of \$68,000 will be used to provide empirical data on pathways within crisis response model operations in Anchorage, Alaska. This project directly addresses this lack of information by examining case pathways within our system, which is important to understand how diversion is or is not happening in the community and to mitigate unintended disparities by case type.		
Analysis: AJiC’s assessment of current and future disability justice strategies gives the Trust and the State of Alaska a greater understanding of the criminal justice system and its impacts on Trust beneficiaries. It allows for data-driven adjustments to strategies over time. One of the project's biggest achievements during FY24 was establishing AJiC's first Summer Research Collaborative in the summer of 2023. AJiC also produced several Fact Sheets in FY24 and routinely updated AJiC interactive data dashboards. A sampling of projects reported in the mid-year report includes an implementation analysis of Anchorage’s Veterans Court, assisting the Alaska Federation of Natives in a legislatively requested racial/ethnic disparities study in the Alaska Department of Corrections Facilities, and assisting the Department of Corrections with required federal data collection. For the crisis response model operations project, data will provide vital information that can help refine case movement between dispatch, MCT, and Co-response, which will in turn improve the overall implementation of Anchorage’s crisis response system in ways that leverage the unique strengths of both MCT and Co-response. This project will also provide much-needed implementation data for other communities looking to implement multiple crisis response programs. This project has a demonstrated history of providing positive outcomes. Though efforts to secure alternative funding are ongoing, the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority is currently the primary funding source for this established project.		
Five Year Project Funding History - Alaska Justice Information Center		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$225,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$225,000	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$225,000	\$225,000
FY23	\$225,000	\$225,000
FY22	\$225,000	\$223,171

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Budget Line: Page 2, Line 24	Project Name: Public Guardian Position	Grantee Name: DOA/OPA/Public Guardian
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$138.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 6, Protecting Vulnerable Alaskans, Objective 6.4 Increase timely access to Protective Services statewide.		
Description: Funds support a public guardian position in the Office of Public Advocacy (OPA) within the Department of Administration (DOA). The position supports OPA's strategic plan to reduce current public guardian caseloads from approximately 100 cases to 40 cases per public guardian. Public guardians serve adult Trust beneficiaries found incapacitated by the Superior court.		
Analysis: The position is in Anchorage and serves western and northwestern Alaska regions, including Bethel, Dillingham, and Utqiagvik. During FY24, the position served 85 Trust beneficiaries. The caseload was reduced from 103 to 85 because clients had to be transferred to non-rural locations due to the lack of appropriate services. Due to a change in how the court system monitors guardianship cases, there has been more scrutiny on the court system's oversight for guardianship. Bethel was one of the first regions where a compliance audit resulted in 3-year reviews, resulting in many new appointments for the public guardian as family guardians struggled to fulfill their statutory obligations. The influx of cases has resulted in a 2 nd full-time guardian being assigned to cover the rural docket. This project was previously funded for 91.5 in FY 25, but DOA/OPA asked to adjust to 138.0 in FY 26 the cost of rural travel consistently exceeds allocated funding. In discussions with OPA, the plan for funding the position is 50% MHTAAR and 50% GF/MH in FY 28, and in FY 29, the position will receive 0 MHTAAR Funds.		
Five Year Project Funding History - Public Guardian Position		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$91,500	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$91,500	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$91,500	\$91,500
FY23	\$91,500	\$91,500
FY22	\$91,500	\$91,500

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Disability Justice Focus Area MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 2, Line 25	Project Name: Public Guardian - OCS Transition	Grantee Name: DOA/OPA/Public Guardian
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$91.5 MHTAAR	Project Category: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 6, Protecting Vulnerable Alaskans, Objective 6.4 Increase timely access to Protective Services statewide.		
Description: Trust funds are supporting a public guardian position in Anchorage, serving beneficiaries statewide. The position will work directly with Trust beneficiaries who have aged out of the child welfare system and require a public guardian.		
Analysis: Despite receiving funding for this position on July 1, 2023, the position was not created until after January 1, 2024, due to administrative understaffing at OPA. In January 2024, an individual with a background in juvenile behavioral strategy was hired into this position and is in the process of becoming nationally certified. The guardian has been working with different departments and groups to assess better potential wards that may be eligible for guardianships without a lapse in benefits. During FY24, the position served 19 Trust beneficiaries with plans to serve more in FY 26. This project was previously funded for \$138.0 in FY 25, but DOA/OPA asked to adjust to \$91.5 in FY 26 as this funding would be more appropriate to the position's duties. It is anticipated in FY 29 that MHTAAR funding will end.		
Five Year Project Funding History - Public Guardian Position - OCS Transition		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$91,500	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$138,000	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$135,500	\$44,210

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Disability Justice Focus Area MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 2, Line 26	Project Name: Crisis Intervention Team/Behavioral Health Training and Programs for First Responders - AK State Troopers	Grantee Name: DPS - AK State Troopers
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$60.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Workforce Development/Training	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 9 Workforce Objective 9.2 Advance the competencies of the healthcare, behavioral health, and public health workforce		
<p>Description: Funding supports Crisis Intervention Team Training, behavioral health training, and wellness programs for Alaska State Troopers within the Department of Public Safety (DPS). A Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program is an innovative, community-based approach to improving the outcomes of these encounters with law enforcement. CIT reduces arrests of people with mental illness while simultaneously increasing the likelihood that individuals will receive mental health services. CIT training is important to support the crisis continuum of care. There is a \$10,000 increase this year for new staff to attend conferences out of state.</p>		
<p>Analysis: For FY 24, a total of 24 law enforcement staff graduated from CIT training academy. Coordinating training events with limited staffing of all law enforcement agencies continues to be an issue. According to the mid-year report for FY25, a CIT Academy occurred in 10/2024 with 28 students attending from 16 different agencies, and a second CIT Academy was held in April with 30 students. Three DPS employees attended the CIT International Conference. The Trust will continue to assess the impact of its investment in this project and work with DPS to identify alternative sustainable funding sources beyond FY27.</p>		
<p>Five Year Project Funding History - Crisis Intervention Team/Behavioral Health Training & Programs for First Responders- Alaska State Troopers</p>		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$50,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$50,000	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$80,000	\$60,732
FY23	\$80,000	\$75,271
FY22	\$80,000	\$73,613

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Budget Line: Page 2, Line 27	Project Name: Crisis Intervention Team/Behavioral Health Training and Programs for First Responders - AK Police Standards Council	Grantee Name: DPS- AK Police Standards Council
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$80.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Workforce Development/Training	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 9 Workforce Objective 9.2 Advance the competencies of the healthcare, behavioral health, and public health workforce		
Description: Funding supports Crisis Intervention Team Training, behavioral health training, and wellness programs for the Alaska Police Standards Council within the Department of Public Safety (DPS). A Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program is an innovative, community-based approach to improving the outcomes of these encounters with law enforcement. CIT reduces arrests of people with mental illness while simultaneously increasing the likelihood that individuals will receive mental health services. CIT training is important to support the crisis continuum of care.		
Analysis: For FY 24, 1 law enforcement staff member completed a CIT Academy, four correctional officers attended the CIT International Conference, and one Bethel officer attended a CIT Train the Trainer. Additionally, funds supported the Cordico Shield wellness application and the Stronger Families online course, with 913 officers trained. According to the FY 25 MHTAAR mid-year report, funds went to one staff to attend the CIT International Conference, and three students attended the CIT Train the Trainer. High agency attrition and vacancy rates result in limited access to opportunities for advanced and specialized courses. Annually, there continues to be limited access to the regional hosting of CIT Academies. The Trust will continue to assess the impact of its investment in this project and work with DPS to identify alternative sustainable funding sources beyond FY27.		
Five Year Project Funding History - Crisis Intervention Team/Behavioral Health Training & Programs for First Responders - Alaska Police Standards Council		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$80,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$80,000	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$80,000	\$60,382
FY23	\$80,000	\$80,000
FY22	\$80,000	\$30,442.82

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Disability Justice Focus Area MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 2, Line 28	Project Name: Centralized Competency Calendar Project	Grantee Name: ACS/Therapeutic Courts
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$158.3 MHTAAR	Project Category: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 7 Services in the Least Restrictive Environment, Objective.3 Reduce the number of trust beneficiaries entering or becoming involved with Alaska's criminal justice or juvenile justice system		
Description: This project funds two positions to assist with managing, collecting data for, and tracking the cases on the Centralized Competency Calendar. These positions are critical to preparing for cases to be moved through proceedings, determining trends, identifying reasons for delays in evaluation and restoration orders, and recommending solutions. This project reflects the merging of two projects from FY 25, the centralized competency calendar paralegal for 78.3 and the centralized competency calendar paralegal statewide for 80.0. The merging of the projects streamlines the funding and reporting requirements.		
Analysis: There were 215 new competency evaluation orders issued in Anchorage in FY24 that were handled through the Centralized Competency Calendar; a few of these involved the same defendant. The average time between the court's order for a competency evaluation and when an evaluation report was received back from API was 3.9 weeks, which is slightly longer than in FY23. Once a competency evaluation was received from API, a hearing was held on average within 7.5 days. During the first six months of FY25, just over 275 orders for competency evaluations were issued statewide; about half of these are Anchorage cases and handled through the centralized calendar.		
The Fairbanks Centralized Competency Calendar began hearing competency matters in March 2024. There were 24 new competency evaluation orders issued in FY24 that were handled through the Fairbanks Centralized Competency Calendar. Because of the small sample size, this report does not include an average time between the court's order for a competency evaluation and when an evaluation report was received back from API, nor an average time between when the court received the evaluation and when the hearing was held. This data will be included in the FY25 report when more cases can be analyzed. The MHTAAR mid-year report, in late FY24 and continuing into FY25, competency cases from other courts in the Fourth Judicial District, and cases from the Second Judicial District began to be added to the Fairbanks centralized calendar. To date, the Fairbanks calendar has handled approximately 50 competency matters. The Fairbanks centralized calendar is also willing to take on Bethel matters if stakeholders in that area wish to take advantage. As part of this project, which has recently started (the expansion component), it is expected that funding will be needed to continue through FY 28 years to support this project. The Trust will continue to assess the impact of its investment in this project and work with ACS to identify alternative sustainable funding sources.		
Five Year Project Funding History - Centralized Competency Calendar Project		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$158,300	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$78,300	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$78,300	\$78,300
FY23	\$78,300	\$78,300
FY22	\$78,300	\$78,300

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Budget Line: Page 2, Line 29	Project Name: Holistic Defense	Grantee Name: DOA/PDA
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$63.2 MHTAAR	Project Category: Direct Service	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 6, Protecting Vulnerable Alaskans, Objective 5 Ensure vulnerable Alaskans understand their rights and responsibilities		
<p>Description: Funds support legal services from the Public Defender Agency (PDA) within the Department of Administration (DOA) using holistic defense. Holistic defense is a client-centered and interdisciplinary model of public defense that addresses the circumstances driving poor people into the criminal justice system and the consequences of that involvement by offering comprehensive legal representation, social work support, and advocacy for the client. The holistic defense project aims to serve Alaskans affected by the criminal legal system by helping them address their civil legal issues. The target population consists of Trust beneficiaries who are not participating in therapeutic court or other diversion projects.</p>		
<p>Analysis: 81 unduplicated beneficiaries were served during FY24. Services provided included referrals to Alaska Legal Services for civil representation in landlord/tenant proceedings, public assistance denials, debt negotiation, and more. Staff also referred clients to substance use disorder treatment, housing assistance, transitional/sober living housing, mental health services, and specialty court programs. From the MHTAAR mid-year report, 101 beneficiaries have been served so far. Staffing was the biggest challenge for the project in FY25; however, as of March 2025, all three Holistic Defense paralegal positions are staffed and are in the process of training. Based on conversations with PDA, this project's final year of funding is FY 27.</p>		
Five Year Project Funding History - Holistic Defense		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$126,400	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$126,400	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$126,400	\$126,400
FY22	\$90,100	\$90,100

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Budget Line: Page 2, Line 30	Project Name: Holistic Defense Social Worker	Grantee Name: DOA/DPA
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$119.2 MHTAAR	Project Category: Direct Service	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 6, Protecting Vulnerable Alaskans, Objective 5, Ensure vulnerable Alaskans understand their rights and responsibilities		
Description: The funds will start in FY 27 and will support a new social worker position to work directly with Trust beneficiaries in child welfare cases and those facing involuntary commitment or forced medication. The position will be located in Anchorage.		
Analysis: Public Defender Agency clients often face non-legal barriers that interfere with successful outcomes in legal matters and successful integration in communities during and after the legal process. Clients in criminal and child welfare matters need legal advocacy, but they also need affordable housing, mental health and substance abuse treatment, and assistance applying for disability, Veterans, Social Security, and other benefits. Expanding the holistic defense model to include providing the assistance of a licensed social worker for Anchorage clients in child welfare cases and those facing involuntary commitment or forced medication will improve outcomes for families and provide an additional avenue for these trust beneficiaries to receive the support and services they need. A conservative estimate would be approximately 50 Trust beneficiaries served by this position, but the Agency anticipates that in addition to serving clients directly, this funded position would also provide valuable guidance and direction to other Agency attorneys, paralegals, and AmeriCorps social service navigators to reach and aid even more Trust beneficiaries. This funding will start in FY27, and it is expected that funding will need to continue for approximately five years to support this project to launch and operate successfully.		

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Budget Line: Page 2, Line 31	Project Name: Occupational Therapist in DJJ Youth Facilities	Grantee Name: DFCS/DJJ/Bethel & Fairbanks Youth Facility
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$100.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Direct Service	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 8 Services in Institutional Settings, Objective 3 Enhance and expand access to clinical and case management resources for Alaskans who are incarcerated or detained		
Description: This funding will be used to contract Occupational Therapy (OT) services for individual youth in the Bethel and Fairbanks Youth Facility's neurobehavioral treatment units. Bethel's youth facility has 23 beds, and Fairbanks has 28 beds. The Division of Juvenile Justice, DJJ, will also utilize contract services to conduct OT environmental assessments of the Fairbanks and Bethel facilities detention units and implement recommendations to improve overall practices.		
Analysis: As part of the DJJ mission, staff provide clinical interventions to assist youth in developing skills to prevent involvement in the criminal justice system. Many of these youth are Trust beneficiaries, and DJJ has seen an increase in the complexity of the needs of the youth they serve and has created two neurobehavioral treatment units. Youth participating in OT therapy and interventions are anticipated to demonstrate improvement in specific functional skills identified in their occupational therapy evaluations. As of June 2025, DJJ has been unable to fill the contracted position despite efforts to promote the opportunity through social media and attending the Occupational Therapist Board meeting. As DJJ has not started this project yet, it is expected that funding will be needed to continue for about 3-4 years to support the project in launching and operating successfully. If DJJ cannot fill the position by the end of FY 27, the recommendation is to restrict the funds and discontinue the project for FY 28.		
Five Year Project Funding History - Occupational Therapist in DJJ Youth Facilities		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$100,000	Grant started 7/1/2025

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Budget Line: Page 2, Line 32	Project Name: Trauma Treatment for Incarcerated Women	Grantee Name: DOC/HARS
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$150.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Direct Service	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 8 Services in Institutional Settings, Objective 3 Enhance and expand access to clinical and case management resources for Alaskans who are incarcerated or detained		
Description: Funding supports the Department of Corrections (DOC) development of a pilot project focusing on addressing the impact of trauma for incarcerated women, many of whom are Trust beneficiaries. This contract will provide trauma services for women at Hiland Mountain Correctional Center (HMCC) and Yukon-Kuskokwim Correctional Center (YKCC). The services will consist of in-person groups, individual services at HMCC, and telehealth services at YKCC. This pilot program will provide individuals with healthier coping skills, ultimately reducing the likelihood of engaging in unhealthy behaviors to cope with the impact of exposure to trauma.		
Analysis: This position was not filled in FY24 and after much consideration and the department's inability to fill current PCNs, a decision was made to solicit a request for a proposal for this work. DOC awarded the contract to a provider in the summer of 2024. Based on the MHTAAR mid-year report. There are two trauma treatment groups with a waitlist for a third group, with a total of 18 participants. To date, the challenges with this project continue to be recruiting and retaining members in the program. While there are many women interested in the program, often there are barriers, such as unpredictable releases, scheduling conflicts, and the length of time in custody. As this project has recently started, it is expected that funding will need to continue through FY28. The Trust will continue to assess the impact of its investment in this project and work with DOC to identify alternative sustainable funding sources.		
Five Year Project Funding History - Trauma Treatment for Incarcerated Women		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$150,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$150,000	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$150,000	\$0

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Disability Justice Focus Area MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 2, Line 33	Project Name: Addressing Comorbid Health and Addiction Issues Prominent Within Severe and Persistent Mentally Ill Populations	Grantee Name: DOC/HARS
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$151.7 MHTAAR	Project Category: Direct Service	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 8 Services in Institutional Settings, Objective 3 Enhance and expand access to clinical and case management resources for Alaskans who are incarcerated or detained		
Description: Funds support a full-time nursing position at the subacute mental health unit at Goose Creek Correctional Center in Wasilla, Alaska. The department has recognized the value of having nursing staff dedicated to the subacute unit to administer medication, review, and screen medical requests, and monitor/direct healthy hygiene habits for Trust beneficiaries.		
Analysis: The position was created for recruitment in November 2023, and a nurse was hired in spring 2024. The position has improved workflows and allowed other nursing staff time to focus on the needs of other facility areas. The success of this position has resulted in the department increasing the time allotted for the nursing coverage on the sub-acute mental health unit to 10 hours a day, seven days a week. This position has helped reduce negative symptoms related to mental illness and has increased access to essential services. In FY 24, 372 unduplicated beneficiaries benefited from this project. Between July 1st 2024 through December 31st 2024 there were a total of 163 unduplicated Trust beneficiaries served by this position. As this project has recently started, it is expected that funding will be needed to continue through FY28 to support the project's successful launch and operation. The Trust will continue to assess the impact of its investment in this project and work with DOC to identify alternative sustainable funding sources.		
Five Year Project Funding History - Addressing Comorbid Health & Addiction Issues Prominent Within Severe and Persistent Mentally Ill Populations		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$151,700	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$151,700	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$150,000	\$150,000

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Disability Justice Focus Area MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 2, Line 34	Project Name: APIC Discharge Planning Model in DOC	Grantee Name: DOC/HARS
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$200.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Direct Service	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 8 Services in Institutional Settings, Objective 4 ensure Alaskans who are transitioning out of institutional settings have essential supports		
Description: This project supports the implementation of a model that assures continuity of care for Trust beneficiaries transitioning from the correctional system back into the community while maintaining public safety and increasing the ability of the criminal justice system to accommodate, support, protect, and provide treatment for offenders who are Trust beneficiaries. The Department of Corrections used the evidence-based reentry model, APIC (Assess, Plan, Identify, Coordinate), for the release of Trust beneficiaries and the community re-entry planning system from correctional institutions. Trust funds support APIC participants reentering the community, addressing mental health and housing needs.		
Analysis: In FY24, 517 unduplicated Trust beneficiaries participated in APIC. About 90% of individuals received a mental health appointment within 10-20 days of release. The participation of all those who received a referral to a mental health agency or service provider in FY24 ranged from 0 (not showing) to 8 months, which is reportedly consistent with previous years. In FY 24, APIC spent 52.7% of the funds to cover housing for APIC-eligible beneficiaries. In FY24, out of 594 APIC participants who were released, 215, or 36.1%, were rearrested either for a technical violation or an arrest for a new crime. These participants were either already high risk upon release or not fully engaged with their plan, treatment, medications, or obtaining benefits.		
DOC reported the same challenges from last year including an increased number of highly acute individuals who are more challenging to integrate into the community, unexpected releases (bail, change of plea/time served, charges dismissed after being found legally incompetent or released onto pretrial diversion), and delays obtaining Medicaid due to long delays in processing SSI claims and public assistance benefits at the Department of Public Assistance (DPA), A new challenge identified recruiting and hiring qualified staff. Despite challenges, DOC reported seeing an increase in the participants' quality of life, especially participants who do not have a co-occurring disorder, have an invested family member, and have support from other providers. Starting in FY 27, this project will phase out with the MHTAAR amount decreasing to \$200.0. In FY 28, it will decrease to \$100.0, and in FY 29, it will receive 0 MHTAAR.		
Five Year Project Funding History - APIC Discharge Planning Model in DOC		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$290,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$290,000	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$290,000	\$288,430
FY23	\$290,000	\$282,796
FY22	\$290,000	\$281,638

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Disability Justice Focus Area MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 2, Line 35	Project Name: DOC Discharge Incentive Grants	Grantee Name: DOR/AHFC
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$200.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Direct Service	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 3 Economic and Social Well-being, Objective 1 Alaskans have stable, safe housing with appropriate, community-based social supports to maintain tenancy.		
Description: The Discharge Incentive Grant's (DIG) primary function is to provide funds for justice-involved Trust beneficiaries to assist with monthly rent and various housing options for a vulnerable, marginalized, and mentally acute DOC population with few community resources. DIG participants must follow treatment recommendations to remain eligible, adhere to house rules, and maintain sobriety. This program is administered through the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC).		
Analysis: In FY24, there were 96 beneficiaries served for a total of 236 rent instances. There were 39 recipients of the DIG of the 96 (40.6%) who returned to jail during FY24 or within a month after receiving the DIG. The cost per beneficiary for FY24 averaged \$1,813.22. For FY25 25 Quarter 1 and 2, DIG served 39 trust beneficiaries with 77 rent occurrences. A substantial challenge is that dig is intended to be used one to three months post-release, but delays of 6 to 12 months and processing applications for benefits are common. This leads to greater demands placed on DIG funds (9 out of the 39 beneficiaries received DIG funding for more than three months after release). Of the 39 participants, 12 returned to DOC custody while DIG funded rent. The average cost for each of the 39 participants was \$2189.00. This project will phase out in FY 28.		
Five Year Project Funding History - DOC Discharge Incentive Grants		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$200,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$200,000	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$100,000	\$100,000
FY23	\$100,000	\$96,646
FY22	\$100,000	\$100,000

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Disability Justice Focus Area MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 2, Line 36	Project Name: Criminal Justice Mental Health First Aid Train the Trainers	Grantee Name: UAA-Alaska Training Center
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$50.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Workforce Development/Training	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 9 Workforce Objective 9.2 Advance the competencies of the healthcare, behavioral health, and public health workforce		
<p>Description: This project through UAA Alaska Training Center is to conduct a criminal justice-specific train-the-trainers for Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) with the outcome of having up to 16 new criminal justice professional trainers in Alaska. MHFA is an evidence-based, early-intervention course that teaches participants about mental health and substance use challenges. MHFA equips criminal justice staff with skills to recognize, de-escalate, and connect people in crisis to appropriate care. Both the Department of Corrections and the Department of Public Safety have requested a train-the-trainer for MHFA, as many of their previous trainers have left their respective agencies. MHFA training is important to support the crisis continuum of care.</p>		
<p>Analysis: The Alaska Training Cooperative began building a pool of MHFA for Public Safety and Fire/EMS Instructors in 2019 to ensure long-term access to critical mental health training for emergency responders. Since then, many criminal justice staff have retired, taken on different roles, or otherwise naturally transitioned out of instructor roles, leaving very few to continue the efforts. Without additional opportunities to train new instructors, the sustainability of this training within departments is unlikely. A new investment directly supports the state’s efforts to implement the crisis behavioral health reform and address pressing issues like suicide, overdose, homelessness, and lack of behavioral health services in rural communities. Training more MHF instructors in the criminal justice field increases local capacity to deliver training regularly even in remote areas, reduces the dependence on costly external trainers, and ensures culturally relevant instruction. Trust beneficiaries will indirectly benefit from more MHFA trainers in that more criminal justice staff will be able to recognize, de-escalate, and connect people in crisis to appropriate care. It is anticipated that a similar request will be made in FY 28.</p>		

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Disability Justice Focus Area MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 2, Line 37	Project Name: Behavioral Health Administrator Position	Grantee Name: ACS/Trial Courts Division
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$102.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Data/Planning	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 7 Services in the Least Restrictive Environment, Objective.3 Reduce the number of trust beneficiaries entering or becoming involved with Alaska's criminal justice or juvenile justice system		
<p>Description: The Statewide Behavioral Health Administrator will oversee and advise behavioral health-related programs and initiatives at the intersection of the judicial system and behavioral health systems. This position is responsible for analyzing, developing, and implementing actions to better respond to the needs of individuals with behavioral health issues who are involved in the justice system. To support these efforts, the behavioral health administrator will develop relationships and partnerships within the courts, with justice partners, and with community stakeholders. The behavioral health administrator will expand and improve the judicial system's response to behavioral health challenges in various areas, including criminal law, civil commitments, child in need of aid cases, domestic relations matters, and delinquency.</p> <hr/> <p>Analysis: Pretrial and unsentenced Trust beneficiaries who have not been diverted at earlier sequential intercepts need their mental health and substance use disorders addressed. This project strengthens the skills, competencies, and abilities of court staff and the court system to increase awareness and appropriate interventions for justice-involved Trust beneficiaries. Interventions will focus on diverting as many Trust beneficiaries from the criminal justice system as possible, increasing court proceedings that are trauma and behavioral health-informed, and developing and maintaining partnerships with community-based providers who provide mental health and substance use treatment. Funds are anticipated for approximately 5 years to onboard the new position that supports systemic change.</p>		

**FY27 Budget Line Detail: Beneficiary Employment and Engagement Focus Area
MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations**

Budget Line: Page 2, Line 39	Project Name: Beneficiary Employment Conference	Grantee Name: DOL/DVR
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$100.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Conference/Sponsorship	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 3, Economic and Social Well-being, Objective 3.3, Expand resources that promote successful, long-term employment for Trust beneficiaries.		
Description: The grant funds the oversight, planning, implementation, and registration for the statewide beneficiary employment conference. The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation collaborates with the Governor’s Council on Disabilities, the Trust, the Departments of Health and Education, and community members on planning and executing this one–to two-day conference. The conference will focus on public awareness and training opportunities for beneficiaries of employment-related issues. This funding is a one-time increment in FY 27.		
Analysis: The conference was held on November 6, 2024, and 125 participants attended the whole day. This conference increases capacity and the opportunities for beneficiaries to receive employment coaching, job shadowing, competitive employment options, and increased ability to receive treatment and care while still maintaining a job. Skill development and education will be wrapped up in the presentations with a focus on engaging as many partners as possible across the state.		

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Beneficiary Employment and Engagement Focus Area MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 2, Line 40	Project Name: Beneficiary Employment Technical Assistance and Planning	Grantee Name: UAA/CHD
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$75.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 3, Economic and Social Well-being, Objective 3.3, Expand resources that promote successful, long-term employment for Trust beneficiaries.		
Description: This grant aims to improve outcomes and promote recovery for beneficiaries through integrated and competitive employment opportunities. UAA’s Center for Human Development will provide technical assistance, information dissemination, and project management to increase employment opportunities for Trust beneficiaries.		
<p>Analysis: This project and its outcomes are important for Trust beneficiaries because employment and planning are critical for equipping people to remain in the community and have the chance to improve their lives. Alaskans with disabilities have needed an online resource for years that would provide them the resources and tools that help answer questions about public benefits such as Social Security disability benefits, Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and work. CHD developed and implemented the Disabilities (DB) 101 website, which provided these tools to trust beneficiaries and their support people across the state.</p> <p>Over 8,500 people used this website in its first year of operation. CHD also used these funds to build a page that assists youth and their parents with questions about obtaining employment. The page includes the School and Work Estimator, which is a good place to start for someone with limited work experience. This website was also used to house the Alaska Accessible Employment housing employment resources, which has articles on employment, such as “Getting Past the Myths” and “Job Supports and Accommodations,” to name a couple.</p>		
Five Year Project Funding History - Beneficiary Employment Technical Assistance and Planning		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$75,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$120,000	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$200,000	\$94,391

**FY27 Budget Line Detail: Beneficiary Employment and Engagement Focus Area
MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations**

Budget Line: Page 2, line 41	Project Name: MicroEnterprise	Grantee Name: UAA/CHD
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$225.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Direct Service	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 3 Economic and Social Well-being, Objective 3.3, Expand resources that promote successful, long-term employment for Trust beneficiaries.		
Description: Individuals with disabilities are seldom allowed to own their own businesses. These microenterprise funds are primarily used for Trust beneficiaries to start their own small businesses and receive ongoing business/self-employment coaching with the aim to sustain and grow their businesses.		
<p>Analysis: This project supports all Trust beneficiaries with a focus on individuals with disabilities through direct microenterprise grants to receive training and support to own their own businesses. A portion of the project funds are designated to support past microenterprise beneficiaries to maintain their business, self-employment, and wellness successfully. These additional supports include mental health or substance use counseling, rehabilitation services, unforeseen business expenses critical to sustaining a viable business, and continuing education (conferences or trainings related to business needs). There were 19 applications received in FY25. 8 beneficiaries were awarded \$38,086.95 in the fall submission period of 2024, and the 10 applicants in the spring of 2025 are being reviewed as of this report being submitted. 40 beneficiaries received business coaching and application assistance in FY25. 100% of the applicants were satisfied with the services provided through this program. Though efforts to secure alternative funding are ongoing, the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority is currently the primary funding source for this established project. The Trust will continue to assess the impact of its investment in this project, which will inform future funding recommendations. Continued funding of this project is recommended through FY27.</p>		
Five Year Project Funding History - MicroEnterprise		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$200,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$175,000	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$175,000	\$175,000
FY23	\$175,000	\$148,360
FY22	\$175,000	\$134,236

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Housing and Home & Community Based Services Focus Area MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 3, Line 43	Project Name: Rural Housing Coordinator - Ketchikan	Grantee(s): DOR/AHFC
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$135.0 MHTAAR	Grant Type: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 3, Economic and Social Well-being, Objective 1: Alaskans have stable, safe housing with appropriate community-based social supports to maintain tenancy.		
Description: This project creates a Rural Housing Coordinator position in Ketchikan and can use some funding for small projects. The position will develop or maintain a homeless and housing coalition/workgroup to identify barriers to accessing safe and stable housing in the region and identify resources to address those concerns, particularly for AMHTA beneficiaries at higher risk of literal homelessness.		
Analysis: The Rural Housing Coordinator position is intended to positively impact a local community through a local government or housing authority position that convenes and coordinates local resources to improve the housing and homeless services continuum of care for a rural area. This position has both a system and direct level impact on Trust beneficiaries. This is an extension of work planned in prior fiscal years but experienced a delayed start. This project is expected to last three to five years. At the completion of the project, the local government will decide if continued investment through local funding is needed.		
Five Year Project Funding History - Rural Housing Coordinator - Ketchikan		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$135,000	Grant started 7/1/2025

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Housing and Home & Community Based Services Focus Area MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 3, Line 44	Project Name: Special Needs Housing Grant	Grantee Name: DOR/AHFC
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$200.0 MHTAAR, \$1,750.0 GF/MH recommendation	Project Category: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 3, Economic and Social Well-being, Objective 1: Alaskans have stable, safe housing with appropriate community-based social supports to maintain tenancy.		
Description: The Special Needs Housing Grant (SNHG) provides operating and residential support service funds for permanent housing programs that provide safe and stable housing to Trust beneficiaries. Grantees apply competitively for initial three-year funding and can receive additional funding as part of a non-competitive renewal process subject to funding levels and subsidy needed.		
Analysis: SNHG grants provide primarily operating and supportive services for permanent supportive housing programs. For projects based on scattered site housing, funds are used for rental assistance and supportive services. Permanent supportive housing (PSH) is an intervention that serves the most vulnerable homeless individuals who have multiple co-occurring disorders, such as mental illness and addiction, complicated by housing barriers that may include corrections history, many years of homelessness, current substance use, evictions, or lack of income. People accessing PSH are chronically homeless and 100% Trust beneficiaries. This intervention offers low-barrier housing and offered support services. People who are homeless and have a mental illness or addiction, brain injury, developmental disability, or dementia often go without the services and medications they need to manage symptoms to remain stably housed.		
Permanent supportive housing is one of the few options available to beneficiaries with active untreated symptoms. In FY24, AHFC renewed funding for 14 projects totaling 266 units in six communities. Demand for this funding is high, with more applications received than can be funded. This is a project created by the Trust and AHFC, with AHFC and general funds providing the majority of funding for the program. Trust funding offers the opportunity to leverage other state and federal funding opportunities to improve sustainability. Continued efforts to transfer funding from MHTAAR to GF/MH have been unsuccessful, and continued support of the program is recommended until alternative funding can be secured.		
Five Year Project Funding History - Special Needs Housing Grant		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$200,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$200,000	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$200,000	\$200,000
FY23	\$200,000	\$200,000
FY22	\$200,000	\$95,889

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Budget Line: Page 3, Line 45	Project Name: Homeless Assistance Program	Grantee Name: DOR/AHFC
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$950.0 MHTAAR, \$2,850.0 GF/MH recommendation	Project Category: Direct Service	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 3, Economic and Social Well-being, Objective 1: Alaskans have stable, safe housing with appropriate community-based social supports to maintain tenancy.		
Description: The Homeless Assistance Program project provides funding to AHFC to issue grants to provide emergency or transitional housing and services to prevent homelessness or rapidly rehouse displaced people. The grants are awarded competitively to agencies across the state.		
<p>Analysis: The Homeless Assistance Program assists families in obtaining or retaining safe and stable housing and in working with nonprofit partners to create sustainably supported housing over time. Preventing homelessness, much like preventing injury or illness, not only provides better outcomes for individuals but is the most effective, efficient, and economical approach to addressing homelessness. Rapid re-housing rapidly connects families and individuals experiencing homelessness to permanent housing through a tailored package of assistance that may include time-limited financial assistance and targeted supportive services. The program serves all populations, including youth under 18, youth 18-24, families, veterans, and single adults. Trust beneficiaries are overrepresented in all populations. In FY24, AHFC awarded funding to 29 grantees in 15 communities.</p> <p>Funding for this program does not satisfy the demand for services. AHFC and general funds provide most of the funding for this program, with Trust funding being an important lever for other state and federal funds. This is a long-standing investment for the Trust. While the Trust does not typically provide ongoing funding for programs, the partnership with AHFC facilitates the Trust's ability to contribute to the work of many organizations efficiently and effectively across the state. Efforts to transfer funding from MHTAAR to GF/MH have been unsuccessful, and continued support of the program is recommended until alternative funding can be secured. In FY26, AHFC receipts increased in place of GF/MH. This is another option for sustainable funding that should be monitored. Should this level of investment continue, phasing out MHTAAR funding can be reevaluated.</p>		
Five Year Project Funding History - Homeless Assistance Program		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$950,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$950,000	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$950,000	\$950,000
FY23	\$950,000	\$950,000
FY22	\$950,000	\$950,000

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Housing and Home & Community Based Services Focus Area MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 3, Line 46	Project Name: Brain Injury Council of Alaska Staff	Grantee Name: UAA/CHD
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$105.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Capacity Building	
<p>Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 9, Workforce Capacity, Data, and Technology Systems, Objective 9.3: Ensure funding is available to support the strategies identified in Alaska’s Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Program and Area of Focus 2, Healthcare, Objective 1: Alaskans have access to and receive quality healthcare services.</p>		
<p>Description: This project funds a professional position to support the Brain Injury Council of Alaska. This position is responsible for gathering data for reporting, coordinating advocacy and planning, and preparing grant progress reports for the TABI Advisory Council and Trust. This position acts as a liaison with other beneficiary boards and injury prevention groups, leads TABI state plan development and implementation activities, and participates in developing joint advocacy efforts and collaborative projects.</p>		
<p>Analysis: In FY24, the Traumatic & Acquired Brain Injury Advisory Council changed its name to the Brain Injury Council of Alaska (BICA or the Council). The BICA Staff project funds a key position for building capacity and the continuum of care for beneficiaries with a brain injury. This position supports the implementation of legislation and programs that impact beneficiaries with brain injury and advocates for additional services and support for this population.</p> <p>The Brain Injury Council of Alaska Staff project furthered the work of the Alaska State Plan for Brain Injury. In FY24, the position focused on the following goals: 1) implementing identified Council priorities; 2) ensuring consistent, effective, and efficient Council operations, procedures, and communication; 3) helping increase awareness of brain injury in Alaska; 4) preparing for the development of a new 5-year state plan on brain injury, and 5) strengthening relationships with other agencies and stakeholders. The coordinator excelled in these areas, supporting a strong council, partnerships, and awareness program.</p> <p>The position engages the participation of council members who have or have survived a brain injury. The Council required it to comprise of at least 50% of people with lived experience. The Council has completed several brain injury awareness and data collection activities that will assist with advocating for services and understanding the prevalence of brain injury in Alaska. The Council partners with national and in-state organizations to create awareness and educational materials for people with brain injury, their caregivers, and providers. Trust funding leveraged a federal grant to implement activities related to the Alaska State Plan for Brain Injury. A long-term goal of the Council is to become an official State of Alaska Board. Continued Trust funding may need to be redefined if that goal is reached.</p>		
<p>Five Year Project Funding History - Brain Injury Council of Alaska Staff</p>		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$105,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$105,000	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$105,000	\$101,423
FY23	\$105,000	\$105,000
FY22	\$105,000	\$102,294

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Housing and Home & Community Based Services Focus Area MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 3, Line 47	Project Name: Care Coordination Liaison	Grantee Name: DOH/SDS
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$95.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 7, Services in the Least Restrictive Environment; Objective 2: Increase access to effective, flexible, person-centered, long-term services and supports in urban and rural areas to avoid institutional placement		
Description: The Care Coordination Support project funds a position at the Division of Senior and Disabilities Services (SDS) to support care coordinators in the home and community-based services system. This position recruits new care coordinators, problem-solves issues faced by care coordinators operating in the HCBS service system and works with state agencies to make changes when systemic issues need to be resolved.		
Analysis: This position will be a liaison between the care coordinators providing services to Trust beneficiaries and other waiver recipients and SDS to troubleshoot both systemic issues and resolve day-to-day inquiries from care coordinators. The project is supported by both SDS and the provider community to help increase the number of care coordinators in Alaska and to address the systemic issues that led to the decline. Trust beneficiaries who qualify for a Medicaid waiver must use a care coordinator to organize and manage services. The lack of care coordinators was creating problems for people to access care. This position works to repair this part of the system to ease the burden on care coordinators, ultimately improving the service system for Trust beneficiaries. SDS, provider agencies, and care coordinators have advocated for continued funding due to the position's success, with improved communication and business practices being cited as the top reasons. There has been a slight increase in the number of care coordinators, but it is too soon to tell if this is a trend. Trust funds will support part of the cost of a Permanent Health Program Manager 2 position to serve as a Care Coordination Liaison, with SDS providing the remaining funds. Costs have increased to transition this position from a long-term non-permanent to a permanent position. This project is expected to have a duration of 5 years, based on performance, and then transfer into the DOH operating budget or GF/MH.		
Five Year Project Funding History - Care Coordination Liaison		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$89,300	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$55,300	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$55,300	\$54,763
FY23	\$55,300	\$51,836
FY22	\$55,300	\$9,466

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Budget Line: Page 3, Line 48	Project Name: Dementia Education and Prevention	Grantee Name: SOA/DOH/DPH
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$130.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Capacity Building	
<p>Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 7, Services in the Least Restrictive Environment; Objective 2: Increase access to effective, flexible, person-centered, long-term services and supports in urban and rural areas to avoid institutional placement and Area of Focus 2, Healthcare, Objective 1: Alaskans have access to and receive quality healthcare services.</p>		
<p>Description: This project provides funding for a position in the Division of Public Health to promote awareness of dementia, risk reduction strategies, and facilitate the Alaska Dementia Action Collaborative workgroup and activities.</p> <p>The Alaska Dementia Action Collaborative establishes annual objectives, provides mutual accountability to complete needed activities, and advocates to improve the system of care for beneficiaries with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias (ARD). It is comprised of members from across the state who represent people with lived experience, their caregivers and family members, social service providers, State of Alaska employees, and other community stakeholders committed to improving the support system for people impacted by ARD. The position will also promote awareness of dementia risk reduction strategies, expanding upon the work of the Dementia Education and Prevention Program within the Division of Public Health.</p>		
<p>Analysis: Alaska has one the fastest growing senior populations in the country, and because of this, an increasing number of people have been diagnosed with ARD. In 2014, the State of Alaska, in partnership with community stakeholders, created the first plan to serve Alaskans with ARD. This plan was updated in 2020 and finalized in 2021, creating “A Call for Action: Alaska’s 10-Year Map to Address Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementia”. This plan outlines goals for the next ten years with the mission “to coordinate the work of building a robust system of support for people impacted by ARD.” The Alaska Dementia Action Collaborative has met over the past four years to implement the work of the plan. The Division of Public Health managing this project eliminates the need to contract a facilitator for these services and formalizes the collaborative’s work with DOH.</p>		

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Housing and Home & Community Based Services Focus Area MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 3, Line 49	Project Name: Home Modifications and Upgrades	Grantee Name: DOH/SDS
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$1,150.0 GF/MH recommendation	Project Category: Capital - Construction	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 7, Services in the Least Restrictive Environment; Objective 2: Increase access to effective, flexible, person-centered, long-term services and supports in urban and rural areas to avoid institutional placement		
Description: The Home Modifications and Upgrades project provides capital funding to the Department of Health for grants for home modifications for Trust beneficiaries. Home modifications (also called environmental modifications or e-mods) provide environmental improvements to the physical structure of a house or apartment so that the home can be more accessible for beneficiaries with physical disabilities.		
Analysis: Home modifications increase the accessibility of current housing so that Trust beneficiaries can move into or remain in their own homes when they acquire a physical disability. Home modifications are available to people wherever they reside, regardless of whether they own or rent and with whom they live. Typical kinds of assistance provided are accessibility modifications or additions (e.g., widening doorways, remodeling bathrooms and/or kitchens, installing entrance ramps, and related equipment.) All funds are awarded through a statewide competitive grant process to qualified organizations. An average of 20-30 people receive home modifications through this grant annually. The Trust no longer supports this grant with MHTAAR funding, as FY23 was the final year of funding after 21 years of support. The project has now transitioned to a GF/MH recommendation that still needs advocacy.		
Five Year Project Funding History - Home Modifications & Upgrades		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	GF/MH only recommendation in FY26	
FY25	GF/MH only recommendation in FY25	
FY24	GF/MH only recommendation in FY24	
FY23	\$100,000	\$100,000
FY22	\$250,000	\$0

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Housing and Home & Community Based Services Focus Area MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 3, Line 50	Project Name: Statewide Dementia Training Project	Grantee Name: UAA/CHD
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$150.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Outreach and Education	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 9.2 Advance the competencies of the healthcare, behavioral health, and public health workforce.		
Description: The Statewide Dementia Training Project will provide in-person and distance-delivered education about Alzheimer’s disease and related dementia. Funding includes staffing, travel, and a training website.		
Analysis: To address the lack of ADRD education statewide, the Alaska Training Cooperative is partnering with Alzheimer’s Resource of Alaska to expand access to dementia care training by offering dementia education models that reflect best practices. This grant will provide 10-15 dementia care trainings, pilot a new curriculum based on the outcome of stakeholder survey to be conducted on FY26, and implement a one-stop training website for the providers and care partners. The FY27 project is a Phase Two continuation of a FY26 project funded outside of the Trust. Additional dementia education is needed to improve the quality of life for Alaskans with ADRD and their caregivers. This project is expected to have a duration of 2-3 years, based on performance and ability to obtain additional resources.		

Budget Line: Page 3, Line 51	Project Name: Environmental Modifications Improvement	Grantee Name: DOH/SDS
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$94.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 7, Services in the Least Restrictive Environment; Objective 2: Increase access to effective, flexible, person-centered, long-term services and supports in urban and rural areas to avoid institutional placement		
Description: The Environmental Modifications Improvement Project will provide partner funding to pay for a position at the Division of Senior and Disabilities Services (SDS). This position has the goal of removing barriers for Trust beneficiaries and service providers to use the Medicaid Waiver home modification service effectively.		
Analysis: The environmental modification service offered through the 1915c HCBS Medicaid waivers is in significant need of reform. The administrative burden of the program has led to an almost non-existent provider list of construction contractors willing to bill for waiver services, and because of the extra paperwork involved, care coordinators are more likely to go through grant programs for home modifications than process a request through the waiver services even when a client is eligible. For example, the Medicaid waiver that serves people with physical disabilities serves roughly 3,000 people, but fewer than 25 environmental modification requests were completed last fiscal year. Improvements to the Medicaid waiver environmental modifications service will help to create or maintain the accessibility of a person’s home so that they remain independent and delay or avoid an assisted living or nursing home. The project length is anticipated to be 3-5 years, and it will be evaluated annually. SDS is sharing the cost of this position with the Trust.		
Five Year Project Funding History - Environmental Modifications Improvement		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$94,000	Grant started 7/1/2025

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Housing and Home & Community Based Services Focus Area MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 3, Line 52	Project Name: "No Wrong Door" Coordinated Access to Services	Grantee Name: DOH/SDS
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$300.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 7, Services in the Least Restrictive Environment; Objective 2: Increase access to effective, flexible, person-centered, long-term services and supports in urban and rural areas to avoid institutional placement		
Description: The No Wrong Door - Coordinated Access to Services project will empower Trust beneficiaries to make informed decisions about their home and community-based services (HCBS) and long-term care by developing a network of service providers trained to focus on people, not process. This funding will enhance the existing work through the No Wrong Door federal grant being implemented by Senior and Disabilities Services, supporting program administration, project management, standardization of Medicaid Administrative Claiming processes, and stakeholder engagement activities.		
Analysis: The foundation of a No Wrong Door System is built on four key functions designed to transform access systems for all populations and all payers: State Governance and Administration, Public Outreach and Coordination with Key Referral Sources, Person-Centered Counseling (PCC), and Streamlined Eligibility for Public Programs. When fully implemented, a person needing help with HCBS will be able to contact any agency in the service network and receive person-centered, objective information that offers streamlined access to services. This project will enhance the work of the existing network and work to include other key agencies that may be operating in silos. The project length is anticipated to be 5 years, evaluated annually. A majority of the funding is provided by Senior and Disabilities Services. A sustainability plan for the No Wrong Door service network is part of the work expected.		
Five Year Project Funding History - "No Wrong Door" Coordinated Access to Services		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$300,000	Grant started 7/1/2025

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Housing and Home & Community Based Services Focus Area MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 3, Line 53	Project Name: Person Centered Transportation	Grantee Name: DOH/SDS									
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$250.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Capacity Building										
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 7, Services in the Least Restrictive Environment; Objective 2: Increase access to effective, flexible, person-centered, long-term services and supports in urban and rural areas to avoid institutional placement											
Description: The Person-Centered Transportation project will rework how the Trust invests in transportation and partner with the Department of Health to develop new approaches to grant-funded transportation. Two to three small projects are expected to be funded in FY27.											
Analysis: Trust beneficiaries consistently identify reliable, accessible transportation as a need for their communities. Implementing transportation programs in Alaska is particularly challenging, and standard approaches have not met the needs of our beneficiaries, especially those who experience barriers to using traditional transportation services. Placement in DOH will allow for opportunities to work with Health Care Services on pilot projects to be tested for the Medicaid transportation program. This project is expected to have a duration of 3-5 years, based on performance and ability to obtain additional resources. The Trust will work with the Division of Senior and Disabilities Services to identify how this funding can create novel approaches to transportation and leverage other funding sources for long-term sustainability.											
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Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount									
FY26	\$250,000	Grant started 7/1/2025									

FY26 Budget Line Detail: Workforce Priority Area MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 3, Line 55	Project Name: The Alaska Training Cooperative	Grantee Name: UAA/CHD
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$585.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Workforce Development/Training	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 9, Increase workforce capacity statewide, Objective 9.2, Advance the competencies of the healthcare, behavioral health, and public health workforce.		
Description: The grant funds operations for the Alaska Training Cooperative (AKTC), which manages and facilitates training for direct care staff statewide who work for Trust beneficiary-serving agencies. The AKTC's primary purpose is to train and equip the direct service workforce with evidence-based practices and skills. AKTC is part of UAA's Center for Human Development (CHD).		
Analysis: The AKTC trains staff in corrections, behavioral health, developmental disabilities, employment support, early childhood, domestic violence, hospitals, and primary care. The AKTC trained 3000 unduplicated staff in FY23, with several thousand more taking more than one course. 98% were satisfied or very satisfied with the quality of the training. Using a Likert scale of 0-5, the average change performance measurement outcome for trainees was 4.55, indicating a strong motivation to apply the knowledge gained in the training. The AKTC also receives funding from the University of Alaska, the Division of Behavioral Health, and the Division of Public Health, as well as participant fees from class enrollment. Their funding is diversified, but primarily grant-funded by the Trust, which has decreased its MHTAAR commitment over the last several years, including in the proposed FY 26-27 budget.		
Five Year Project Funding History - The Alaska Training Cooperative		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$685,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$785,000	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$835,000	\$765,492
FY23	\$885,600	\$691,827
FY22	\$885,600	\$808,748

FY26 Budget Line Detail: Workforce Priority Area MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 3, Line 56	Project Name: UAA School Psychology Program	Grantee Name: UAA/CAS
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$200.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Workforce Development/Training	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 9, Workforce capacity, Objective 9.1, Strengthen workforce capacity with improved recruitment and retention to obtain and maintain knowledge and support innovation and modernization.		
Description: The MHTAAR funding will be used by the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) to develop a school psychology graduate training program. This will be the first of its kind in Alaska, and it was identified as a need by the Mental Health in Schools Report II. The funding supports hiring faculty, developing curriculum, and obtaining accreditation and approval by the Board of Regents. The implementation of this program will strengthen the workforce and improve access to school-based mental health services.		
Analysis: The Trust-funded Mental Health in Schools Report recommends improving access to mental health professionals in schools across the state. Alaska has a 1:1,500 ratio of school psychologists to students, far above the national standard of 1:500. This MHTAAR project aligns with the Early Childhood and Youth priority area in promoting early screening efforts for mental health and early intervention services. It also aligns with the Mental Health and Addiction Intervention Focus Area by improving treatment and recovery services.		
<p>In FY24, UAA faculty developed the program coursework, syllabi, accreditation background work, and handbook and presented the curriculum to the UA Board of Regents for approval. The Regents fully endorsed and approved the School Psychologist program moving forward. In FY25, 16 students were accepted into the graduate school psychologist academic program and are scheduled to begin in the fall of 2025. Staffing was enhanced with the addition of a part-time Program Support Specialist. A new Project iSPARRC (Increasing School Psychologists in Alaska Rural and Regional Communities) website was launched to support program development and outreach. The project will be sustainable by FY27 as the third cohort of students will enroll in the program and support it through tuition fees.</p>		
Five Year Project Funding History - UAA School Psychology Program		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$200,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$200,000	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$87,300	\$87,300

FY26 Budget Line Detail: Workforce Priority Area MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 3, Line 57	Project Name: Peer Support Certification	Grantee Name: DOH/DBH
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$50.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 9, Increase workforce capacity statewide, Objective 2, Advance the competencies of the healthcare, behavioral health, and public health workforce.		
Description: These funds equip the Department of Health Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) to oversee the continued dissemination of the Certified Peer Support Curriculum training, oversight of the Commission for Behavioral Health Certification, Peer Support Statewide Conference, and recruiting and retaining a peer workforce.		
Analysis: DBH funded multiple agencies through a competitive procurement process that allowed them to train new and existing staff in best practice peer support training, which set them on the path to becoming certified peer support professionals I, II, or III through the Commission for BH Certification. Forty-two individuals were certified in FY24. 191 staff members received training in peer work statewide. The SOA Labor Department predicts workforce shortages through 2035, which means helping increase the capacity of the peer workforce is even more critical. People with lived experience exist in every Trust beneficiary people group, so it is strategic to equip them to be a viable part of the mental health and substance misuse beneficiary workforce. The state opioid response grant, administered through DBH, also helps fund peer support certification training.		
Five Year Project Funding History - Peer Support Certification		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$50,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$50,000	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$100,000	\$100,000
FY23	\$130,000	\$130,000
FY22	\$139,500	\$139,500

FY26 Budget Line Detail: Workforce Priority Area MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 3, Line 58	Project Name: Individual Placement & Supports (IPS) Capacity Building	Grantee Name: DOH/DBH																					
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$30.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Individual Placements and Supports (IPS), Capacity Building																						
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 3: Trust Beneficiaries have strong economic and social well-being, Objective 3.3 Expand resources that promote successful, long-term employment																							
Description: The Individual Placement & Supports (IPS) Capacity Building project supports the Department of Health/Division of Behavioral Health staff in coordination, training, and oversight of IPS systems development and grantee support throughout the state. IPS is an evidence-based model of supported employment that supports Trust beneficiaries with disabilities or mental health conditions in sustaining meaningful work, becoming more independent and financially stable, and experiencing increased self-esteem. Funds are used for IPS program fidelity reviews, training, technical assistance, and general outreach and awareness related to beneficiary employment.																							
Analysis: Activities associated with this project support IPS-related recommendations from the Work Matters Task Force, which convened in 2021-2022. In FY24 (through March 15, 2024), this funding has supported two on-site fidelity reviews of two Kenai Peninsula programs implementing the IPS model, with findings that both were commendably in compliance with the model. It also supported bimonthly technical assistance sessions that provided tailored support to all IPS grantees, ensuring the best practices were implemented with high fidelity to the model. This funding also supports the facilitation of the statewide IPS steering committee that meets quarterly. Continued support of this funding will ensure the continued expansion of IPS programming throughout the state and adherence to the IPS model for programs that implement it. Current funding is supported through FY27.																							
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Five Year Project Funding History - Individual Placement & Supports (IPS) Capacity Building																							
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FY24	\$30,000	\$30,000																					
FY23	\$30,000	\$30,000																					
FY22	\$40,000	\$40,000																					

**FY26 Budget Line Detail: Workforce Priority Area
MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations**

Budget Line: Page 3, Line 59	Project Name: Alaska Workforce Profile	Grantee Name: DOLWD/Administrative Services Division
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$25.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Data/Planning	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 10 Data; Objective 10.2 Encourage a culture of data-driven decision-making.		
Description: This project allows the Trust access to the Department of Labor & Workforce Development’s (DOLWD) Research and Data Analysis section to provide technical and data analytical support on issues impacting Trust beneficiaries and the systems that serve them. The funding supports DOLWD staff time, expertise, and the use of data systems for consultation with the Trust.		
Analysis: This project helps the Trust identify and forecast the workforce-related status and needs of Trust beneficiaries, as well as the systems that serve them. An example of the DOLWD team’s work resulted in data consultation and expertise related to national trends impacting Alaska on dementia workforce issues and direct service providers, supporting efforts of the AK Dementia Action Collaborative, and a profile of the University of Alaska behavioral health-related graduates. Their work highlights the workforce problem, while also providing pathways for bringing more practitioners into the field to help beneficiaries. We anticipate maintaining this data analytical service as an ongoing resource for the Trust.		
Five Year Project Funding History - Alaska Workforce Profile		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$25,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$25,000	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$25,000	\$25,000
FY23	\$25,000	\$25,000
FY22	\$25,000	\$25,000

FY26 Budget Line Detail: Workforce Priority Area MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 3, Line 60	Project Name: Direct Support Professional Training/Professional Development	Grantee Name: DOH/SDS												
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$200.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Capacity Building													
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 9, Workforce capacity, Objective 9.1, Strengthen workforce capacity with improved recruitment and retention to obtain and maintain knowledge and support innovation and modernization.														
Description: The Direct Support Professional (DSP) training is an incentivized program for direct care staff and the agency they work for to support staff to complete the education and coaching deliverables required through their agency. If they complete DPS training, staff and their employer will receive financial incentives. The National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals (NADSP) certification program is considered one of the best competency-based training programs in the U.S.. It is the model that SDS and UAA are partnering on for DSPs in the field. This program is administered through DOH's Division of Senior and Disability Services (SDS).														
Analysis: SDS, UAA, and the Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities (AADD) planned and implemented a program to incentivize a NADSP pilot involving 15 agencies in FY23-24, utilizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. The program takes 18 months for a staff member to obtain their certification milestones, which include 100 hours of training, on-the-job coaching, and application of the taught competencies. These combined agencies had 128 DSPs who worked through the training and certification levels in two cohorts. 59% of the participants completed their stage 1, 2, and/or 3 levels of certification. The participants and the host agencies considered this pilot successful. This process has supported the engagement, recruitment, training, and retention of DSPs for Trust beneficiary serving agencies in the intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (ID & DD) and mental health system. FY26 will support the Full Lives Conference, providing approved continuing education opportunities for DSPs at all certification levels, including travel and conference access, while maintaining the incentive structure and data collection mechanisms that tracked DSP job satisfaction and employee retention, which contributed to the original pilot's success. In FY27, the funding will continue to support the DSP training and professional development. The Trust will continue to assess program outcomes to inform future funding decisions.														
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Five Year Project Funding History - Direct Support Professional Training/Professional Development														
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount												
FY26	\$200,000	Grant started 7/1/2025												
FY25	\$300,000	Pending final report due 10/1/2025												

**FY26 Budget Line Detail: Workforce Priority Area
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Budget Line: Page 3, Line 61	Project Name: Autism Awareness and Response for Public Safety	Grantee Name: UAA - CHD
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$150.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 6: Protecting Vulnerable Alaskans; Objective 6.5: Ensure vulnerable Alaskans understand their rights and responsibilities		
<p>Description: The funds will start in FY27 and will aim to improve the safety and quality of interactions between law enforcement officers and individuals on the autism spectrum in Anchorage, Alaska. The proposed pilot is designed to address the needs of people with autism who may come into contact with law enforcement and, secondarily, their families, loved ones, and caregivers. Anticipated outcomes include reduced escalation during police interactions, increased officer confidence and competency, enhanced safety for both officers and individuals with autism, and improved relationships between law enforcement and the disability community.</p>		
<p>Analysis: Trust funding will be allocated to the University of Alaska Center for Human Development (CHD) to collaboratively develop training for the Anchorage Police Department (APD) involving autistic self-advocates, caregivers, and professionals with law enforcement experience. The goal is to enhance officers' understanding, empathy, and skill sets when interacting with autistic individuals, ensuring these encounters are safe and appropriate.</p> <p>Research indicates that individuals with developmental disabilities, particularly autism, face a heightened risk during interactions with law enforcement due to their disabilities. While this pilot program will be focused locally in the Municipality of Anchorage, the curriculum and implementation model will be designed to be scalable for use in other law enforcement agencies across Alaska.</p> <p>The project team includes a CHD staff member with law enforcement experience, who will guide outreach efforts, tailor training content to the real-world context of policing, and support training delivery in a respectful, collaborative, and informed manner. Additionally, this initiative will build upon existing relationships with the law enforcement community, which has been requesting and benefiting from CHD training for many years.</p> <p>Anticipated outcomes include reduced escalation during police interactions, increased officer confidence and competency, enhanced safety for both officers and individuals with autism, and improved relationships between law enforcement and the disability community. The project aims to train up to 150 officers during the initial phase with APD and reach approximately 1,200 beneficiaries. This project's final year of funding is FY27.</p>		

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Budget Line: Page 3, Line 62	Project Name: Alaska Area Health Education Centers	Grantee Name: UAA/AHEC
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$250.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 9, Workforce capacity, Objective 9.1, Strengthen workforce capacity with improved recruitment and retention to obtain and maintain knowledge and support innovation and modernization.		
Description: The Alaska Health Education Centers (AHEC) are based statewide within the University of Alaska system and include six AHEC centers, with each state region represented. The AHEC system provides a framework for implementing a pipeline healthcare system for adolescents to engage and learn about health-related careers. This system provides the infrastructure and ability for youth to gain experience and college credits toward enrolling in health-related disciplines within the university system.		
<p>Analysis: The AHEC infrastructure provides the framework for “Grow Your Own” in Alaska by setting up a pipeline for adolescents to learn and get hands-on experience in the health care system. In FY 24, 13 communities participated by hosting health career camps in the following villages: Nulato, Rampart, Nome, Soldotna, Anchorage, Dillingham, Bethel, Newhalen, Sand Point, Perryville, Unalaska, Cordova, and Kotzebue. There were over 300 participants in these pipeline camps who gained knowledge of careers and credits, such as Youth/Teen Mental Health First Aid. 93% of the participants indicated an increase in knowledge and the ability to apply the concepts learned from the certifications. The Trust will continue to assess the impact of its investment in this project, and that assessment will inform future funding recommendations.</p> <p>The AHEC Program, through its regional centers and centralized Clearinghouse for Alaska’s Continuing Health Education (CACHE) team, continues to support Alaska’s healthcare workforce pipeline and retention infrastructure. In FY25, AHEC programming reached 42 communities, delivering youth exposure programs, internships, and continuing education across various healthcare disciplines. Programs such as the Summer High School Internship Program (SHIP) and regional career camps have resulted in measurable outcomes. Since 2021, SHIP interns have contributed nearly 3,400 hours of service, with 18 being hired into healthcare roles and others returning for clinical placements. These results support the long-term goal of training and retaining healthcare workers in Alaska communities. CACHE expanded significantly in FY25 and will continue into FY26 as the primary statewide hub for Continuing Education (CE) delivery. In FY25 over 3,000 unique participants engaged in CE programming. The total number of events, including trainings, webinars, and courses, has tripled in volume compared to previous years. The Trust will continue to assess program outcomes to inform future funding decisions.</p>		
Five Year Project Funding History - Alaska Area Health Education Centers		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$150,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$100,000	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$100,000	\$100,000
FY23	\$55,000	\$55,000
FY22	\$55,000	\$55,000

FY26 Budget Line Detail: Workforce Priority Area MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 3, Line 63	Project Name: Supported Employment Workforce	Grantee Name: UAA/CHD
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$75.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 9, Workforce, Objective 9.1, Strengthen workforce capacity with improved recruitment and retention to obtain and maintain knowledge, support, innovation and modernization.		
Description: The UAA Center for Human Development (CHD) provides planning, training, coordination, and collaboration with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Senior and Disability Services, and community agencies to ensure a competent workforce to access supported employment and related services as beneficiaries seek competitive integrated employment. CHD oversees best-practice training courses, maintains national certification as a training center through the Association for Community Rehabilitation Educators (ACRE), and provides ongoing technical assistance to agency staff and beneficiary support in various pre-employment and employment models.		
Analysis: CHD maintains the National Certification in Employment Services (NCES) through the Association of Certified Rehabilitation Educators (ACRE). This allows CHD to equip SDS, DVR, and agency staff to provide certified employment coaching and consultation with potential employers and Trust beneficiaries. This includes customized employment, self-employment, and job coaching. In FY24, 38 agency/SOA staff completed the NCES course. On a Likert scale of 0-3, the participants' overall satisfaction with the instructors and content was 2.36, and their likelihood of implementing what they learned in the community with beneficiaries was 2.32. The other significant development this past year is that CHD staff have been working with AADD and SDS to revise and update the Conditions of Participation for Supported Employment, in collaboration with HCB services. Once SDS completes this process, CHD will provide the necessary Supported Employment support to agency staff, enabling them to implement this best practice. In FY27, the CHD will continue to expand workforce development and educational opportunities related to Trust Beneficiary Employment and Engagement strategies.		
Five Year Project Funding History - Supported Employment Workforce		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$75,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$100,000	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$100,000	\$100,000
FY23	\$100,000	\$92,208
FY22	\$100,000	\$83,852

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Budget Line: Page 3, Line 64	Project Name: Alaska Health Occupations Students of America	Grantee Name: UAA/AHEC
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$100.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 9, Workforce, Objective 9.1, Strengthen workforce capacity with improved recruitment and retention to obtain and maintain knowledge, support, innovation and modernization.		
Description: The MHTAAR funding will be used to formalize a statewide advisor position for HOSA, Future Health Professionals, an international Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO), support the HOSA annual Statewide Student Leadership Conference, and expand opportunities for Alaskan youth throughout the state to explore and pursue healthcare careers.		
Analysis: The Alaska Area for Health Education Centers (AHEC) has been engaging youth in healthcare career pathways for over 20 years. These pathways help students explore careers in behavioral healthcare while learning important health and wellness skills. The most successful program in achieving this goal is HOSA, Future Health Professionals, an international Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) dedicated to health care education and workforce development. Nearly every state in the nation has a dedicated health science education coordinator to build health science programs of study across the state and serve as a HOSA State Advisor. To date, this support has been provided in-kind but has been essential to the continuation of the HOSA program, which now boasts over 400 participants annually and over 25 chapters across the state. These chapters are primarily located in urban schools located in Anchorage, Wasilla, Palmer, and Fairbanks. Support for Alaska HOSA via the Alaska AHEC program would expand chapters and participation to schools in Dillingham, Juneau, Sitka, Soldotna, Homer, Seward, Cordova, Nome, Bethel, and the Yukon Koyukuk School District, with a goal of increasing total HOSA participants to over 500 annually, with over 30 chapters statewide.		

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Budget Line: Page 3, Line 65	Project Name: Psychological Services Center Expansion	Grantee Name: UAA/CAS
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$103.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 9, Workforce, Objective 9.1, Strengthen workforce capacity with improved recruitment and retention to obtain and maintain knowledge, support, innovation and modernization.		
Description: The University of Alaska Anchorage Psychological Services Center (PSC) aims to enhance its training and service delivery capabilities in behavioral health by expanding its administrative support. Currently, PSC trains future professionals in psychological services while providing care to individuals struggling with mental health and substance misuse issues. The addition of a full-time administrative support position will alleviate the administrative burden on existing staff and clinicians, enabling them to focus on their clinical responsibilities, including the upcoming UAA School Psychology MS program and the introduction of new pediatric services.		
Analysis: The Psychological Services Center (PSC) at the University of Alaska Anchorage provides behavioral health services and hands-on training for future mental health professionals. Each year, the PSC delivers over 1,440 visits to approximately 145 individual Trust beneficiaries. Services include individual and group therapy, psychological assessments, and support for individuals experiencing mental health and substance use challenges. Students at the PSC often struggle to balance their clinical responsibilities with a significant administrative workload, which can diminish both their training experience and the quality of care clients receive. Establishing a full-time administrative position would allow clinical staff to focus on enhancing service quality and developing new programs, including the upcoming UAA School Psychology MS program and planned expansion into pediatric services. By the end of FY27, the PSC will explore other funding options for this position, including offsetting part of the cost with revenue generated by the PSC.		

FY26 Budget Line Detail: Workforce Priority Area MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 3, Line 66	Project Name: Clinical Psychology Program APA Accreditation	Grantee Name: UAA/CAS
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$50.0 MHTAAR	Project Category: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 9, Workforce, Objective 9.1, Strengthen workforce capacity with improved recruitment and retention to obtain and maintain knowledge, support, innovation and modernization.		
Description: The University of Alaska Anchorage MS in Clinical Psychology program is dedicated to training a skilled behavioral health workforce to support Trust beneficiaries. The program is seeking accreditation from the American Psychological Association (APA) to align with new national standards. Nationally, there are only 3 APA-accredited master’s programs. Accreditation will ensure eligibility for licensure and federal job opportunities and strengthen partnerships with local clinical training agencies.		
Analysis: The University of Alaska Anchorage MS in Clinical Psychology program provides essential training for Alaska’s behavioral health workforce who serve Trust beneficiaries. American Psychological Association (APA) accreditation is the gold standard for the educational component of psychology professional licensure at the doctoral level. The APA has historically only accredited doctoral programs, and starting in 2024, it started to accredit health service psychology master’s programs with the vision of psychology as a multi-tiered profession. The program provides training for approximately 24 MS trainees each year, with an average of 10-12 graduates who can seek licensure as Licensed Professional Counselors or Licensed Psychological Associates. Accreditation will positively impact clinical training partners, including the agencies that host student interns, such as Alaska Behavioral Health, tribal health organizations, and others. Accreditation ensures that UAA continues to provide a pipeline of well-trained students to train in the community, who then go to work with Alaskans as independent providers. Supporting accreditation efforts will have a lasting impact on the behavioral health workforce, ensuring the availability of high-quality, employable providers. The APA accreditation is estimated to take 18-24 months to complete.		

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Early Childhood & Youth Priority Area MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 3, Line 68	Project Name: ILP Statewide Equity Project	Grantee Name: Department of Health/Senior and Disability Services/ Early Intervention/Infant Learning Program (DOH/SDS/EILP)
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$300.0 MHTAAR	Grant Type: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus: Early Childhood & Youth. Object 1.1: Promote practice-informed, comprehensive developmental screening efforts and early intervention services.		
Description: This project will fund programming administered through SDS to increase access to Infant Learning Program/Early Intervention (ILP/EI) services for infants, toddlers, and their families. Rural programs have had less access to specialists who provide screenings and evaluations for vision and hearing. This funding will increase access to specialized screenings, developmental evaluations, and interventions, reduce barriers to enrollment in rural areas, and increase equity in ILP/EI within small, rural communities.		
Analysis: The ILP/EI arena has been flat-funded for many years, resulting in the discontinuation of some of the specialized services, such as vision and hearing evaluations. While many local EI/ILP programs struggle to find services, the impact of the loss of statewide programs has been especially great for Alaska's smaller and more rural communities. This project will work towards increased parity in ILP service delivery across regions through developing a statewide hub of hearing and vision specialists who can provide screening, assessments, intervention, and consultation. This will increase access to specialized services and reduce barriers to enrollment in rural areas, making EI/ILP services within small, rural communities more like urban programs. The next stages of this project will consider other equity strategies, such as a billing consortium to support Medicaid and private insurance billing of therapy and other services for smaller programs and expanding the statewide hub of services to include additional services such as occupational, physical, speech, and infant mental health therapies. The projected length of Trust funding for this project is 5 years to establish the service and fiscal hubs while addressing the gaps and challenges identified during the process.		
Five Year Project Funding History - ILP Statewide Equity Project		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$300,000	Grant started 7/1/2025

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Budget Line: Page 3, Line 69	Project Name: Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program	Grantee Name: DOH/DPH/WCFH												
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$36.6 MHTAAR	Grant Type: Direct Service													
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus: Early Childhood & Youth. Objective 1.2: Ensure accurate identification and support of social-emotional needs for children and their family, congruent with their cultural identification.														
Description: This project supports capacity development for pediatric primary care and behavioral health integration in pediatric settings through providing access for Alaska primary care providers, pediatricians, and behavioral health prescribers to tele-psychiatric consultation through Seattle Children’s Hospital and connection to local resources through Help Me Grow Alaska (HMG-AK).														
<p>Analysis: A PAL-PAK evaluation was completed in spring 2025. This report included data collected since the program began in 2019 and a provider survey conducted in the fall of 2024. The average call volume annually for FY20-24 was 106.4 calls. Key findings include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The psychiatric consultation line is primarily used for medication-related questions • Large pediatric practices in Anchorage are the primary users of the consultation line and care coordination from HMG-AK • Most calls for the consultation align with the school year • The regional use of the consultation line and HMG-AK is impacted by the availability of local resources and is often provider-dependent <p>The report also reviewed the continuing education component offered to medical providers, school counselors, and school nurses. The support and consultation opportunities have helped develop skills and decreased some of the isolation these professionals feel working in rural and remote Alaska without immediate professional peer support.</p> <p>The expansion of the project will reach early childhood providers with mental and behavioral health needs through infant and early childhood consultation as part of the services offered through HMG-AK. Additionally, work is being done on an Alaska supplement to the Alaska Care guide to offer healthcare providers and professionals an introduction and overview of the Alaska landscape, Alaska Native regions, cultures, and history. Trust funds are currently planned through FY27 to support this program.</p>														
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Five Year Project Funding History - Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program														
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount												
FY26	\$171,600	Grant started 7/1/2025												
FY25	\$140,000	Pending final report due 10/1/2025												

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Early Childhood & Youth Priority Area MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 3, Line 70	Project Name: Trauma Engaged Schools PBIS Coaching	Grantee Name: DEED-Health & Safety
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$150.0 MHTAAR	Grant Type: Capacity Building	
<p>Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus: Early Childhood & Youth, Objective 1.2: Ensure accurate identification and support of social-emotional needs for children and their families, congruent with their cultural identification. Objective 1.3: Improve social determinants of health and strengthen family resiliency through a comprehensive framework to promote consideration of shared protection and risk factors.</p>		
<p>Description: This project will assist school districts in developing mental health supports for students of all ages, prioritizing rural and remote school districts that do not otherwise have available mental health resources. Funds support a long term non-permanent position within the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) to provide support to staff (rural school counselors, school social workers, teachers, etc.) through monthly meetings which can include presentations on relevant topics as requested by the group, coaching to school districts which includes PBIS and trauma engaged coaching and training, and crisis response.</p>		
<p>Analysis: In FY24, system-level impacts of this funding included the monthly provision of PBIS coaching to 32 schools in 7 school districts (Bristol Bay, Kodiak Island, Kuspuk, Lower Kuskokwim, Nome, North Slope, and Southwest Region), monthly Trauma-Engaged coaching to Kenny Lake School, and monthly support to rural school counselors and social workers implementing mental health supports in schools. The total number of Trust beneficiaries served through the project was 3840. The total number of individuals participating in professional training provided was 449; of the participants who attended the training, 95% reported increasing their knowledge and skills. In the FY25 mid-year Project Update report, DEED noted that this project currently serves 37 schools in 11 rural districts. Additionally, in partnership with DPH, the project staff supports rural school counselors and social workers, focusing on those working itinerantly. The project staff person is part of the team updating the PBIS eLearning module and the Restorative Practices for Educators eLearning module. Response from these rural providers is enthusiastic, with 23 districts and over 50 school counselors and social workers participating since the project began. Because of the state-level focus on school-based services, there is continued evaluation of the data and the statewide implementation plan related to the project impact and need. An increase in the budget line item in FY27 is indicated to support the data and evaluation component.</p>		
Five Year Project Funding History - Trauma Engaged Schools PBIS Coaching		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$130,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$130,000	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$120,000	\$110,595
FY23	\$150,000	\$126,373
FY22	\$150,000	\$91,016

**FY27 Budget Line Detail: Early Childhood & Youth Priority Area
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Budget Line: Page 3, Line 71	Project Name: Early Childhood Intervention: Pyramid Model	Grantee Name: DOH/DPH
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$151.0 MHTAAR	Grant Type: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus: 1: Programs Serving young children promote resiliency, prevent and address trauma, and provide access to early intervention services, Objective 1.2: Provide ongoing support to ensure accurate identification and treatment of social-emotional needs for children and their caregivers, congruent with their cultural identification.		
Description: Trust funds in FY27 will support a position within the Department of Health (DOH), Division of Public Health (DPH) that will support the development and implementation of the Pyramid Model for infants and young children state-wide. This position will support training, coaching, and support of provider staff. Early childhood Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) is called the Pyramid Model. The Pyramid Model is a comprehensive framework of evidence-based practices for early childhood special education personnel, early intervention personnel, early childhood educators, and early care personnel, and the families of these children from birth to 5. It promotes healthy social, emotional, and behavioral outcomes for children from birth to 5 and addresses challenging behaviors.		
Analysis: This project will impact the infant and early childhood population and aligns with the comp plan. DPH, the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED), and early childhood community partners have begun the implementation of the Pyramid Model within the state, which a Pyramid Model State-wide Leadership Team guides. Funding for this project will support and expand current efforts. Research supports the implementation of this model and identifies that children have better social skills and less problem behavior in Pyramid Model classrooms. While this practice bolsters positive outcomes for children, setting the foundation for later behaviors, it also impacts the workforce with positive outcomes regarding teacher retention for classrooms that implement the model. This funding is to be initiated in FY27 and is expected to run 4-5 years to ensure the adoption of the model state-wide and with high fidelity to the model.		

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Budget Line: Page 3, Line 72	Project Name: Family Services Training Center- ICY Conference	Grantee Name: UAA/CHD/FSTC
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$80.0 MHTAAR	Grant Type: Conference/sponsorship	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus: Workforce. Objective 9.2: Advance the competencies of the healthcare, behavioral health, and public health workforce.		
<p>Description: This project supports the Family Services Training Center (FSTC) in partnership with UAA under the Center for Human Development (CHD). This funding supports professional training for Alaska’s early childhood, childhood, and youth service providers through the facilitation of a yearly Infant, Childhood & Youth (ICY) conference for providers statewide. The Infant, Child, and Youth (ICY) conference will provide training and networking opportunities for up to 200 behavioral health professionals in Alaska who serve Trust beneficiaries. Additionally, the conference provides CEs for professionals to maintain their licenses to provide services.</p>		
<p>Analysis: FY25 Infant, Child & Youth Conference was a 3-day training event for statewide providers with 177 unique learners (not including staff). This training event was well-received and included opportunities for networking and cross-collaboration. Training Alaska’s infant, child, and youth behavioral health workforce remains a priority for retention and continuous quality improvement for implementing evidence-based practices. Funding is budgeted to continue through 2027.</p>		
Five Year Project Funding History - Family Services Training Center - ICY Conference		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$50,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$200,000	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$200,000	\$200,000

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Early Childhood & Youth Priority Area MHTAAR and GF/MH Recommendations

Budget Line: Page 3, Line 73	Project Name: ACEs Data Linkage and Analysis	Grantee Name: DOH/DPH/WCFH
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$175.0	Grant Type: Data/Planning	
<p>Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus: Data. Objective 10.2: Encourage a culture of data-driven decision making that includes data sharing, data analysis, and management to link support services across DOH and DFCS divisions and other departments.</p>		
<p>Description: This funding currently supports a staff position focused on child wellbeing epidemiology. This position enables expanded research capacity on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), protective factors, and links to health outcomes, focusing on families facing mental, behavioral, and substance use challenges. It also supports the foundational Alaska Longitudinal Child Abuse and Neglect Linkage (ALCANLink) infrastructure, including the backbone of ALCANLink; the Pregnancy Risk Assessment System (PRAMS). Additionally, this funding supports the continued development of the screening tool for pre-birth household challenges. DPH will blend funds with partners (e.g., Case Family Programs) to support a randomized clinical trial of the developed screener before widespread adoption. This screen is directly related to early identification and prevention of key factors associated with developing substance use issues, mental health challenges, and other developmental issues that mitigate optimized adult health. This project enhances statewide capacity to evaluate childhood trauma by increasing relevant data and collaborating with diverse partners to develop initiatives aligning with the Trust's mission. It also informs data-driven strategies and policies for early intervention and prevention of behavioral health disorders.</p>		
<p>Analysis: FY24 accomplishments include expanding the cohort to include 2009-2021, renewal of a data use agreement between ALCANLink and the Department of Education and Early Development, multiple local and national presentations regarding the link between pre-birth and early childhood experiences and early child educational readiness and performance, increasing access to data on early child health indicators, the completion of a test pre-birth household challenges screening tool which seeks to support early identification of families that could benefit from home visiting and/or caregiver navigation, and three publications. In the FY25 midyear Update Report, this project noted onboarding and training the new epidemiology specialist, validating linkages between PRAMS and the Alaska Birth Defects Registry (ABDR), and updating the ALCANLink data infrastructure. This project continues to make strides related to ACEs data, producing results and recommendations to reduce the impact of ACEs on Trust beneficiaries. It remains a key source of information and intervention support for the Trust's Early Childhood & Youth initiative area.</p> <p>In FY27, the funding for this project has been increased from \$100.0 to \$175.0 to support additional aspects of this data work. While the funding will continue to support the epidemiologist position primarily, further funding was included to address Pregnancy Risk Assessment System (PRAMS) weighting which was previously provided by the CDC but has become the responsibility of the state, as well as partial support of a senior public health scientist who developed the ALCANLink project and oversees the epidemiologist position and the Trust project. Continued funding is recommended for this project through FY27, with the plan to maintain it to support this critical data work at the state level.</p>		
Five Year Project Funding History - ACEs Data Linkage and Analysis		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$100,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$100,000	Pending final report due 10/1/2025
FY24	\$100,000	\$43,198
FY23	\$100,000	\$87,062
FY22	\$100,000	\$75,451

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Non-Focus Area Allocations Authority Grant Funding

Budget Line: Page 4, Line 2	Project Name: Partnerships/Designated Grants	Grantee(s): To be determined
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$2,000.0 AG	Project Category: varied	
Comp Plan Relevance: .		
Description: The Trust awards partnership grants to organizations that serve Trust beneficiaries for a specific purpose or need that are aligned with the Trust's mission and priorities. Typically, partnership grants are one-time grants with a one-year term, and they support a variety of purposes.		
In FY25, the Trust funded 40 partnership grants for a total of \$1,747,057*.		
Details on the partnership grants awarded can be found in the FY25 quarterly grant reports:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Summary January 2025 - March 2025 • Grant Summary October 2024 - December 2024 • Grant Summary July 2024 - September 2024 		
*Note: grant approvals from the final quarter of FY24 will be considered at the August 2025 board meeting, so are not reflected in the information above.		
Analysis: The Partnership grant program is the Trust's general grant bucket to meet a variety of beneficiary needs around the state. On an ongoing basis, the Trust receives Letters of Interest from organizations that describe their potential projects and how they will impact the beneficiary groups that they serve. Trust program staff review the Letters of Interest on an ongoing basis to assess the beneficiary connection as well as how the proposals fit with the Trust's budget priorities and currently available funding. Following this review process, projects that are identified as good programmatic fits are individually analyzed by program staff and go through the Trust's grant approval process with the board. Each approved Partnership grant has individual performance measures and following the conclusion of the grant is reviewed for compliance.		
The Partnership grant program allows the Trust to respond in a timely fashion to the needs of beneficiary serving organizations throughout the fiscal year. Each Partnership grant receives an extensive programmatic review before it is referred to the Trustees for consideration.		
Five Year Project Funding History - Partnerships/Designated Grants		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Allocated Amount
FY26	\$2,000,000	No FY26 allocations yet
FY25	\$2,150,000	\$1,858,057 to date, still pending requests to be considered
FY24	\$2,150,000	\$1,973,008
FY23	\$2,150,000	\$1,797,794
FY22	\$2,150,000	\$2,132,556

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Budget Line: Page 4, Line 3	Project Name: Trust Strategic Initiatives/Data Collection	Grantee Name: Unallocated Funding
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$5,000.0 AG	Project Category: Data/Planning	
Comp Plan Relevance: TBD		
<p>Description: This budget line ensures the Trust has the flexibility to pursue strategic priorities identified in the Board-approved strategic plan. It will support initiatives, activities and grantmaking that align with trustee priorities, and efforts to strengthen data-informed program development, execution, and performance monitoring - aligning Trust resources with long-term impact and accountability.</p>		
<p>Analysis: This budget line plays a critical role in operationalizing the agency’s strategic plan by creating the financial capacity to move forward on key priorities developed and adopted by the board. Specifically, funds can be awarded through grants, and can also help enable staff to plan and implement initiatives that improve how we develop, deliver and evaluate programs. With dedicated resources, the Trust can build infrastructure to support data collection and analysis, pilot innovative program models impacting beneficiaries, and respond proactively to emerging needs identified through stakeholder feedback and performance metrics.</p> <p>Funds under this line can support the development of internal dashboards, necessary additional technical assistance, or agency capacity to coordinate evaluation activities- all of which are essential for strengthening our ability to track outcomes and adjust programs based on evidence. Additionally, this flexibility allows the Trust to better align program activities across program areas and improve resource targeting- actions that are foundational to a more integrated and strategic approach. This will position the Trust to adapt to emerging and future challenges and opportunities.</p>		

Budget Line: Page 4, Line 4	Project Name: Development and Facilitation of Trust Strategic Initiatives	Grantee Name: These funds will be awarded through the State of Alaska procurement process
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$200.0 AG	Project Category: Contractual	
Comp Plan Relevance: AOF 10, Data 10.2: Data-driven decision-making		
<p>Description: The Trust will secure a contract to provide support to staff in the development and facilitation of the Trust's strategic initiatives.</p>		
<p>Analysis: This budget line will fund a professional services contract to support the Trust’s strategic initiatives through facilitation and analytical expertise. The contractor will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate closely with staff and stakeholders to assess and clarify key priorities and desired strategies that align with the Trust’s mission and vision. • Facilitate work groups and strategic planning sessions for inclusive engagement and consensus-building. • Develop SMART goals (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound) for each initiative. • Identify and establish performance metrics and outcomes to track progress and impact. <p>This investment will enhance the Trust’s ability to plan, implement, and evaluate its strategic initiatives, promoting a culture of continuous improvement and accountability.</p>		

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Budget Line: Page 4, Line 5	Project Name: Trust Focus Area Strategy Implementation	Grantee Name: These funds include the collapsed "buckets" formerly reflected in the budget tied to specific strategies.
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$5,000.0 AG	Project Category: Authority Grants	
Comp Plan Relevance: Comp Plan Relevance of individual grants will be determined by program staff during the review process		
Description: The proposed FY27 budget removes all references to focus area-specific strategies and eliminates former "buckets" that were not tied to specific grant recipients but included budget placeholders. This change simplifies the budget document in response to trustee feedback by limiting it to only essential budget information and separating strategy details from the primary budget. Trustees will review projects aligned with initiative focus/priority area strategies as they become ready. Removing placeholder buckets clarifies project approval process, reduces risk of budget lapse, and increases overall flexibility of deployment of Trust funds.		

Budget Line: Page 4, Line 6	Project Name: Programmatic Administration	Grantee Name: N/A
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$150.0 AG	Project Category: various	
Comp Plan Relevance: n/a		
Description: The Programmatic Administration funds will be utilized for small procurements that are associated with the cost of administering the focus areas. This budget line will fund items including, but not limited to, meeting convening costs, rental fees, audiovisual equipment, printing of meeting materials, catering, focus area-related travel, and occasionally small contracts.		
Analysis: Program staff need a mechanism to pay for costs associated with program officer execution of focus area and non-focus area work. In prior year budgets (including FY25), each focus area had a separate administration budget line of \$50.0. The change in FY26 & 27 is to consolidate the budget into one bucket and reduce the budget line to \$150.0 for all focus areas.		

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Budget Line: Page 4, Line 7	Project Name: Mini grants for ADRD	Grantee Name: Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska	
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$500.0	Grant Type: Direct Service		
Comp Plan Relevance: Goal 3 Economic and Social Well-being / 3.4 Enhance timely access to basic needs services			
<p>Description: The mini-grant program grants can include, but should not be limited to, therapeutic devices, access to medical, vision and dental, and special health care, and other supplies or services that might remove or reduce barriers to an individual's ability to function in the community and remain in their own home or home community as long as possible. Assistance with basic living needs not covered by current grants, such as transportation, clothing, and the like, will also be considered. These services will help Trust beneficiaries attain and maintain healthy and productive lifestyles. These items are determined to support beneficiaries in achieving stability and are critical supports to gaining self-sufficiency. Consumer mini grants are essential to a system delivering individualized services that promote stability.</p>			
<p>Analysis: The Mini Grants for ADRD (Alzheimer's disease or related dementia) project is identified as a Non-Focus Area Allocation in the Trust budget. Mini-grant projects are long-standing Trust investments to fill small gaps in service or meet other needs that Trust beneficiaries have, to obtain services and items they need to remain in their home and community as long as possible. This project also offers Trust beneficiaries with ADRD the opportunity to improve their day-to-day well-being as most of this beneficiary population has retired and is no longer pursuing employment. Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska (ARA) administers the funds and acts as the fiscal agent for applications. This contract continues to be a benefit both to the Trust as well as the applying beneficiaries. Because ARA is a primary service agency for people with ADRD, they can engage applicants and their families in conversations about additional support services offered in Alaska. If regular guidance is needed, a care coordinator is recommended for ongoing services through their affiliated agency, Care Coordination Resource of Alaska. Well-versed in the availability and qualifications to obtain Medicaid, Medicaid waiver, Medicare, and senior grant services, ARA ensures that mini-grant funds are used as a last resort when other resources are unavailable or fully expended. Applications for the Mini Grants for ADRD are reviewed and awarded monthly.</p>			
<p>This project is recommended for continued funding. This is a unique grant opportunity for Trust beneficiaries with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia in Alaska. The funds are administered within the established guidelines and budget for the program.</p>			
FY24 ADRD Grant Award Information			
<p>In FY24, there were 236 ADRD mini grants awarded for a total of \$383,349.59. Of this \$383,349.59, actual grant disbursements for the program were \$289,407.88. The difference between the awarded and expended amount is due to the nature of the ADRD beneficiary group, approved grants are often unable to be spent due to changing circumstances and/or a beneficiary's passing. For FY24, the administrative costs for the Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska to administer this grant were \$54,166.91, or 13.5% of the total award.</p>			
FY24 ADRD Mini Grants Awarded by Region			
Regions/Service Areas	Total Number of Grants Awarded (Q1-Q4)	Total \$ Amount Awarded (Q1-Q4)	Percentage of Funding
Bethel, St. Mary's, Mt. Village, New Stuyahok	5	\$6,117.53	1.6%
Fairbanks	12	\$20,207.18	5.3%

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Anchorage	144	\$212,610.97	55.5%
Cordova, Valdez, Kenai Peninsula	12	\$20,115.69	5.2%
Other (Willow, Talkeetna, etc.)	9	\$12,601.31	3.3%
Mat-Su	22	\$40,397.95	10.5%
Juneau	6	\$9,649.96	2.5%
Southeast - Other	26	\$61,648.99	16.1%
TOTAL	236	\$383,349.59	100%

FY24 ADRD Grants Awarded by Category

Item Category	Total Number of Grants Awarded	Total \$ Amount Awarded	Percentage of Funding
Accessibility	58	\$88,768.51	23.2%
Adaptive	45	\$52,803.32	13.8%
Dental	11	\$35,623.02	9.3%
Hearing	1	\$2,500.00	0.7%
Medical	2	\$490.00	0.1%
Other	4	\$9,910.39	2.6%
Respite	62	\$141,881.25	37.0%
Supplies	52	\$50,740.09	13.2%
Vision	1	\$633.00	0.2%
TOTAL	236	\$383,349.59	100%

Five Year Project Funding History - Mini Grants for ADRD

Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$400,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$400,000	Pending final report due 8/31/2025
FY24	\$400,000	\$365,678
FY23	\$400,000	\$338,165
FY22	\$350,000	\$291,736

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Budget Line: Page 4, Line 8	Project Name: Mini grants for beneficiaries experiencing mental illness, chronic alcoholism, substance use disorders and intellectual and developmental disabilities and traumatic brain injuries (Grant Funds)	Grantee Name: Grant funds for the mini grant program will be awarded to the contractor selected to administer the program. The contractor for FY27 will be determined using the State of Alaska procurement process.
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$2,000.0 AG	Grant Type: Direct Service	
Comp Plan Relevance: Goal 3 Economic and Social Well-being / 3.4 Enhance timely access to basic needs services		
Description: The mini-grant program provides Trust beneficiaries with a broad range of equipment and services that are essential to directly improving their quality of life and increasing independent functioning. These can include, but should not be limited to, therapeutic devices, access to medical, vision and dental, and special health care, and other supplies or services that might remove or reduce barriers to an individual's ability to function in the community and become as self-sufficient as possible.		
<p>Analysis:</p> <p>The Mini-Grants for Beneficiaries programs are identified as a non-focus area allocation in the Trust budget. This program is a long-standing Trust investment that fills small gaps in services or meets other needs of Trust beneficiaries with items or services needed to maintain their quality of life and increase independent functioning. Individual mini grants are awarded to a community organization who applies on behalf of the beneficiary. Applications for mini grants are reviewed each month by an evaluation committee consisting of representatives from the Trust and the appropriate statutory advisory board(s). Mini-grants provide a direct-service to individual beneficiaries through assistance in securing needed items or services, which are not available through other funding sources. The primary challenge for the mini-grant program has been the capacity of community organizations to apply for and administer the grants on behalf of the beneficiaries they work with. These organizations provide a crucial service, but frequently have demands that exceed their capacity. The Trust will continue to work with these community organizations to look for ways to assist in these issues.</p> <p>This project is recommended for continued funding. Mini-grant funds are administered within the established guidelines and budget for the program. If mini grants were eliminated, there is no other program within the State that could take its place.</p> <p>FY24 Mini-Grant Award Information (FY25 information will be available upon grant closeout by contactor):</p> <p>In FY24, there were 825 Behavioral Health/Intellectual Disabilities mini grants awarded for a total of \$1,267,307. Of this \$1,267,307, actual grant disbursements for the program were \$1,122,836. The difference between the awarded and expended amount because approved grants are sometimes unable to be spent due to changing circumstances experienced by individual beneficiaries. For FY24, the administrative costs for the contractor to administer this program were \$234,900, or 15.6 % of the total mini grant program budget line.</p> <p>FY24 Grants Total Approved = 825 = \$1,267,307 FY24 Grants Declined = 514 = \$1,139,515 Approval Rate = 61.6% by request (many requests are partially funded) FY24 Total Grants Considered = 1,339 = \$2,406,822 FY24 Mini Grant Admin Fee to Fiscal Agents = \$76,800 FY24 Mini Grant Program Administration Contract = \$234,900</p>		

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FY24 Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Mini Grant Award Details (FY25 information will be available upon grant closeout by contractor):

FY24 IDD Grants Approved = 303 = \$433,066.57

FY24 IDD Grants Declined = 176 = \$374,986.09

FY24 IDD Approval Rate = 63.3% by request

FY24 IDD Total Grants Considered = 479, totaling \$808,052.66

* Many of the mini grant approvals receive partial funding for a portion of what they originally requested. The portion of the grant request that was not approved is included in the decline total dollar amount, even though the beneficiary had an approved grant. This is to make sure that the total amount approved, and the total amount declined equal the total requested amount.

Approved Grants by Request Type

Request Type	Grants	% of Approved Requests	Funding	% of Approved Funding
Medical	97	32.0%	\$124,293.93	28.7%
Dental	16	5.3%	\$42,214.26	9.8%
Vision	0	0.0%	\$0.00	0.0%
Hearing	2	<1.0%	\$807.50	<1.0%
PT/OT/ST (Therapy)	133	43.9%	\$183,164.96	42.3%
Home/Env Mods	21	6.9%	\$39,366.50	9.1%
Equipment/Supplies	23	7.6%	\$30,642.44	7.1%
Education	3	<1.0%	\$2,948.00	<1.0%
Other	8	2.6%	\$9,628.98	2.2%

Approved Grants by Region

Region	Grants	% of Approved Requests	Funding	% of Approved Funding
Anchorage	99	32.7%	\$148,760.33	34.4%
Southcentral	93	30.7%	\$139,160.37	32.1%
Southeast	51	16.8%	\$66,212.92	15.3%
Northern/Interior	40	13.2%	\$55,815.01	12.9%
Southwest	15	5.0%	\$16,659.72	3.9%
Northwest	5	1.7%	\$6,458.22	1.5%

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FY24 Behavioral Health (BH) Mini Grant Award Details (FY25 information will be available upon grant closeout by contractor):

FY24 BH Grants Approved = 522 = \$834,240.58

FY24 BH Grants Declined = 338 = \$764,529.59

FY24 BH Approval Rate = 60.7% by request*

FY24 BH Total Grants Considered = 860, totaling \$1,598,770.17

* Many of the mini grant approvals receive partial funding for a portion of what they originally requested. The portion of the grant request that was not approved is included in the decline total dollar amount, even though the beneficiary had an approved grant. This is to make sure that the total amount approved, and the total amount declined equal the total requested amount.

Approved Grants by Request Type

Request Type	Grants	% of Approved Requests	Funding	% of Approved Funding
Medical	32	6.1%	\$50,930.42	6.1%
Dental	31	5.9%	\$55,986.29	6.7%
Vision	0	0.0%	\$0.00	0.0%
Hearing	1	<1.0%	\$2,500.00	<1.0%
PT/OT/ST (Therapy)	3	<1.0%	\$2,865.54	<1.0%
Home/Env Mods	89	17.1%	\$146,158.04	17.5%
Equipment/Supplies	57	10.9%	\$81,946.51	9.8%
Education	6	1.2%	\$5,844.54	<1.0%
Other*	303	58.1%	\$488,009.24	58.5%

*Other includes housing related expenses such as beds as well as items such as vehicle repairs. Beginning in FY26, updated request categories will be used to provide increased reporting information.

Approved Grants by Region

Region	Grants	% of Approved Requests	Funding	% of Approved Funding
Anchorage	137	26.3%	\$216,563.47	26.0%
Southcentral	189	36.2%	\$294,950.26	35.4%
Southeast	118	22.6%	\$179,513.36	21.5%
Northern/Interior	69	13.2%	\$130,680.71	15.7%
Southwest	8	1.5%	\$10,032.78	1.2%
Northwest	1	<1.0%	\$2,500.00	<1.0%

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Approved Grants by Beneficiary Category

Beneficiary Category	Grants	% of Approved Requests	Funding	% of Approved Funding
Mental Illness	369	70.7%	\$558,565.62	67.0%
Substance Abuse	143	27.4%	\$256,432.34	30.7%
Traumatic Brain Injury	10	1.9%	\$19,242.62	2.3%

Five Year Project Funding History - Mini Grants for beneficiaries experiencing mental illness, chronic alcoholism, substance use disorders & Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Traumatic Brain Injuries

Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$1,262,930	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$1,266,400	Pending final report
FY24	\$1,265,100	Pending final report
FY23	\$1,225,700	\$1,162,606
FY22	\$1,130,500	\$1,042,536

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Budget Line: Page 4, Line 9	Project Name: Trust Mini Grant Contract Administration	Grantee Name: These funds will be awarded through the State of Alaska procurement process
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$300.0 AG	Project Category: Contract	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 3 Economic and Social Well-being / 3.4 Enhance timely access to basic needs services		
Description: These funds represent the administrative contract to oversee the Trust's Mini Grants for beneficiaries experiencing mental illness, chronic alcoholism, substance abuse & intellectual and developmental disabilities program. For FY27, the administrative cost for this program will represent approximately 15% of the Mini Grants for beneficiaries experiencing mental illness, chronic alcoholism, substance abuse & intellectual and developmental disabilities budget.		
Analysis: The mini grant contractor provides monthly application management, financial monitoring and facilitates the proposal review for the mini grant program. In FY25, there were over 1,300 mini grant applications received for the program. In FY27, the Trust will continue to work to enhance the scope of the contract to improve data collection and strengthen the mini grant program.		

Budget Line: Page 4, Line 10	Project Name: Flex Funds for Mental Health Courts	Grantee Name: Partners for Progress
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$230.0 AG	Project Category: Direct Service	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 7 Services in the Least Restrictive Environment, Objective.3 Reduce the number of trust beneficiaries entering or becoming involved with Alaska's criminal justice or juvenile justice system		
Description: This project provides financial resources to assist therapeutic court participants in Anchorage, Juneau, Palmer, and the Palmer Families with Infants and Toddlers (FIT) court. The funding is to meet basic or emergent needs to maintain or progress in recovery and self-sufficiency and comply with court-ordered conditions. Partners for Progress disburses funds as authorized under policies and procedures developed jointly with the Alaska Court System to assist the therapeutic court participants.		
Analysis: All data is for the third quarter of FY 25 (1/1/25 through 3/31/25). The Anchorage CRP Court ran at an average of 71% capacity, and eight beneficiaries graduated. The Juneau CRP Court ran at an average of 60% capacity. The Palmer CRP Court ran at an average of 69% capacity, and four graduated. Palmer FIT Court - The Palmer FIT court ran at an average of 98% capacity. The Anchorage CRP court spent 22% of the funds for the third quarter on housing assistance for 16 individuals. Most programs spent their funds on housing and transportation. Partners for Progress contracts with the Alaska Therapeutic Court Alumni (AKTCA) to provide Peer Support Process Groups for all court participants. This project has a demonstrated history of providing		

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positive outcomes. Though efforts to secure alternative funding are ongoing, the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority is currently the primary funding source for this established project.

Five Year Project Funding History - Flex Funds for Mental Health Courts		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$229,500	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$229,500	Pending final report due 8/31/2025
FY24	\$229,500	\$210,602
FY23	\$229,500	\$193,593
FY22	\$229,500	\$204,305

Budget Line: Page 4, Line 11	Project Name: ANDVSA Victim Transition Supports	Grantee Name: ANDVSA
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$200.0 AG	Project Category: Direct Service	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 3 economic and social well-being; Objective 1 Alaskans have stable, safe housing with appropriate, community-based social supports to maintain tenancy		
Description: This project, through the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (ANDVSA), will assist individuals who have experienced domestic violence and/or sexual assault (DV/SA) and are residing in emergency shelters to attain housing. It will also assist survivors of DV/SA in jeopardy of losing their housing due to the violence they have experienced in maintaining their housing. This assistance will be available to all areas across the state, with a priority on locations where no other housing grants are available to support the needs of victims of DV/SA who identify as Trust beneficiaries.		
Analysis: This project started in FY 25, so there is no data yet to report. ANDVSA has been working with the Trust to develop performance measures, Trust beneficiary identification, and billing mechanisms. As it took a few months to set up the program, the agency asked to extend the grant for up to 90 days (9/30/25) to allow all funds to be utilized for Trust beneficiaries. During the first quarter of FY 25, funds assisted eight families to maintain their housing, and three families obtained housing.		
Five Year Project Funding History - Victim Transition Supports		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$200,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$200,000	Pending final report due 9/30/2025

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Budget Line: Page 4, Line 12	Project Name: Grant-writing technical assistance	Grantee Name: These funds will be awarded through the State of Alaska procurement process
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$300.0 AG	Project Category: Contract	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 9, Workforce; Objective 3: Ensure funding is available to support Alaska's Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Program.		
Description: The Trust has obtained a contract to assist agencies in identifying potential grants or other funding sources for new or existing programs that serve Trust beneficiaries. The contractor researches grant opportunities, assists with proposal planning and development, provides technical assistance to prepare grant proposals, and provides grant writing training for provider agencies related to the Trust's mission.		
<p>Analysis: Historically, this contract focused on identifying funding sources relevant to the focus area work and assisted with grant applications. The contractor primarily interacted with the program team when reviewing these resources, and program officers would connect with partners who were ready to implement projects that would benefit from a grant opportunity. A few projects can receive technical assistance for in-depth consultation and grant writing each fiscal year. These resources are for more complex grants, often for federal funds, and will be prioritized by system impact and contractor capacity. Grants likely to have multiple agencies from Alaska applying would not be eligible, as we do not want to provide an unfair advantage to one beneficiary-serving organization over another. In FY24, two grant applications were completed, with two submitted. A total of \$12,000,000 grant dollars came to Alaska from successful applications. One award was to the State of Alaska, and one to multiple partners that include state and nonprofit organizations.</p> <p>Recognizing that only a few projects can be supported through the grant writing technical assistance described above, new strategies were needed to support more beneficiary-serving organizations. The additional services to this contract include grant-writing training and office hours.</p>		

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Budget Line: Page 4, Line 13	Project Name: Technical assistance for beneficiary groups & Trust initiatives	Grantee Name: These funds will be awarded through the State of Alaska procurement process
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$500.0 AG	Project Category: Contract	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 9, Workforce; Objective 3: Ensure funding is available to support Alaska's Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Program.		
Description: The Trust has obtained a contract to assist organizations with technical assistance for new or existing programs that serve Trust beneficiaries. The Technical Assistance Contract can also be used by the Program Team to further the work of a focus area or group of agencies.		
<p>Analysis: This contract was developed to respond more quickly to the emerging needs of beneficiary-serving organizations, as the partnership grant process takes roughly 4-6 months. Technical Assistance can also be requested to accompany a grant to set the project up for success, especially for complex projects, or when an organization's project is not quite ready to fund to help prepare the organization for the project or remediate a concern. Strategic planning and business plans are common requests for these situations. Technical assistance can be provided in seven key areas: Non-Profit Governance and Operations, Fund Development and Financial Management, Information Technology, Capital Pre-Development, Incorporating Beneficiary Lived Experience, Supportive Housing, and Crisis Continuum of Care. These categories were established through meetings with the Program Team. Contractors were awarded through a competitive RFP process in FY22 and are in a continuation year. Contractors that meet the criteria are added to a pool from which the agency and Program Officer can select based on the presenting need and contractor specialty. Work is not guaranteed, but contractors generally have one or more contracts each fiscal year.</p> <p>In FY24, 16 projects were requested, and 14 moved forward with a scope of work. Three projects were in Anchorage, two in Southeast Alaska, one in Kodiak, one in MatSu, one in Southcentral Alaska, and seven statewide. The average project cost was \$28,999, with a low of \$5,100 and a high of \$50,000.</p> <p>Technical Assistance Contract trends include longer project periods, an increase in no-cost extensions, and an organization needing multiple types of assistance (if the budget allows). Contractors also seem quite busy, and it often takes 4-6 weeks before work can begin.</p>		

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Budget Line: Page 4, Line 14	Project Name: Communications	Grantee Name: These funds will be awarded through the State of Alaska procurement process
Proposed FY26 Amount: \$450.0 AG	Project Category: Contract(s)	
Comp Plan Relevance: This budget line connects with multiple Areas of Focus in the comp plan		
Description: These funds support the Trust's communications program, including efforts to increase understanding of the needs of and challenges faced by Trust beneficiaries, the Trust's anti-stigma and lands-related education campaigns, as well as other media and public relations efforts. These funds are deployed primarily through procured/contractual services.		
Analysis: The Trust's communication goals and program aligns with the Trust's mission of improving beneficiary outcomes and providing leadership in advocacy, planning, implementing and funding a Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Program. Trust communications also often directly support Trust focused areas of work and grantmaking, as well improving the understanding of the use of Trust lands for Trust beneficiaries. Recent media campaign metrics indicate above average engagement and viewership of Trust content, and survey data indicates that public awareness of the Trust and its mission is improving.		

Budget Line: Page 4, Line 15	Project Name: Conferences/Sponsorships	Grantee Name: Sponsorship Agreements
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$30.0	Project Category: Outreach	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 9: Workforce, The State of Alaska has the workforce capacity in place to support the resources and funding of a Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Program.		
Description: Staff are proposing to allocate funds for conference sponsorships. These funds will be administered through sponsorship agreements vs. small grant awards, as has been the practice. Funds will support up to 12 beneficiary-related conferences at a sponsorship level not to exceed \$2,500 per event. The Chief Communications Officer will administer these funds as part of the Trust's communications efforts.		
Analysis: Staff recommend this new approach to trust support for conferences because it is thought that a conference sponsorship agreement better reflects the way trust funds are being used to support these events. Conferences are typically simple, one-time events, vs longer-term beneficiary serving projects supported through grantmaking. Conferences supported through these funds will focus on Trust beneficiary-related topics, and/or the beneficiary workforce. Serving as a conference sponsor is a relatively easy and low-cost way to increase Trust's visibility and positive perception, and to introduce our organization to new potential grantees and partners. Further, conference sponsorship serves as a tool in the Trust's communications strategy.		
Note: The Trust will, at times, play a larger role in funding and/or helping to plan select partner conferences; those situations will be handled via the normal trustee grant approval process.		

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Budget Line: Page 4, Line 16	Project Name: Rural & Community Outreach	Grantee Name: Contract Services
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$100.0	Project Category: This budget line connects with multiple areas of focus in the Comp Plan	
Comp Plan Relevance: This budget line connects with multiple areas of focus in the Comp Plan		
<p>Description: These funds will support planning, contracts for services, participant transportation and lodging, and other costs associated with the Trust Rural Outreach (RO) efforts. The purpose of Trust RO is to gain a deeper understanding of Alaska’s unique regions and cultures, increase understanding of the strengths and challenges facing Trust beneficiaries and those who serve them in rural Alaska, increase awareness of the resources available to Trust beneficiaries, communities, and organizations in the region, and to foster partnerships.</p>		
<p>Analysis: Participant survey data from the 2023 RO trip to the YK region indicated that both attendees and regional partners found the event valuable, and an opportunity to build meaningful relationships. Participants also received a copy of a trip summary that highlighted themes from participant reports and community site visits, as well as opportunities for partnership and solutions. While immeasurable, we know that participants in Trust RO trips will apply the knowledge gained on these trips to better inform their work on behalf of Trust beneficiaries across the state.</p>		

Budget Line: Page 4, Line 17	Project Name: Trust Conference	Grantee Name: Contract Services
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$160.0	Project Category: Outreach	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 10: Data, Objective 10.2: Encourage a culture of data-driven decision making that includes data sharing, data analysis, and management to link support services across DOH and DFCS divisions and other departments		
<p>Description: The next Trust conference is planned for fall 2027. These FY27 funds for the bi-annual Trust conference will support costs associated with the event including a planning contractor, venue rental, materials, catering, AV needs, and more. The Trust conference has proven to be a successful and well-received event where beneficiary serving partners, agency officials, beneficiaries and others can network, share ideas, and learn. Note: \$20K in funding for the conference was approved in the Trust’s FY26 budget; these funds allow us to bring on a contractor to support conference planning before mid-summer 2027.</p>		
<p>Analysis: Both the first Improving Lives Conference in 2022, as well as the latest in 2024 were successes, with each yielding more than 60 presenters, 30+ presentations, and more than 90% of post-event survey respondents expressing a positive and valuable experience. The event grew to 400 attendees in 2024. The next Trust conference is scheduled for fall 2026. In addition to serving as a platform to share information, data and promising practices, the Improving Lives Conference can support meaningful connection and “cross pollination” between partners.</p>		

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Mental Health & Addiction Intervention Focus Area Authority Grant Funding

Budget Line: Page 4, Line 19	Project Name: Crisis Now Initiative Project Management Contract	Grantee Name: These funds will be awarded through the State of Alaska procurement process
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$350.0 AG	Project Category: Contract	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 5, Suicide Prevention; Objective 5.2: Support and improve the system to assist individuals in crisis.		
<p>Description: A competitive RFP was issued for a contract to support the statewide Crisis Now Initiative contract for project management, which at this time is Agnew Beck. The key goals and objectives of the Crisis Now Initiative project management are to ensure the planning, coordination, facilitation, and execution of a strategic work plan to implement recommendations identified through the Alaska Crisis Now Consultation Report, thereby ensuring Alaska has the necessary conditions to support the operation of Crisis Now programs. This includes coordination with the Trust to execute work plans with key partners, including State of Alaska departments and divisions, members of the legislature, and tribal and local community partners. This contract also supports community planning for implementing Crisis Now services in Anchorage, Mat-Su, Juneau, and Fairbanks, and other identified communities.</p>		
<p>Analysis: Agnew Beck was awarded the contract for project management support of the statewide Crisis Now Initiative through a competitive RFP process. The initial contract was in FY24 with the option to renew annually, with a total of five one-year renewals. In FY25, Agnew Beck developed and distributed three implementation reports updating partners on initiative efforts and accomplishments, provided public comment on sub-acute mental health facilities licensure, coordinated meetings and facilitated conversations to ensure alignment of efforts across communities and with the Division of Behavioral Health (DBH), lead community-level workgroups in Anchorage and Juneau and developed key performance indicators for the crisis contact center and mobile crisis teams with input from DBH, the Trust and service operators. This contractual resource has been critical to the initiative continued progress. Funding is expected to continue as long as the contract is needed by the Trust and partners.</p>		

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Budget Line: Page 4, Line 20	Project Name: Fairbanks Crisis Now Coordinator	Grantee Name: City of Fairbanks
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$138.0 AG	Project Category: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 5, Suicide Prevention; Objective 5.2: Support and improve the system to assist individuals in crisis.		
<p>Description: The grant supports the Crisis Now Community Coordinator as part of the Trust’s overall Crisis Now Initiative implementation strategy. The Crisis Now Community Coordinator supports project management for each component of the Crisis Now model within the Fairbanks community and is housed under the City of Fairbanks Mayor’s office. The coordinator serves as the liaison between the local Community Implementation Team, the Trust, and consultants working on the development of the Crisis Now Initiative. The coordinator is well versed in the Crisis Now model, crisis services, and efforts in Alaska to adopt the model to fit the unique aspects of Fairbanks, working to optimize existing services to better respond to individuals in a mental health emergency, as well as to engage, recruit and facilitate local organizations in standing up crisis stabilization services. The coordinator identifies and manages local key stakeholder engagement, provides project management oversight and reporting to the Trust on the local implementation plan, hosts monthly Community Implementation Team meetings, collaborates on community efforts with statewide and system-level initiatives, collects and reports data, and promotes Crisis Now in the community.</p>		
<p>Analysis: Trust funding to support a Crisis Now Coordinator is integral in implementing the Crisis Now model in the community of Fairbanks and at the statewide level. The Fairbanks Crisis Now Coordinator has demonstrated success in various ways, including key community-wide collaborations that have fostered agreements between agencies that previously did not exist, successfully convening agencies involved in the various components of the Crisis Now continuum of care, and advocating for legislative capital funding for a crisis stabilization center. These successes have translated into improvements in the systems of care serving Trust beneficiaries experiencing a crisis, with Alaska Behavioral Health’s Mobile Crisis Team available to Emergency Medical Services (EMS), police, fire departments, and local providers of behavioral health and community-based services. The Fairbanks Crisis Now Coordinator has fostered a strong collaboration among 911 dispatch, public safety agencies, emergency medical services, and the Mobile Crisis Team. The Fairbanks Emergency Communications Center deploys the Mobile Crisis Team (MCT), resulting in an 84% reduction in hospitalizations, incarcerations, and further law enforcement involvement. The Fairbanks Crisis Now Coordinator has secured an agreement with a partner to operate a stabilization center and is involved in ongoing discussions to establish a 23-hour crisis stabilization center. The coordinator is part of the Behavioral Health Community Coalition, which primarily advises the Fairbanks Native Association on its efforts, including coordinating with 988 for culturally appropriate responses. Additionally, the coordinator’s advocacy efforts have supported the City of Fairbanks in securing a Promoting Access to Crisis Teams (PACT) grant to rebuild their Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) program. The FY27 funding request remains unchanged. Continuing locally focused project management is essential in advancing Crisis Now implementation, which continues to demonstrate meaningful improvements in outcomes for Trust beneficiaries.</p>		
Five Year Project Funding History - Fairbanks Crisis Now Coordinator		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$138,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$138,000	Pending final report due 8/31/2025
FY24	\$138,000	\$136,711
FY23	\$100,000	\$100,000
FY22	\$130,400	\$130.390

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Budget Line: Page 4, Line 21	Project Name: Ketchikan Crisis Now Coordinator	Grantee Name: Ketchikan Wellness Coalition
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$124.5 AG	Project Category: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 5, Suicide Prevention; Objective 5.2: Support and improve the system to assist individuals in crisis.		
<p>Description: The grant supports the Crisis Now Community Coordinator as part of the Trust’s overall Crisis Now Initiative in the community of Ketchikan and is housed with the Ketchikan Wellness Coalition. The coordinator serves as the liaison between the local Community Implementation Team, the Trust, and consultants throughout the development of the Crisis Now Initiative. The coordinator is well versed in the Crisis Now model, crisis services and efforts in Alaska to adopt the model to fit the unique needs of Ketchikan, working to optimize existing services to better respond to individuals in a mental health emergency, as well as to engage, recruit and facilitate local organizations in standing up local response. The coordinator identifies and manages local key stakeholder engagement, provides project management oversight and reporting to the Trust on the local implementation plan, hosts monthly Community Implementation Team meetings, collaborates on community efforts with statewide and system-level initiatives, collects and reports data, and promotes Crisis Now in the community.</p>		
<p>Analysis: Trust funding to support a Crisis Now Coordinator is essential for implementing the Crisis Now model initiative in the Ketchikan community and at the statewide level. The Ketchikan Crisis Now Coordinator has demonstrated success in various ways, including key community-wide collaborations, fostering agreements between agencies that previously did not exist, and successfully convening agencies involved in the various components of the Crisis Now continuum. These successes have translated to improvements in the systems of care serving Trust beneficiaries experiencing a crisis, including the Emergency Medical Services (EMS), police and fire departments, and local providers of behavioral health and community-based services. The Ketchikan Fire Department’s Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) program, launched in June 2024, has achieved exceptional results in its first seven months of operation, including an 80% reduction in EMS calls among high utilizers, over 432 calls avoided, and a 10% overall decrease in emergency calls. The Ketchikan Crisis Now Coordinator played a crucial role in securing funding and coordinating this initiative, which has served 288 patients and successfully graduated 17 high utilizers from the program, who no longer require MIH or EMS assistance. Funding requested in FY27 remains unchanged. Staff will continue to monitor this strategy and work with the grantee.</p>		
Five Year Project Funding History - Ketchikan Crisis Now Coordinator		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$124,500	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$124,500	Pending final report due 8/31/2025
FY24	\$125,500	125,500

Budget Line: Page 4, Line 23	Project Name: Local re-entry coalition coordinator - Anchorage	Grantee Name: Neighborworks
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$60.0 AG	Project Category: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 8 Services in Institutional Settings, Objective 4 ensure Alaskans who are transitioning out of institutional settings have essential supports		
Description: Funds support a Reentry Coalition Coordinator in Anchorage, who is instrumental in developing reentry infrastructure. The Reentry Coalition Coordinator's work supports the needs of all returning citizens, including Trust beneficiaries, as they transition back into their communities. Support includes educating the community about the criminal justice system, identifying local challenges facing reentrants, identifying local gaps in services and corresponding collaborative solutions, and serving as a local point of contact for the DOC.		
Analysis: This position was vacant from April 2024 through June 2024. Since July, the new coordinator has focused on enhancing stakeholder relationships, raising awareness about reentry, and identifying and distributing resources. In January, she attended the reentry partnership legislative advocacy fly-in and reentry simulation event in Juneau and distributed the strategic planning form for information to update the comprehensive plan. In April, an Anchorage reentry simulation was held with attendance capped at 50. FY 27 is the final year this project will receive Trust funding.		
Five Year Project Funding History - Local re-entry coalition coordinator-Anchorage		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$120,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$120,000	Pending final report due 8/31/2025
FY24	\$120,000	\$88,654
FY23	\$100,000	\$98,458
FY22	\$100,000	\$93,455

Budget Line: Page 4, Line 24	Project Name: Local re-entry coalition coordinator -Mat-Su	Grantee Name: Valley Charities
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$60.0 AG	Project Category: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 8 Services in Institutional Settings, Objective 4 ensure Alaskans who are transitioning out of institutional settings have essential supports		
Description: Funds support a Reentry Coalition Coordinator, who is instrumental in developing reentry infrastructure. The Reentry Coalition Coordinator's work supports the needs of all returning citizens, including Trust beneficiaries, as they transition back into their communities. Support includes educating the community about the criminal justice system, identifying local challenges facing reentrants, identifying local gaps in services and corresponding collaborative solutions, and serving as a local point of contact for the DOC.		
Analysis: The Mat-Su Reentry Coalition continues to make progress in identified goals for housing, employment, physical health/mental health/substance use services, transportation, and culture and community connection services. The Mat-SU still does not have enough non-restrictive transitional housing; however, progress has been made in increasing restrictive transitional housing through local agencies. The reentry coalition coordinator continues to hold monthly meetings, distribute newsletters, and attend state and national reentry events. Eighty-three individuals attended the 2024 Mat-Su Reentry Summit, and 26 participants and 20 volunteers attended the Mat-Su Reentry Simulation in November. FY 27 is the final year this project will receive Trust funding.		
Five Year Project Funding History - Local re-entry coalition coordinator-Mat-Su		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$120,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$120,000	Pending final report due 8/31/2025
FY24	\$120,000	\$119,936
FY23	\$100,000	\$99,847
FY22	\$100,000	\$92,758

Budget Line: Page 4, Line 25	Project Name: Local re-entry coalition coordinator -Juneau	Grantee Name: JAMHI Health & Wellness
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$60.0 AG	Project Category: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 8 Services in Institutional Settings, Objective 4 ensure Alaskans who are transitioning out of institutional settings have essential supports		
Description: Funds support a Reentry Coalition Coordinator, who is instrumental in developing reentry infrastructure. The Reentry Coalition Coordinator's work supports the needs of all returning citizens, including Trust beneficiaries, as they transition back into their communities. Support includes educating the community about the criminal justice system, identifying local challenges facing reentrants, identifying local gaps in services and corresponding collaborative solutions, and serving as a local point of contact for the DOC.		
Analysis: The Juneau Reentry Coalition continues to address goals related to housing, access to behavioral health services, and increasing access to digital technology inside Department of Corrections facilities. JREC noted that the long-term goal to increase housing in the community showed a promising increase with Gastineau Human Services' addition of 51 low-income units and Tlingit and Haida's nine-bed transitional housing facility for women. Access to behavioral health services continues to be stressful, as some behavioral health services closed recently. JREC hosted a Legislative Advocacy Training and Reentry Simulation in January 2025, inviting Legislators, legislative staff, and community members. The Reentry Simulation had 34 participants. FY 27 is the final year this project will receive Trust funding.		
Five Year Project Funding History - Local re-entry coalition coordinator-Juneau		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$120,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$120,000	Pending final report due 8/31/2025
FY24	\$120,000	\$103,925
FY23	\$100,000	\$97,881
FY22	\$100,000	\$90,162

Budget Line: Page 4, Line 26	Project Name: Local re-entry coalition coordinator - Fairbanks	Grantee Name: City of Fairbanks
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$60.0 AG	Project Category: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 8 Services in Institutional Settings, Objective 4 ensure Alaskans who are transitioning out of institutional settings have essential supports		
Description: Funds support a Reentry Coalition Coordinator, who is instrumental in developing reentry infrastructure. The Reentry Coalition Coordinator's work supports the needs of all returning citizens, including Trust beneficiaries, as they transition back into their communities. Support includes educating the community about the criminal justice system, identifying local challenges facing reentrants, identifying local gaps in services and corresponding collaborative solutions, and serving as a local point of contact for the DOC.		
Analysis: The Fairbanks Alaska Prisoner Reentry Coalition continues to address goals related to collaboration with agencies, expanding resources, advocating policy changes, engaging the community, and strengthening the coalition's foundation. Housing remains challenging, but not as challenging as in previous years, due to the reentrants' employment status. FY 27 is the final year this project will receive Trust funding.		
Five Year Project Funding History - Local re-entry coalition coordinator-Fairbanks		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$120,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$120,000	Pending final report due 8/31/2025
FY24	\$120,000	\$118,832
FY23	\$100,000	\$90,979
FY22	\$100,000	\$100,000

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Budget Line: Page 4, Line 28	Project Name: IDD System Capacity Development	Grantee Name: Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities (AADD)
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$25.0 AG	Project Category: Capacity Building	
<p>Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 7, Services in the Least Restrictive Environment; Objective 2: Increase access to effective, flexible, person-centered, long-term services and supports in urban and rural areas to avoid institutional placement and Area of Focus 9, Workforce; Objective 1: Strengthen workforce capacity with improved recruitment and retention to obtain and maintain knowledge and support innovation and modernization.</p>		
<p>Description: The grant supports the operations of the Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities (AADD). AADD is a provider association for agencies that serve beneficiaries experiencing an intellectual or developmental disability (IDD).</p>		
<p>Analysis: Trust funding provides change management support and training for the leadership of agencies that serve beneficiaries experiencing IDD, efforts to increase the available workforce of direct support professionals, agency sustainability, and advocacy for best practices in home and community-based services to strengthen the IDD service system utilized by Trust beneficiaries. This project impacts the home and community-based service system on a macro level through advocacy, leadership, and relationship-building across service systems. Due to the age of the grant and the goals that have been attained, FY27 is the last year of funding. AADD is a membership organization and has sustainable funding through membership fees and grants.</p>		
Five Year Project Funding History - IDD System Capacity Development		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$45,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$65,000	Pending final report due 8/31/2025
FY24	\$65,000	\$65,000
FY23	\$65,000	\$65,000
FY22	\$65,000	\$65,000

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Budget Line: Page 4, Line 29	Project Name: Affordable Housing Development Position	Grantee(s): Juneau Housing First Collaborative
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$50.0 AG	Project Category: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 3, Economic and Social Well-being, Objective 1: Alaskans have stable, safe housing with appropriate community-based social supports to maintain tenancy.		
Description: This project provides partner funding for a Development Director position to assist agencies in developing housing for individuals experiencing homelessness and individuals in recovery, focusing on Southeast Alaska and off-road system communities.		
Analysis: Lack of affordable housing is the primary contributor to homelessness. As housing costs rise in Alaska, homelessness rates will continue to increase unless an adequate supply of affordable housing is created. Trust beneficiaries are overrepresented in homeless and low-income populations. This position will provide development technical assistance for agencies that want to build affordable housing. The position would focus on providing technical assistance with pre-development and development activities and compiling and providing operating materials templates for housing projects. Types of materials would include sample policies and procedures, job descriptions, code of conduct, building maintenance logs, lease examples, and other relevant documents needed for funding or compliance. FY27 is the final year of funding. The project is expected to transition to other grant sources for FY28.		
Five Year Project Funding History - Affordable Housing Development Position		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$75,000	Grant started 7/1/2025

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Housing and Home & Community Based Services Focus Area Authority Grant Funding

Budget Line: Page 4, Line 30	Project Name: TABI Phasic Implementation Plan for Identification, Intervention, and Enhanced Community Infrastructure	Grantee Name: Southcentral Foundation
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$200.0 AG	Project Category: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 2, Healthcare, Objective 1: Alaskans have access to and receive quality healthcare services.		
<p>Description: Southcentral Foundation (SCF) will use the grant funds to continue the implementation of improved and expanded best practices for early identification and treatment of Traumatic or Acquired Brain Injury (TABI), based on the 2022 Traumatic and Acquired Brain Injury (TABI) Early Identification and Intervention Services Planning, Design, and Capacity Building gap analysis project funded by the Alaska Mental Health Trust performed in 2022. The project will create and implement processes for early identification and intervention services for traumatic and acquired brain injury (TABI) that require system-level changes. There are three identified phases: 1) Adults empaneled to SCF clinics residing in the Municipality of Anchorage and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough; 2) Adults empaneled to SCF's rural Community Health Centers; 3) Children empaneled to Alaska's Tribal Healthcare System. The intent is to ensure individuals with TABIs are identified and provided supportive services at the earliest point in time possible to maximize their quality of life.</p>		
<p>Analysis: According to the 2020 Alaska Native Injury Atlas, Alaskans have a high rate of traumatic brain injuries (TBI), which are present in 19.2% of all injuries reported to the Alaska Trauma Registry. Of the brain injuries reported, 30% of them were experienced by Alaska Native people, which is disproportionate to the percentage of Alaska's population that identifies as Alaska Native. The rate for Alaska Native people with Traumatic Brain Injury Hospitalizations was 25.4 per 10,000 people in Anchorage, which is nearly three times the state-wide Non-Native rate. The rates for Alaskan children ages 0-4 in 2018 reached 110.9 per 10,000; ages 5-9 was 56.1; 10-14 hit 73.5 and 15-19 stood at a staggering 113.7. In 2023, 800 SCF patients were diagnosed with a TBI, which is believed to be 40% of patients with the condition due to under-coding. SCF is standardizing coding for these conditions to improve the accuracy of documentation. Trust funding provided new positions to provide services previously unavailable to SCF customers with a brain injury and implemented a robust staff training effort across SCF and ANMC.</p>		
<p>This is year five of a five-year project using Trust funding, stepping down funding from the prior year with FY27 being the final year. SCF is heavily invested in this project and is expanding its organizational resources beyond the detailed match for this application. Permanent system changes will be made throughout this project period and are a key outcome. A pro forma has been created for the services being developed under this project and is updated regularly by SCF to confirm that these system and service improvements remain after the grant project period ends.</p>		
Five Year Project Funding History - TABI Phasic Implementation Plan for Identification, Intervention, and Enhanced Community Infrastructure		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$350,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$500,000	Pending final report due 8/31/2025
FY24	\$500,000	\$500,000

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Budget Line: Page 4, Line 31	Project Name: Gulf Coast TABI Expansion Project	Grantee Name: Independent Living Center
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$125.0 AG	Project Category: Direct Service	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 7, Services in the Least Restrictive Environment; Objective 2: Increase access to effective, flexible, person-centered, long-term services and supports in urban and rural areas to avoid institutional placement		
Description: The Gulf Coast TABI Expansion Project provides direct services to Trust beneficiaries with brain injury who live in the Gulf Coast region.		
Analysis: The Gulf Coast TABI Expansion Project provides resource facilitation, peer mentorship, and individual and group support to beneficiaries with a brain injury, their families, and caregivers. The area served is the Kenai Peninsula, Kodiak Island, and the Valdez/Cordova Census Area. This project fills a gap in services for this beneficiary group and compliments grants issued by the Division of Senior and Disabilities Services (SDS) to other regions. By FY28, SDS will likely be able to expand and offer funding that will include this region of the state.		
Five Year Project Funding History - Gulf Coast TABI Expansion Project		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$125,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$100,000	Pending final report due 8/31/2025
FY24	\$100,000	\$100,000
FY22	\$100,000	\$98,826

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Budget Line: Page 4, Line 32	Project Name: Home & Community Based Services Reform Contract	Grantee Name: These funds will be awarded through the State of Alaska procurement process
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$150.0 AG	Project Category: Contract	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 7, Services in the Least Restrictive Environment; Objective 2: Increase access to effective, flexible, person-centered, long-term services and supports in urban and rural areas to avoid institutional placement		
Description: A competitive RFP is issued for a contract to provide national-level expertise on Medicaid financing, program evaluation, administration, and implementation of home and community-based services (HCBS) in Alaska. The current contractor is a company that works solely in this field, helping states transform their HCBS systems.		
Analysis: Having ongoing access to national-level expertise on the financing and implementation of HCBS services has benefited this focus area and the work of partner agencies, including the Division of Senior and Disabilities Services and Alaskan nonprofits. Moving an initiative forward, especially HCBS projects with Medicaid financing can be complex, ensuring timely implementation of key initiatives or service reforms that benefit the HCBS system and, ultimately, trust beneficiaries. Some past work completed by this contract includes a Medicaid Administrative Claiming plan for the ADRCs, leading to improved sustainability for those programs; an analysis of how to improve the environmental modification programs in Alaska; Medicaid waiver service standardization and compliance with federal rules, creation of a program evaluation for the Alzheimer’s Disease Program Initiative Grant in Alaska, and a proposed plan to implement community first choice in Alaska. Funding is expected to continue if the Trust and partners need the contract.		

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Budget Line: Page 4, Line 33	Name: ADRD Rural Outreach and Prevention	Grantee Name: Alzheimer’s Resource of Alaska
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$175.0 AG	Project Category: Outreach and Education	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 7, Services in the Least Restrictive Environment; Objective 2: Increase access to effective, flexible, person-centered, long-term services and supports in urban and rural areas to avoid institutional placement		
Description: The ADRD Rural Outreach and Prevention position will provide in-person outreach and education in rural Alaska about Alzheimer’s disease and related dementia. Funding includes a position and travel.		
Analysis: To address the lack of ADRD outreach and prevention/risk reduction services statewide, Alzheimer’s Resource of Alaska is developing a new department within the agency, ADRD Outreach and Prevention. This grant will fund one full-time position (or equivalent) dedicated to outreach and prevention/risk reduction of ADRD in areas of Alaska outside of the Municipality of Anchorage and the Mat-Su Valley. The outreach specialist will focus on building and strengthening partnerships with community-based organizations, especially those serving seniors. They will participate in community events, including health fairs and other outreach opportunities, to meet seniors and community members where they are. Outreach staff will provide warm hand-off referrals for education programs, care coordination, and other services. Objectives include increasing awareness of ADRD, improving access to services, identifying service gaps, supporting community connectedness with the public and community-based organizations, and improving the quality of life for Alaskans with ADRD and their caregivers. This project is expected to have a duration of 3-5 years, based on performance.		
Five Year Project Funding History - ADRD Rural Outreach & Prevention		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$175,000	Grant started 7/1/2025

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Housing and Home & Community Based Services Focus Area Authority Grant Funding

Budget Line: Page 4, Line 34	Name: Self-directed Home & Community Based Services	Grantee Name: Independent Living Center
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$400.0 AG	Project Category: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 7, Services in the Least Restrictive Environment; Objective 2: Increase access to effective, flexible, person-centered, long-term services and supports in urban and rural areas to avoid institutional placement		
Description: The Self-directed HCBS project will explore how to implement self-directed home and community-based services (HCBS) in Alaska, including identifying what is needed to prepare provider organizations and people receiving services for this system change.		
<p>Analysis: The Medicaid.gov definition: “Self-directed Medicaid services means that participants, or their representatives if applicable, have decision-making authority over certain services and take direct responsibility to manage their services with the assistance of a system of available supports. The self-directed service delivery model is an alternative to traditionally delivered and managed services, such as an agency delivery model. Self-direction of services allows participants to have the responsibility for managing all aspects of service delivery in a person-centered planning process. This will give Trust beneficiaries more choice, control, and independence regarding their services.” Alaska is the only state that does not have a self-directed service delivery model for Medicaid Waiver recipients. Alaska has a self-directed model within the state through the federally funded veteran's directed care (VDC) model, including employer and budget authority. The Independent Living Center initially implemented VDC in Alaska in 2015 and is now available in Kodiak, Chugach, and Copper River Census communities, MatSu, Southeast, and Fairbanks. This project would work with the Department of Health, advocates, and providers to explore how self-directed HCBS can be implemented in Alaska. A successful outcome will be incorporating self-direction into the HCBS Medicaid waivers through the available Medicaid authorities. This will ensure the long-term sustainability of the project. The project is estimated to take 3-5 years, with the largest unknown variable being CMS acceptance of a Medicaid waiver application or amendment.</p>		
Five Year Project Funding History - ADRD Rural Outreach & Prevention		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$175,000	Grant started 7/1/2025

FY26 Budget Line Detail: Workforce Priority Area Authority Grant Funding

Budget Line: Page 4, Line 36	Project Name: Alaska Psychology Internship Program	Grantee Name: WICHE
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$125.0 AG	Project Category: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 9, Workforce capacity, Objective 9.1, Strengthen workforce capacity with improved recruitment and retention to obtain and maintain knowledge and support innovation and modernization.		
Description: WICHE is the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. The Alaska Psychology Internship Consortium (AK-PIC) serves as a platform for equipping students in the UAA psychology program, as well as doctoral students from other psychology programs who wish to train and work in Alaska, to complete an American Psychological Association (APA)- accredited internship program in Alaska. An APA-accredited internship ensures high training standards for future Alaska psychologists; it is also instrumental in recruiting and retaining clinical psychologists to work in Alaska. This provides more practitioners in Alaska with an emphasis on rural hub villages. This program supports UAA graduates, recruits out-of-state psychologists to Alaska, and trains them on how to serve Trust beneficiaries clinically in both urban and rural regions.		
Analysis: Nine interns completed the program in FY24, and a total of 131 have finished the program since its inception 14 years ago. 61% of the interns took their first job upon graduation in Alaska, with 83% still working and residing in the state. The Alaska Division of Behavioral Health provides funding for travel and academic training, while the Trust funds pay WICHE staff to facilitate the program and evaluation necessary to maintain its APA accreditation. The other significant outcome of this program is the clinical provision hours provided by the interns to beneficiaries in rural Alaska, which range between 500 and 600 per year of their internship. By the end of FY27, this program is intended to be self-sustaining through tuition payments.		

Budget Line: Page 4, Line 37	Project Name: Clinical Supervision Support	Grantee Name: AK Behavioral Health Association
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$200.0 AG	Project Category: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Area of Focus 9, Workforce capacity, Objective 9.1, Strengthen workforce capacity with improved recruitment and retention to obtain and maintain knowledge and support innovation and modernization		
Description: Clinical supervision is critical for managing clinicians. The Alaska Behavioral Health Association (ABHA) will utilize these funds for a clinical supervision program to establish the infrastructure for training, certifying, and launching clinical supervisors statewide. This workforce infrastructure system change identifies this critical need in Alaska to build a training pathway that builds a clinically and culturally appropriate Alaska behavioral health workforce.		
Analysis: There is a profound lack of quality clinical supervision within the behavioral health system of care at the agency level. This limits the workforce capacity to equip clinicians to provide high-quality clinical care to Trust beneficiaries. ABHA is actively transforming this system of care for the 90 agencies it supports through its trade association by developing a clinical supervision, teaching, and equipping program to replicate clinical supervisors who are knowledgeable in delivering quality clinical care. ABHA proposed rolling out this initiative through a three-phase approach: planning, preparation, and implementation over a three-year period. Rasmussen is working with ABHA to fund the first year with the Trust and then fund years two and three. At that time, the program will be self-sustaining through agency fees for obtaining the clinical supervisors, licensing process, and ongoing technical support from the Association. FY26 is intended as a planning year, focusing on designing a sustainable business model, formalizing partner commitments, and establishing the operational, curricular, and administrative structures necessary for successful implementation in FY27. An advisory board will be convened to guide development, ensure cultural and geographic relevance, and inform sustainability planning.		
Five Year Project Funding History - Clinical Supervision Support		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$200,000	Grant started 7/1/2025

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Early Childhood & Youth Priority Area Authority Grant Funding

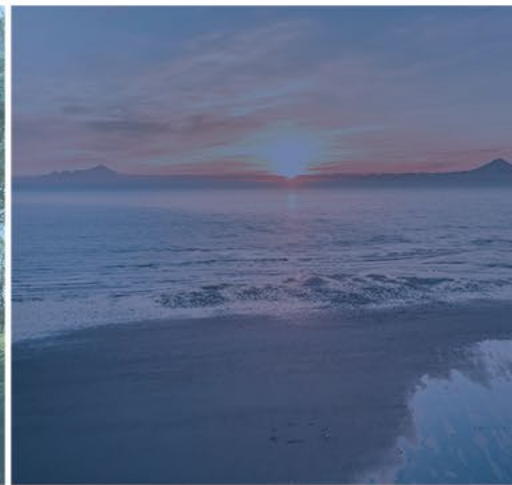
Budget Line: Page 4, Line 39	Project Name: Help Me Grow Alaska: Community Outreach, Care Coordination & Dev Screening	Grantee Name: All Alaska Pediatric Partnership
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$150.0 AG	Grant Type: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Early Childhood & Youth. Object 1.1: Promote practice-informed, comprehensive developmental screening efforts and early intervention services.		
Description: This project through the All-Alaska Pediatric Partnership (A2P2) will continue serving families statewide by ensuring the capacity of the Help Me Grow-AK Centralized Access Point (CAP) is sufficient to meet the increasing demand of callers and to continue to support availability and access to developmental screening and outreach done in local communities to help engage families and children not being reached by other systems. This project aligns with the Department of Health’s Behavioral Health Roadmap, A2P2’s Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Needs Assessment, and the Maternal and Child Health Title V Block Grant.		
Analysis: In FY24, the Help Me Grow CAP provided a total of 11,630 unique interactions, with 100% of families reporting that their needs were met. The average number of families served each month was 142. The volume of cases increased by almost 40% compared to the previous year. Due to the increased call volume, it was determined in early FY24 that A2P2 needed to expand the team by two additional Family Support Specialists (FSS). Additionally, Help Me Grow provided 67 trainings to medical staff on referral and linkage and trained a total of 362 non-medical professionals on developmental screening and/or referral and linkage. As of June 2025, the Help Me Grow Alaska CAP interacted with 2,152 families, of which 2,141 (99.5%) were provided information or direct service referrals to meet their presenting needs. The top three needs identified for families were mental health (24.35%), neuropsychological evaluations (24.02%), and communication (15.2%). The contacts consisted of beneficiaries from 52 different communities across Alaska; of these communities, 20 are off the road system. Rural communities often experience more complex issues accessing services.		
A2P2 is actively working with state and private partners on several approaches to long-term sustainability. These include exploring opportunities for integration into existing and new programs. The need for diverse and sustainable funding for HMG-AK will likely continue as A2P2 hires additional HMG-AK staff to accommodate the growing needs. Continued Trust funding in FY27 is warranted due to the high demand for this service.		
Five Year Project Funding History - Help Me Grow Alaska: Community Outreach, Care Coordination & Dev Screening		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$150,000	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$150,000	Pending final report due 8/31/2025
FY24	\$150,000	\$150,000
FY23	\$100,000	\$100,000
FY22	\$100,000	\$100,000

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Early Childhood & Youth Priority Area Authority Grant Funding

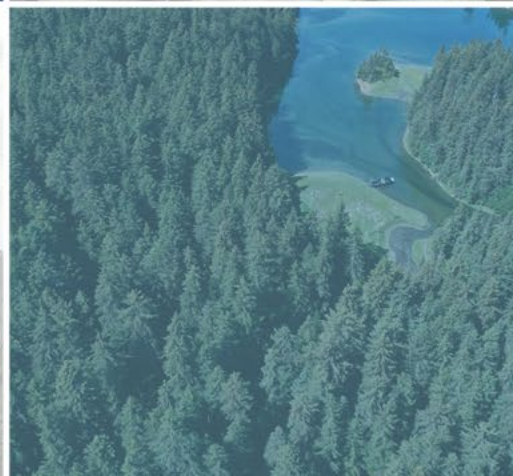
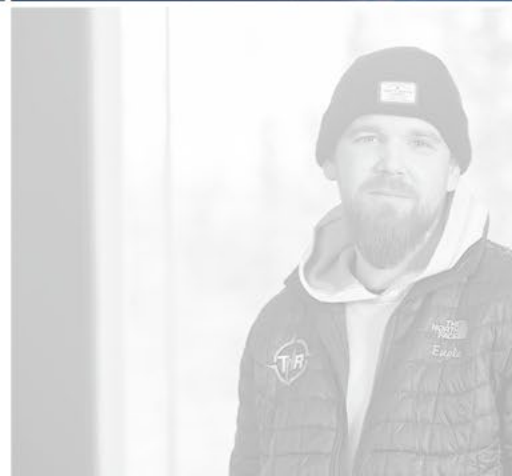
Budget Line: Page 4, Line 40	Project Name: Reimagining Child Welfare Project	Grantee Name: Alaska Impact Alliance
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$250.0 AG	Grant Type: Capacity Building	
Comp Plan Relevance: Goal 6: Alaskans are free from abuse, neglect, self-neglect, and exploitation. Objective 2: Promote early intervention in maltreatment and with families at risk for maltreatment.		
Description: FY27 funding will support two focus areas at AIA: 1) direct support to kin families and children through mini-grants to address basic needs, respite, and other services, and 2) the continued development and support of FRCs in Alaska. Family Resource Centers (FRCs) support families to be healthy and successful, contribute to a healthy community & reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect by building the family's protective factors. Improved systems of family support through this work have the potential to improve multi-generational outcomes for Trust beneficiaries by interrupting the cycle of generational trauma to promote healing and wellbeing for families.		
Analysis: FY24 saw the addition of 4 new Family Resource Centers located in Fairbanks, Anchorage, and MatSu. Additionally, 19 FRC staff were trained on evidence-based assessment tools, motivational interviewing, and best practices for service delivery. Since January 2024, member FRCs have served a total of 1,586 families and trained 11 FRC staff on the FAMS (Family Assistance Management System) database. Other accomplishments include 99 kin families receiving UReCares stipends, the testing & launch of the 907 Navigation App, and completing 100% Communities Alaska Assessments for 3 Communities (Central Kenai Peninsula, Metlakatla Indian Community, Juneau). FY25 performance data to date includes the distribution of the UReCares stipends directly to 119 kin families (a total of \$59,500), 1,984 total downloads of the 907 Navigation app (10 new downloads/day), and a total of 5246 identified resources in the app, as well as two new applications for FRC with the goal of launching four new FRCs by July 1st, 2025.		
Ongoing Trust and partner participation in AIA statewide systems planning will ensure continued alignment with the State of Alaska and regional goals for child welfare system improvements and increased beneficiary family well-being. Trust funding is decreasing in FY27, and FY27 is the last year of the Trust funding for this project.		
Five Year Project Funding History - Reimagining Child Welfare Project		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$350,000	Grant scheduled to start 11/1/2025
FY25	\$400,000	Pending final report due 12/31/2025
FY24	\$400,000	\$400,000

FY27 Budget Line Detail: Early Childhood & Youth Priority Area Authority Grant Funding

Budget Line: Page 4, Line 41	Project Name: Early Childhood Center-Based Mental Health Consultation	Grantee Name: RurALCAP
Proposed FY27 Amount: \$88.5 AG	Grant Type: Capacity Building	
<p>Comp Plan Relevance: Goal 1: Programs Serving young children promote resiliency, prevent and address trauma, and provide access to early intervention services. Objective 2: Provide ongoing support to ensure accurate identification and treatment of social-emotional needs for children and their caregivers, congruent with their cultural identification.</p>		
<p>Description: This project provides funds RurALCAP to provide early childhood mental health consultation services and additional teacher support at their Anchorage Child Development Center (CDC) and Parents as Teachers (PAT) program staff. This project is focused on improving early childhood educators and PAT staff's capacities in teaching social emotional skills, responding to challenging behaviors, and reducing early childhood educators' stress and burnout. The project emphasizes supporting Trust beneficiary children experiencing developmental disabilities and delays.</p>		
<p>Analysis: In FY24, a contract was secured with an infant and early childhood mental health consultant who provided 225 hours of services, including classroom coaching, individual and small group meetings, and reflections with staff. The consultant's support created a space for staff to process challenging behaviors, and staff were supported through difficult conversations with parents and co-workers. As a result, RurAL CAP saw increased staff confidence and job satisfaction. Additionally, no children were asked to leave the program due to behavior and/or safety concerns. Due to an inability to secure another contractor in infant and early childhood consultation, for FY25, RurALCAP committed to hiring an in-house full-time infant & early childhood mental health consultant. Since hiring the full-time staff consultant on 2/24/25, she has been available 40 hours/week supporting both the childcare center and Little Haven drop-in care. Five teachers at the center have received support, and two at Little Haven. Since onboarding the in-house consultant, they are identifying children needing additional behavioral support to succeed in childcare. They have identified three children to initiate a school district referral for further support. Trust funding is planned through FY27 for this program and FY27 will be the last year of Trust funding.</p>		
Five Year Project Funding History - Early Childhood Center-Based Mental Health Consultation		
Fiscal Year	Trust Grant Amount	Final Expended Amount
FY26	\$88,500	Grant started 7/1/2025
FY25	\$55,353.48	Pending final report due 8/31/2025
FY24	\$88,500	\$30,016.59



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The Feedback Loop



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TRIBAL,
LOCAL, STATE
PARTNERS

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DRAFT BUDGET
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CONSIDERATION

Budget Development & Timeline

Two-year budget cycle (FY27 is year two of the FY26/27 cycle)

- The first year of the budget cycle is the state’s fiscal year ending in an even-numbered year
- The annual budget is always revisited in the second year of the cycle (*we are here*)

TIMELINE

Ongoing

Trust staff engage with stakeholders to discuss priorities and the Trust budget

April - July 2025

FY27 budget recommendations are finalized by staff

July 2025

Program & Planning Committee meeting: presentation of proposed FY27 budget

August 2025

Board meeting: Trustees approve FY27 budgets

September 2025

FY27 budget transmitted to the Governor and LB&A

Spring 2026

Staff begin work on draft FY28/29 budgets



Core Budget Development Materials

Stakeholder Engagement

- Stakeholder meetings (Summary Notes)
- Stakeholder Budget Survey
- Meetings with advisory boards and key department leads

Grant information

- FY24 MHTAAR Performance Summary
- FY27 Proposed Budget Detail Narrative Report
 - Includes description, analysis, 5-year funding history

Data

- Alaska Scorecard, 2024
- Program Evaluations
- Economic and Demographic data



FY27 Stakeholder Engagement – Common Themes

Workforce Development:

- Ongoing provider shortages across all sectors
- Improve recruitment, retention, training, and culturally competent staff
- Develop peer support and career pathways for Alaska Natives and rural residents

Cultural Relevance & Community Engagement:

- Focus on culturally competent, community-led services for Alaska Natives
- Engage communities early and continuously
- Incorporate traditional practices and peer support

Access & Equity:

- Increase telehealth and technology to bridge rural-urban gaps
- Remove barriers: transportation, housing, affordability, and early intervention
- Offer services in the least restrictive, supportive environments

Integrated & Coordinated Care:

- Support integrated healthcare, behavioral health, and social services
- Enhance system coordination, smooth transitions, and wrap-around supports

Data & Technology:

- Enhance data collection, sharing, and analysis for better decisions
- Invest in user-friendly technology and data privacy

Sustainable Funding & Advocacy:

- Maximize Medicaid funding, workforce incentives, and multi-year funding
- Simplify grant processes and fund successful pilots

Support for Vulnerable Populations:

- Focus on those at risk of abuse, neglect, homelessness, and institutionalization
- Expand crisis response, diversion, and reentry programs

Prevention & Early Intervention:

- Emphasize early childhood, youth, and family support to prevent trauma, substance use, suicide, and institutionalization
- Use early screening, positive experiences, and school-based interventions



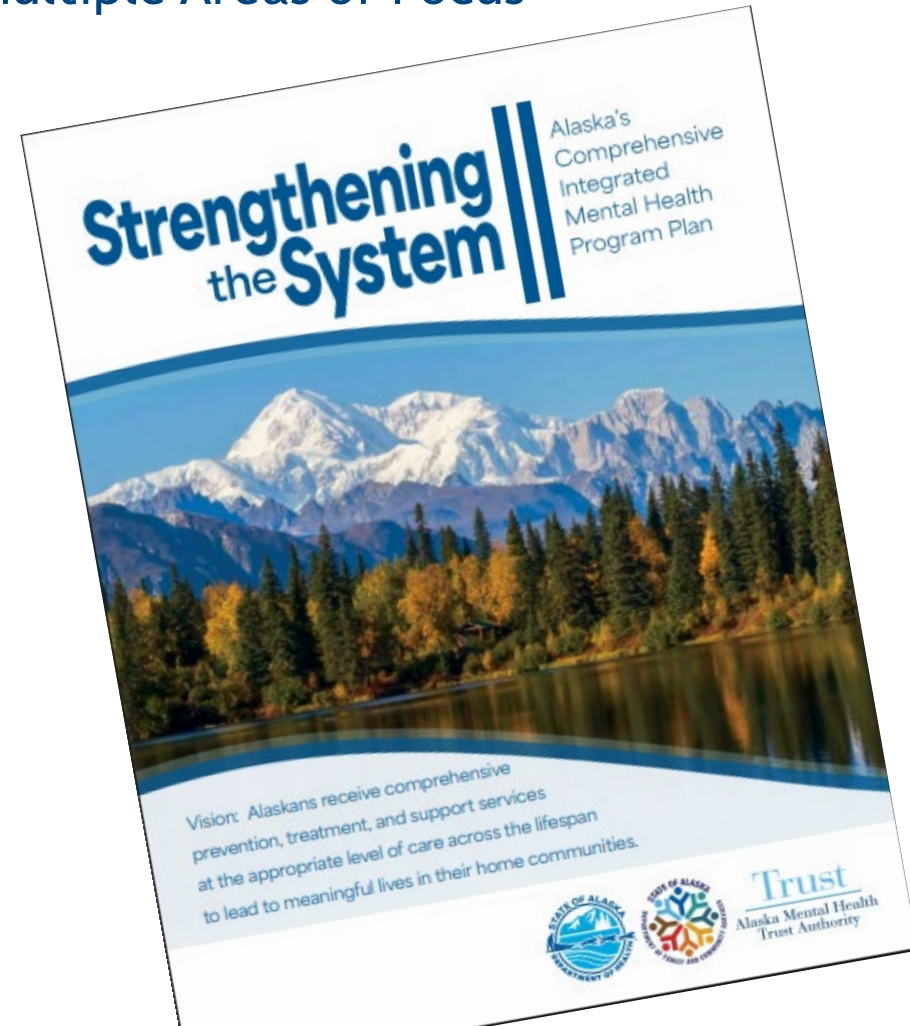
Trust Budget and the Comp Plan

All Trust budget items are linked to Comp Plan Areas of Focus (*see Budget Detail Report*)

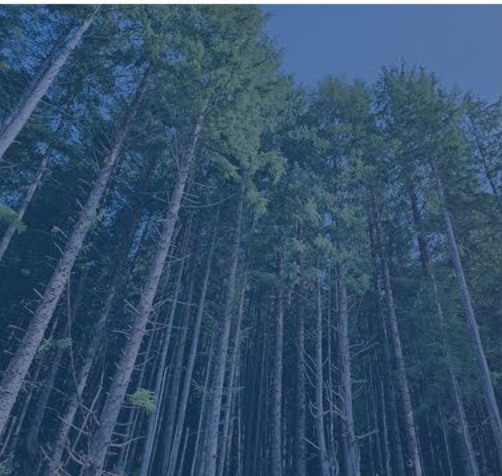
- Many items in the Trust budget intersect multiple Areas of Focus

Strengthening the System II Areas of Focus:

- 1: Early Childhood and Youth
- 2: Healthcare
- 3: Economic & Social Well-being
- 4: Substance Use Disorder Prevention
- 5: Suicide Prevention
- 6: Protecting Vulnerable Alaskans
- 7: Services in the Least Restrictive Environment
- 8: Services in Institutional Settings
- 9: Workforce
10. Data



Scorecard & Dashboard



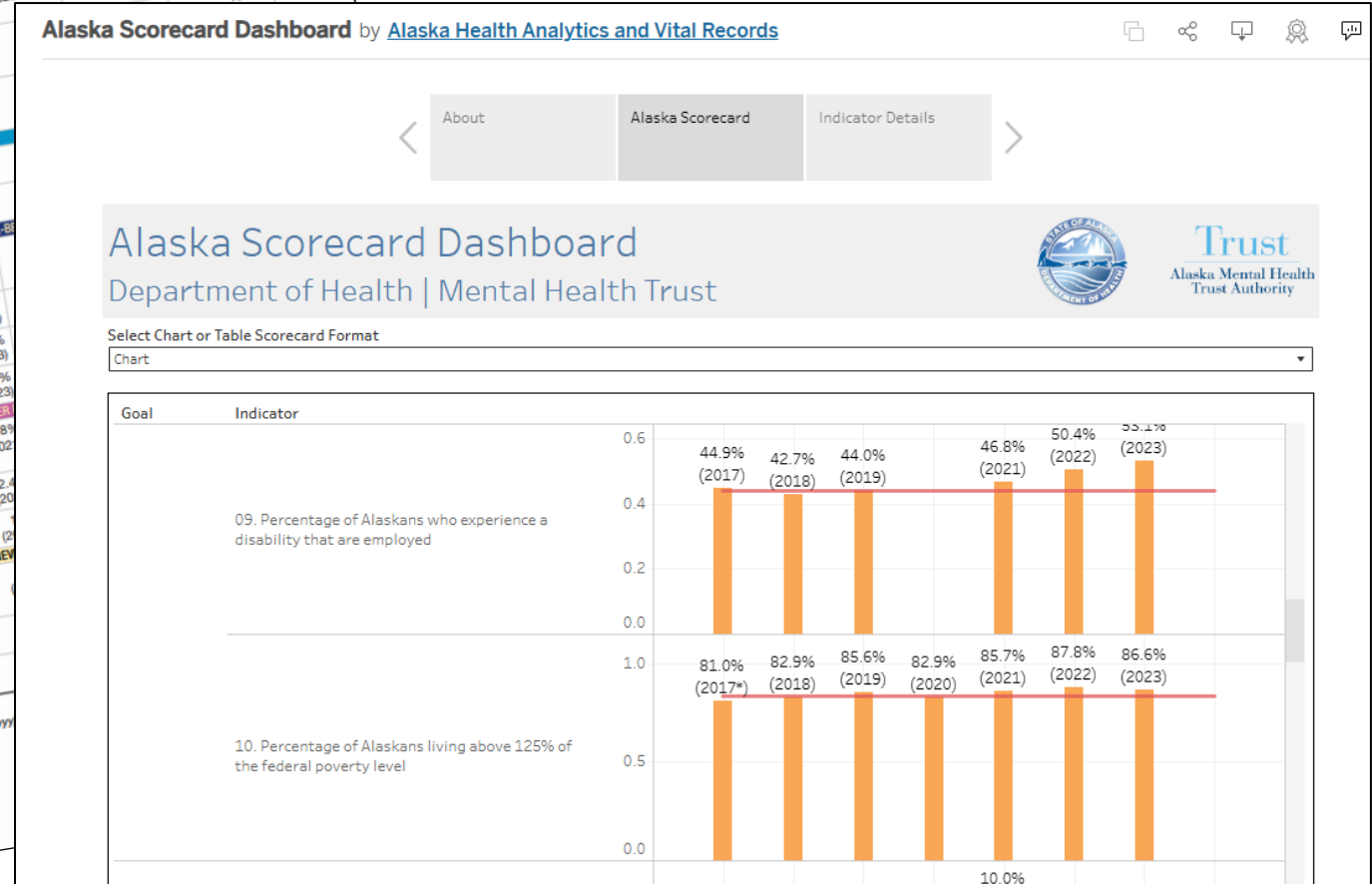
ALASKA SCORECARD 2024

Key Issues Impacting Alaska Mental Health Trust Beneficiaries

INDICATOR	LATEST U.S. DATA	LATEST ALASKA DATA	AVG. BASELINE ALASKA DATA	CHANGE FROM AVG. BASELINE
EARLY CHILDHOOD				
1. Percentage of children who received a developmental screening using a parent-completed screening tool in the past year (ages 9 months to 35 months)	35.6% (2022-2023)	41.7% (2022-2023)	43.6% (2016-2019)	-1.9%
2. Percentage of incoming students who regulate their feelings and impulses 80% of the time or more (grades K-1)	-	47.1% (2023-2024)	47.3% (2017-2020)	-0.2%
3. Percentage of women who recently delivered a live birth who have a strong social support system during the postpartum period	-	-	-	+5.6%
4. Mean index score of (12) indicators associated with child health and well-being that are present at birth	-	-	-	-
HEALTHCARE				
5. Percentage of population without health insurance	-	8.0% (2023)	4065.3 (2023)	-
6. Rate of non-fatal fall injuries (rate per 100,000; ages 65+)	-	24.6% (2023)	-	-
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING				
7. Percentage of rental occupied households that exceed 50 percent of household income dedicated to housing	-	42.7% (2023)	-	-
8. Rate of chronic homelessness (rate per 100,000)	-	46.2% (2023)	-	-
9. Percentage of Alaskans who experience a disability that are employed	-	85.3% (2023)	-	-
10. Percentage of Alaskans living above 125% of the federal poverty level	-	6.8% (2023)	-	-
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS				
11. Percentage of Alaskans needing but not receiving treatment at a specialty facility for substance use in the past year (ages 12+)	-	22.4% (2023)	-	-
12. Percentage of Alaskans who received mental health services in the past year (ages 18+)	-	25.1% (2023)	-	-
SUICIDE PREVENTION				
14. Rate of intentional self-harm/suicide attempt emergency department visits (rate per 100,000; age-adjusted)	-	-	-	-
15. Rate of intentional self-harm/suicide deaths (rate per 100,000; age adjusted)	-	-	-	-
16. Rate of intentional self-harm/suicide deaths (rate per 100,000; ages 15-24)	-	-	-	-

KEY: Asterisk (*) No U.S. data available at time of publication. Calendar year (yyyy) data represents calendar year.

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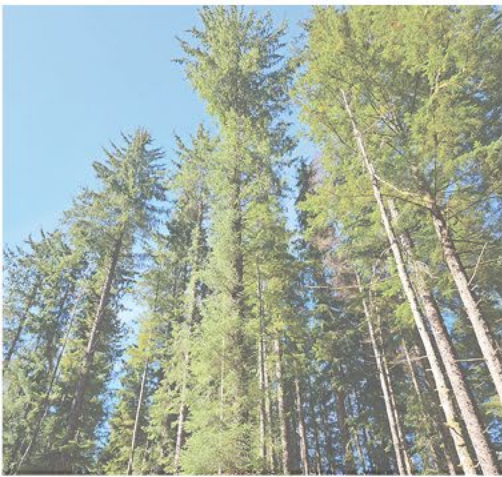
FY27 Budget Format - Updated

The FY27 budget format has been updated and streamlined

Changes include:

- To more clearly identify funding sources, the budget is now broken into 2 clear sections: MHTAAR and Authority Grant spending
 - Prior to this year, the budget was organized by focus area, regardless of fund source
- Reduction in the number of “buckets” of unallocated funds
 - Focus area buckets removed, rolled into a single “Trust Focus Area Strategy Implementation” line on page 4, line 5
 - This simplifies budget, and increases flexibility in allocating these funds to projects that will be identified by staff and brought to the board





Trust Budget Terminology

Trust funding allocations approved by the Trustees during budgeting:

- **MHTAAR Grants*** = Mental Health Trust Authorized Receipts (*grants to SOA agencies*)
 - The *Dept/RDU/Component* column indicates the receiving agency
 - MHTAAR grants will either be “O” (operating) or “C” (capital)
- **Authority Grants** = grants to named recipients (*grant funds awarded directly from the Trust*)
- **MHT Admin** = Mental Health Trust Admin. (*Trust agency spending*)
 - This fund type is only for the Trust Authority Agency budget

Trustee-approved recommendations to the Governor and Legislature for the state budget:

- **GF/MH Recommendations** = General Fund/Mental Health (*Recommendations for the use of state general funds as required by AS47.30.046*)

Other Terms:

- **Contract Services** = if approved, funds will be awarded through contracts awarded via the state procurement process
- **Unallocated Funding** = unallocated funding that will be used for grant-supported projects that will be identified and brought to the board for approval in the future

**MHTAAR funds require legislative receipt authority to the state agency*

Budget Presentation Approach

The budget presentation is sectioned per focus/priority area, as well as non-focus area allocations.

For each section, we will cover:

- A description of the area of work
- Total proposed amounts by allocation type
- MHAAR grants in budget
- AG items in budget
- New items and changes from FY26



FY27 GF/MH Recommendations

The proposed budget includes the following GF/MH recommendations for the Governor and Legislature:

Operating Budget Items, FY27	Trustee Recommendations	
Project	MHTAAR	GF/MH
Crisis Call Center (DOH)	\$ 750.0	\$ 750.0
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$ 750.0	\$ 750.0

Capital Budget Items, FY27	Trustee Recommendations	
Project	MHTAAR	GF/MH
Coordinated Community Transportation (DOTPF)	\$ -	\$ 700.0*
Deferred Maintenance (DOH)	\$ 250.0	\$ 250.0
Special Needs Housing Grant (DOR)	\$ 200.0	\$ 1,750.0
Homeless Assistance Program (DOR)	\$ 950.0	\$ 2,850.0
Home Modifications & Upgrades (DOH)	\$ -	\$ 1,150.0*
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$ 1,400.0	\$ 6,700.0
FY27 GF/MH Recommendation TOTAL	\$ 2,150.0	\$ 7,450.0



* Trustee GF/MH recommendations that were ultimately included in the FY26 enacted budget (at reduced amounts)



Non-Focus Area Allocations

FA Name
FY27 Budget Totals
Authority Grant: \$17,120.0
MHTAAR: \$1,356.0

Non-Focus Area Allocations support Trust partners, policy improvements and reduced stigma, a strengthened continuum of care, and address health care, basic needs, and quality of life for Trust beneficiaries.

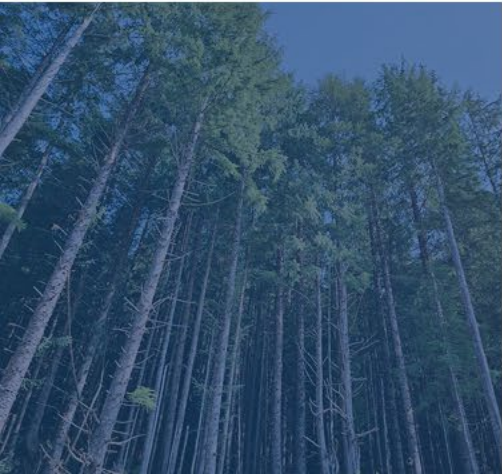
This work supports beneficiaries through:

- Grantmaking programs including Partnership Grants & Mini-Grants
- Statutory Advisor Support
- Consultative & Technical Assistance Services
- Comp Plan / Data Evaluation
- Communications and Outreach
- Capital Requests



Non-Focus Area Allocations FY27 MHTAAR Grants

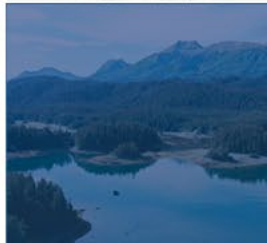
- ABADA/AMHB Joint Staffing, DOH/DBH, \$491.5
- GCDSE Joint Staffing, DOH/SDS, \$225.0
- ACoA Staffing & Support, DOH/SDS, \$200.0
- Scorecard Update, DOH/DPH, \$70.0
- DOH Comprehensive Program Planning, DOH/DBH \$75.0
- Beneficiary Mental Health Data Collection, DOH/DPH, \$45.0
- Deferred Maintenance, DOH/SDS (Capital), \$250.0 (*plus \$250.0 GF/MH*)



Non Focus Area Allocations

FY27 Authority Grants

- Partnerships/Designated Grants, Unallocated Funding, \$2,000.0
- Trust Strategic Initiatives/Data Collection, Unallocated Funding, \$5,000.0
- Development & Facilitation of Trust Strategic Initiatives, Contract Services, \$200.0
- Trust Focus Area Strategy Implementation, Unallocated Funding, \$5,000.0
- Programmatic Administration, DOR/AMHTA, \$150.0
- Mini Grants for ADRD, Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska, \$500.0
- Mini Grants for beneficiaries experiencing mental illness, chronic alcoholism, substance use disorders & Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, and Traumatic Brain Injuries, to be allocated to the recipient of the Mini Grant administrative contract, \$2,000.0
- Trust Mini Grant Contract Administration, Contract Services, \$300.0
- Flex Funds for Mental Health Courts, Partners for Progress, \$230.0
- ANDVSA Victim Transition Supports, Alaska Network for Violence & Sexual Assault (ANDVSA), \$200.0
- Grant-writing technical assistance, Contract Services, \$300.0
- Technical assistance for beneficiary groups & Trust initiatives, Contract Services, \$500.0
- Communications, Contract Services, \$450.0
- Conferences/Sponsorships, Sponsorship Contracts, \$30.0
- Rural & Community Outreach, Contract Services, \$100.0
- Trust Conference, Contract Services, \$160.0





Non-Focus Area Allocations Budget Changes-FY26 to FY27

New items

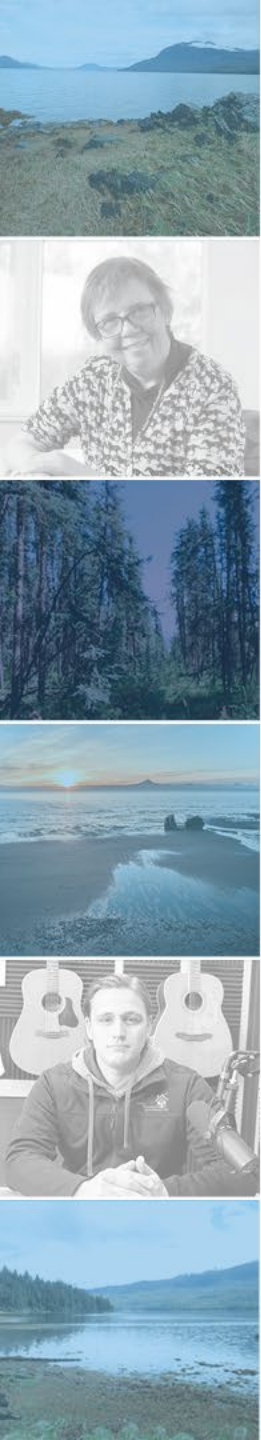
- Trust Strategic Initiatives/Data Collection, \$5,000.0 AG
- Development & Facilitation of Trust Strategic Initiatives, \$200.0 AG
- Trust Focus Area Strategy Implementation, \$5,000.0 AG
- Admin contract for BH, IDD Mini-Grants - broken out in FY27, \$300.00 AG
- Conference Sponsorships, \$30.0 AG
- Deferred Maint., \$250.0 MHTAAR (typically funded every other year)



Changes

- The Comprehensive Program Planning and Consultative Services bucket (\$350.0 AG) was rolled into the Trust Strategic Initiatives/Data Collection bucket
- Increase: allocations for Mini-Grants increased by \$100.0 AG for ADRD, \$500.0 AG for others
- Moved 2 items, Flex Funds for MH Courts and ANDVSA Victim Transition, to the Non-FA section from Disability Justice section of the budget
 - Increase: Flex Funds for MH Courts, \$5.0 AG
- Reduction: Rural and Community Outreach amount updated (~~\$30.0 AG~~)
- Increase: Trust Conference, \$140.0 AG





Mental Health and Addiction Intervention (MHAI)

MHAI
FY27 Budget Totals
Authority Grant: \$612.5
MHTAAR: \$1,584.0

- This area focuses on the full continuum of care, from prevention and early intervention to treatment and recovery for Trust beneficiaries across the lifespan.
- This work supports beneficiaries by:
 - Ensuring beneficiaries experiencing mental health crises have someone to talk to, someone to respond, and somewhere to go in the least-restrictive setting (e.g., Crisis Now)
 - Changing social norms about mental health and substance use disorders
 - Reducing the stigma associated with mental health and substance use disorders



MHAI FY27 MHTAAR Grants

- Behavioral & Physical Health Care Integration, DOH-DBH, \$75.0
- Crisis Call Center, DOH-DBH, \$750.0
- Statewide Designation, Evaluation, Stabilization & Treatment Coordinator, DFCS, \$87.0
- Complex Care Program, DFCS, \$400.0
- Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies, UAA-COH, \$135.0



MHAI FY27 Authority Grants in Budget

- Crisis Now Initiative Project Management Contract, Contract Services, \$350.0
- Fairbanks Crisis Now Coordinator. City of Fairbanks, \$138.0
- Ketchikan Crisis Now Coordinator, Ketchikan Wellness Coalition, \$124.5





MHAI Budget Changes - FY26 to FY27

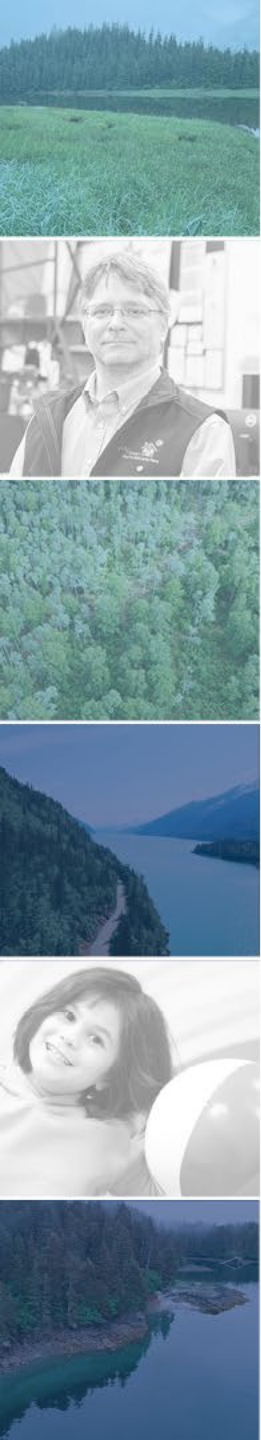
New items

- Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies, UAA-COH, \$135.0

Changes

- These FY26 buckets were rolled into the “Trust Focus Area Strategy Implementation” line
 - Treatment Access and Recovery Supports (\$1,000.0 AG)
 - Crisis Continuum of Care (\$3,975.0 AG)





Disability Justice

Disability Justice
FY27 Budget Totals

Authority Grant: \$240.0

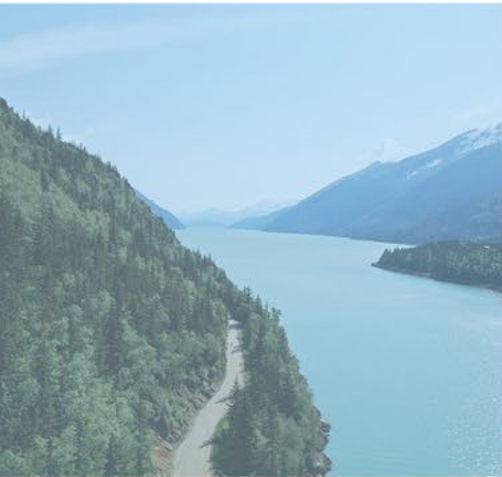
MHTAAR: \$1.956.9

- Disability Justice reduces Trust beneficiary involvement in the criminal justice system by focusing on evidence-based practices, data, strong partnerships, and advocacy for systemic change. It also focuses on reducing Trust beneficiary recidivism rates and enhancing/expanding access to clinical and case management resources for incarcerated Trust beneficiaries.
- This work supports beneficiaries by:
 - Equipping criminal justice staff with skills to recognize, de-escalate, and connect people in crisis to appropriate care.
 - Providing behavioral health services for Trust beneficiaries while incarcerated to prevent worsening symptoms.
 - Supporting reentry back into the community to reduce further justice involvement of Trust beneficiaries.



Disability Justice FY27 MHTAAR Grants

- Alaska Justice Information Center, UAA, \$293.0
- Public Guardian Position, DOA-OPA, \$138.0
- Public Guardian Position-OCS Transition, DOA-OPA, \$91.5
- CIT Behavioral Health Training & Programs for 1st Responders, DPS-AST, \$60.0
- CIT Behavioral Health Training & Programs for 1st Responders, DPS-APSC, \$80.0
- Centralized Competency Calendar Project, ACS-Therapeutic Courts, \$158.3
- Holistic Defense, DOA-PDA, \$63.2
- Holistic Defense Social Worker, DOA-PDA, \$119.2
- Occupational Therapist in DJJ Youth Facilities ,DFCS-DJJ, \$100.0
- Trauma Treatment for Incarcerated Women, DOC-HARS, \$150.0
- Addressing Co-morbid Health & Addiction Issues Prominent in SPMI, DOC-HARS, \$151.7
- APIC Discharge Planning Model in DOC, DOC-HARS, \$200.0
- DOC Discharge Incentive Grants, AHFC, \$200.0
- Criminal Justice MHFA Train the Trainers, UAA Training Center, \$50.0
- Behavioral Health Administrator Position, ACS-Trial Courts Division, \$102.0



Disability Justice FY27 Authority Grants

- Local Re-entry Coalition Coordinator-Anchorage, Neighborworks, \$60.0
- Local Re-entry Coalition Coordinator-Mat-Su, Valley Charities, \$60.0
- Local Re-entry Coalition Coordinator-Juneau, JAMHI, \$60.0
- Local Re-entry Coalition Coordinator-Fairbanks, City of Fairbanks, \$60.0



Disability Justice Budget Changes - FY26 to FY27

New items

- Criminal Justice MHFA Train the Trainers, UAA, (\$50.0 MHTAAR)
- Behavioral Health Administrator Position, ACS, (\$102.0 MHTAAR)
- Holistic Defense Social Worker, DOA/PDA, (\$119.2 MHTAAR)

Increases/Decreases:

- Increase: Alaska Justice Information Center, UAA, \$68.0 MHTAAR
- Increase: adds \$10.0 MHTAAR to CIT Behavioral Health Training & Programs for 1st Responders
- Reduction: Holistic Defense, DOA/PDA, (\$63.2 MHTAAR)
- Reduction: APIC Discharge Planning Model in DOC, (\$90.0 MHTAAR)
- Reduction: Re-entry Coalition Coordinator positions (Anchorage, Mat-Su, Juneau, Fairbanks) reduced each by (\$60.0 AG)

Deletions

- Trust Beneficiaries in ADOC Study, DOC, (\$400.0 MHTAAR)
- CIT Behavioral Health Training & Programs for 1st Responders, MOA-APD, (\$50.0 AG)
- Training for DOC Mental Health Staff, DOC, (\$50.0 MHTAAR)
- Criminal Justice Sequential Intercept Model Summit, UAA, (\$100.0 MHTAAR)
- Interpersonal Violence Prevention for Beneficiaries, UAA, (\$50.0 MHTAAR)
- Holistic Defense for Alaska Legal Services (\$277.0 AG)

Beneficiary Employment and Engagement (BEE)

BEE
FY27 Budget Totals

Authority Grant: \$0
MHTAAR: \$400.0

Improve outcomes and promote recovery for beneficiaries through integrated, competitive employment and meaningful engagement opportunities.

This work supports beneficiaries by:

- Promoting successful, long-term employment for Trust Beneficiaries
- Increase recovery services
- Beneficiaries increase self-sufficiency



BEE FY27 MHTAAR Grants



- Beneficiary Employment Conference, DOLWD DVR, \$100.0
- Beneficiary Employment Technical Assistance and Planning, UAA CHD, \$75.0
- Microenterprise, UAA CHD, \$225.0





BEE Budget Changes - FY26 to FY27

Changes

- These FY26 buckets were rolled into the “Trust Focus Area Strategy Implementation” line
 - Mental Health Advocacy, Support, Education, and Public Awareness (\$400.0 AG)
 - Clubhouse Support for Rehabilitation and Recovery, (\$800.00 AG)
- Peer Supported Advocacy, Education, and Treatment, AYFN, (**\$100.00 AG**) also rolled into “Trust Focus Area Strategy Implementation” for FY27





Housing & Home and Community Based Services (HHCBS)

FA Name
FY27 Budget Totals

Authority Grant: \$1,125.0

MHTAAR: \$2,409.0

This focus area concentrates on ensuring beneficiaries have access to housing and a continuum of services and supports that maximize independence in their home and community.

This work supports beneficiaries by:

- Assisting with attaining and maintaining housing stability
- Improving access to effective and flexible person-centered HCBS
- Enriching system capacity and infrastructure



HHCBS FY27 MHTAAR Grants

- Rural Housing Coordinator-Ketchikan, AHFC, \$135.0
- Special Needs Housing Grant, AHFC, \$200.0
- Homeless Assistance Program, AHFC, \$950.0
- Brain Injury Council of Alaska Staff, UAA-CHD, \$105.0
- Care Coordination Liaison, DOH-SDS, \$95.0
- Dementia Education and Prevention, DOH-DPH, \$130.0
- Statewide Dementia Training Project, UAA-CHD, \$150.0
- Environmental Modifications Improvement, DOH-SDS, \$94.0
- "No Wrong Door" Coordinated Access to Services, DOH-SDS, \$300.0
- Person Centered Transportation, DOH-SDS, \$250.0



HHCBS FY27 Authority Grants in Budget

- IDD System Capacity Development, Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities, \$25.0
- Affordable Housing Development Position, Juneau Housing First Collaborative, \$50.0
- TABI Phasic Implementation Plan for Identification, Intervention, and Enhanced Community Infrastructure, Southcentral Foundation, \$200.0
- Gulf Coast TABI Expansion Project, Independent Living Center, \$125.0
- Home & Community Based Services Reform Contract, Contract, \$150.0
- Self-Directed HCBS/Independent Living Center, \$400.0
- ADRD Rural Outreach and Prevention, Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska, \$175.0





HHCBS Budget Changes-FY26 to FY27

New items

- Dementia Education and Prevention, (\$130.0 MHTAAR)
- Statewide Dementia Training Project (\$150.0 MHTAAR)

These FY26 buckets were rolled into the “Trust Focus Area Strategy Implementation” line

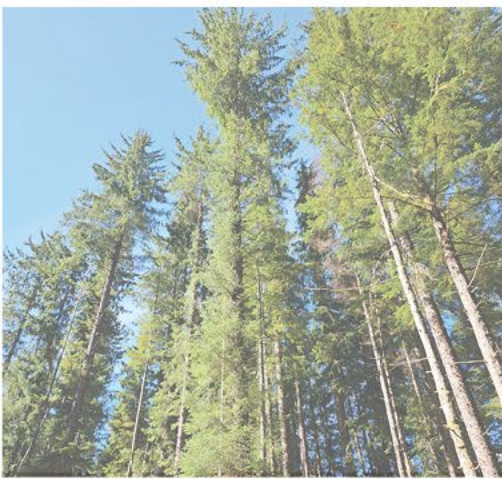
- HCBS System Sustainability (\$150.0 AG)
- Beneficiary Housing Projects and Related Services (\$750.0 AG)
- TABI/ADRD Services and Supports (\$0.0 AG - placeholder for FY27)

Reductions/increases

- Reduction: IDD System Capacity Development, AADD, (**\$20.0 AG**)
- Reduction: Affordable Housing Development Position, Juneau Housing First Collab., (**\$25.0 AG**)
- Reduction: TABI Phasic Implementation Plan for Identification, Intervention, and Enhanced Community Infrastructure, SCF, (**\$150.0 AG**)
- Increase: Care Coordination Liaison, DOH/SDS (\$5.7 MHTAAR)
- Increase: Self-directed HCBS, ILC, (\$100.0 AG)

Deletions

- Alaska Dementia Action Collaborative: (**\$75.0**) AG
- Aging and Disability Resource Centers (**\$250.0**) GF/MH
- Develop Targeted Outcome Data (**\$45.0**) GF/MH





Workforce Development

Workforce
FY27 Budget Totals

Authority Grant: \$325.0

MHTAAR: \$1,818.0

The Trust utilizes workforce development strategies to support engaging, recruiting, training, and retaining healthcare employees across Alaska who provide residential and community-based services to Trust beneficiaries.

This work supports beneficiaries by:

- Strengthen workforce capacity
- Enhance the competency of the healthcare workforce
- Expand behavioral health disciplines



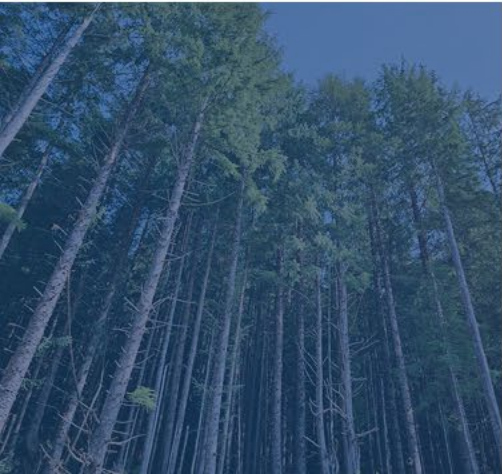
Workforce FY27 MHTAAR Grants

- The Alaska Training Cooperative, UAA/CHD, \$585.0
- UAA School Psychology Program, UAA/CAS, \$200.0
- Peer Support Certification, DOH/DBH, \$50.0
- Individual Placement and Supports Capacity Building, DOH/DBH, \$30.0
- Alaska Workforce Profile, DOLWD/Admin Svcs, \$25.0
- Direct Support Professional Training/Professional Dev., DOH/SDS, \$200.0
- Autism Awareness and Response for Public Safety, UAA/CHD, \$150.0
- Alaska Area Health Education Centers, UAA/AHEC, \$250.0
- Supported Employment Workforce, UAA/CHD, \$75.0
- Alaska Health Occupations Students of America, UAA/AHEC, \$100.0
- Psychological Services Center Expansion, UAA/CAS, \$103.0
- Clinical Psychology Program APA Accreditation, UAA/CAS, \$50.0

Workforce FY27 Authority Grants in Budget

- Alaska Psychology Internship Consortium, WHICHE Contract, \$125.0
- Clinical Supervision Support, AK Behavioral Health Association, \$200.0





Workforce Budget Changes - FY26 to FY27

New items

- Alaska Health Occupations Students of America, (\$100.0)
- Autism Awareness and Response for Public Safety, (\$150.0)
- Psychological Services Center Expansion, (\$103.0)
- Clinical Psychology Program APA Expansion, (\$50.0)

Changes

- The SHARP Access bucket (\$400.0 AG) was rolled into the “Trust Focus Area Strategy Implementation” line

Reductions/Increases:

- Decrease: Alaska Training Cooperative, UAA/CHD, (\$100.0 MHTAAR) & (\$400.0 GF/MH)
- Decrease: Direct Support Professional Training, DOH/SDS, (\$200.0 GF/MH)
- Increase: Alaska Area Health Education Centers, UAA/AHEC, (\$100.0)
- Increase: Alaska Psychology Internship Consortium, WICHE, (\$100.0)



Early Childhood & Youth

FA Name
FY27 Budget Totals

Authority Grant: \$488.5

MHTAAR: \$892.6

This Trust priority area funds early screening and detection, intervention, and prevention strategies to connect infants, children, youth, and families to resources. The goal is to promote healthy development, prevent trauma, reduce and mitigate the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). It recognizes the importance of prevention across the lifespan for mental health and well-being.

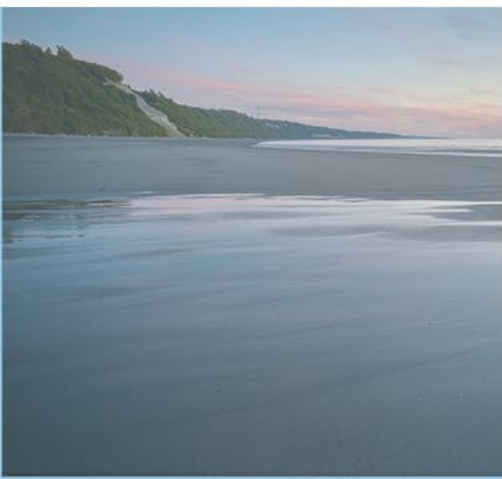
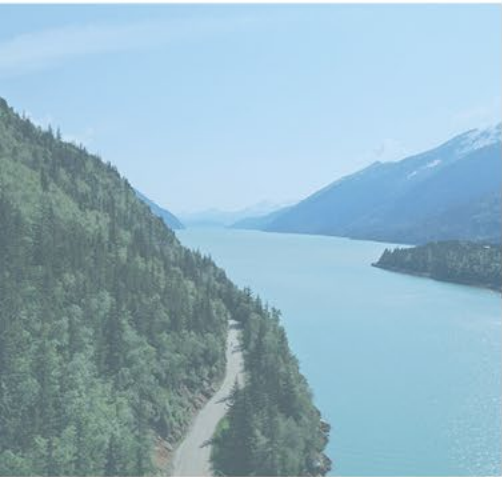
This work supports beneficiaries by:

- Supporting early screening, detection, and intervention of developmental, mental health, substance use disorders and traumatic brain injury
- Supporting prevention strategies for children & youth to increase protective factors
- Strengthening families to build resilience and reduce risk factors for mental health and substance use disorders in children, youth, & adults.



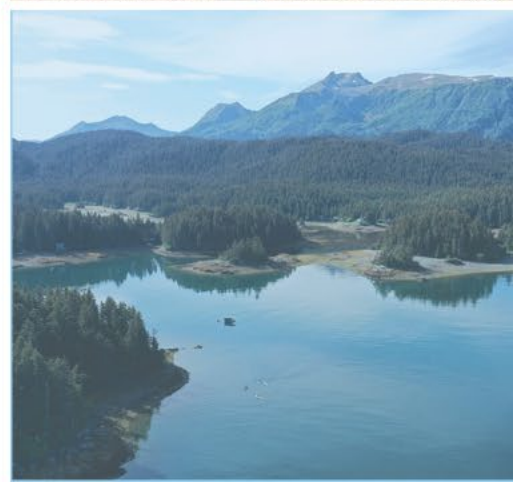
Early Childhood & Youth FY27 MHTAAR Grants

- ILP Statewide Equity Project, DOH,SDS,EIILP, \$300.0
- Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program, DOH,DPH,WCFH, \$36.6
- Trauma Engaged Schools PBIS Coaching, DEED-Health & Safety, \$150.0
- Early Childhood Intervention: Pyramid Model, DOH,DPH,WCFH, \$151.0
- Family Services Training Center - ICY Conference, UAA,CHD,FSTC, \$80.0
- ACEs Data Linkage and Analysis, DOH,DPH,WCFH, \$175.0



Early Childhood & Youth FY27 Authority Grants in Budget

- Help Me Grow Alaska: Community Outreach, Care Coordination & Dev Screening, All Alaska Pediatric Partnership (A2P2), \$150.0
- Reimagining Child Welfare Project, Alaska Impact Alliance, \$250.0
- Early Childhood Center-Based Mental Health Consultation, Rural Alaska Community Action Program, \$88.5



Early Childhood & Youth Budget Changes- FY26 to FY27

New items

- Early Childhood Intervention: Pyramid Model, DOH,DPH,WCFH, \$151.0 MHTAAR

These FY26 buckets were rolled into the “Trust Focus Area Strategy Implementation” line

- Screening & intervention for infants, children or youth & their families (\$250.0 AG)
- Infant, Early Childhood, & Youth Mental Health Capacity Building (\$325.0 AG)
- Improve social determinants of health for children, youth, and their families (\$265.0 AG)
- Foster Care, Child Welfare, and Kinship Programs (\$250.0 AG)

Reductions/increases

- Reduction: Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program, DOH,DPH,WCFH, **(\$135.0 MHTAAR)**
- Increase: Trauma Engaged Schools PBIS Coaching, DEED-Health & Safety, \$20.0 MHTAAR
- Reduction: Reimagining Child Welfare Project/Alaska Impact Alliance, **(\$100.0 AG)**
- Increase: ACEs Data Linkage and Analysis, DOH,DPH,WCFH, \$75.0 MHTAAR

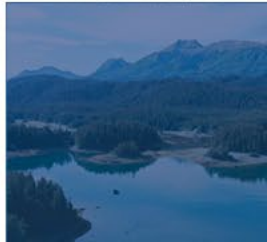
Deletions

- Intensive At-Risk Early Intervention Services (Foster/Child Welfare Involved Families), DOH/SDS, **(\$460.0 MHTAAR)**
- Youth Brain Injury Program Coordinator, SERRC, **(\$246.8 AG)**



FY27 Budget - Next Steps

- Following trustee feedback, the draft FY27 budget will be prepared for final consideration at the Trust's August board meeting.
- Once approved, the FY27 budget will be transmitted to the Governor and Legislature by Sept. 15, 2025.
- All FY27 MHTAAR increments and GF/MH recommendations will go through the state budget process (Jan - May 2026).
- The approved FY27 budget will be enacted starting July 1, 2026.



Questions?

