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The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority

Memo

To: Jeff Jessee, Chief Executive Officer

From: Nancy Burke, Senior Program Officer

Date: April 5, 2013

Re: **Authority Grant Funding Request**

Fiscal Year: **2013** Amount: **$50,000.00**

Grantee: **Anchorage Community Mental Health Services**

Project Title: **Housing: Long House Technical Assistance & Earnest funds (FY13)**

Focus Area Budget Line: FY12 Planning for New Housing Models

Approval: _____ 4/17/13
Date

Project Description

Anchorage Community Mental Health Services (ACMHS) is seeking grant funds to solicit contractor services for architectural design, space planning, and assistance with permitting and municipal planning processes in relation to the Long House facility located at 4335 Wisconsin St. These funds will also allow advanced funds for ACMHS, Inc. to negotiate with current hotel owner and provide an earnest money deposit and pay for any associated costs during the negotiating process.

Anchorage Community Mental Health Services, Inc. (ACMHS, Inc.) plans to purchase and rehabilitate/remodel the hotel for the purpose of providing permanent supported housing for Trust beneficiaries. This project is a priority in the Trust's

Affordable Housing focus area and ACMHS, Inc. will continue to collaborate closely with Trust staff to plan and implement the project. ACMHS, Inc. has a pro forma in development that accounts for sustainability of the program and the facility. ACMHS, Inc. will apply for Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) Special Needs Housing Grant (SNHG) in June 2013.

As a result of this grant, the advanced technical assistance will allow for a complete pro forma review and the needed predevelopment activities to ensure approval at the Municipal planning office. This will be inclusive of the initial cost estimates, space planning for both social services and the external grounds. Recommendations will be developed in regards to timing for the rehabilitation work, phasing of the construction and other corresponding potential impacts on the operations of the project.

The earnest money funds in this request will allow for ACMHS, Inc. to negotiate with the seller of the hotel on a firm purchase price. This will allow the agency to have accurate information leading into the AHFC grant proposal and application process.

Evaluation Criteria

Our ultimate goal on this phase of the Long House project is to reach an agreement with the seller to acquire the Long House property.

As this is just the development phase of the project, Trust beneficiaries will not see an immediate benefit as rental units will not be available for occupation until the final phase of the project. However, this is a necessary and vital step in the process of procuring more affordable housing options for adults experiencing severe mental illness.

Sustainability

This project is a long term commitment between ACMHS and the Trust. The two organizations have received approval from their respective boards to continue working together to plan out this endeavor and develop long-term sustainability projections and intermediate goals. The Foraker partnership and earnest money requested in this grant are steps toward a final sustainability plan.

Trust Beneficiaries Served

Estimated Number of Beneficiaries Served Experiencing:	
Mental Illness:	52 apartments will be available

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	for residences, however, there will be an unknown total number of beneficiaries over the 30 year program period for the housing

Budget Information

Other Costs	$50,000.00
Other Costs (Other Sources)	$0.00
Other Costs Narrative: $25,000 Earnest Money to be used in the purchase of the Long House Property $25,000 to be used for consulting services including space planning, architectural/design, additional site testing, and assistance with the municipal planning process. The result of this work will be the creation of an acquisition and development plan for the Long House property.	

Total Amount to be Funded by the Trust	$50,000.00
Total Amount Funded by Other Sources	$0.00