

## A Guide to Understanding the FY19 Trust Budget

**Fund Types:** The Trust budget has four columns identifying the sources of funding. These items are:

- **MHTAAR/MHT Admin**, This stands for Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts, this is funding the Trust provides to other state agencies to perform work on behalf of the Trust. MHT Admin is Trust money used for administering the operations of the Trust
- **Authority Grant**, these are grants made to community partners to perform work on behalf of the Trust. Partners may be government agencies, non-profits, tribal organizations, or others that are serving beneficiaries.
- **GF/MH**, these are general fund/mental health State funds being deployed to meet beneficiary needs. This funding is separate from the Trust's money; but the Trust provides the Governor with recommendations on how state funds should be used within the overall State budget to improve the lives of Trust beneficiaries.
- **Other**, these are funds from other sources that are leveraged for accomplishing Trust goals. In the FY 19 Trust budget, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation provides funding to address homelessness.

**Programmatic Allocations:** The Trust budget has three major components where funding is allocated to serve beneficiaries. These components are:

1. **Alaska Systems Reform** (pages 4-9), these are strategic investments in improving state services for beneficiaries. These efforts may improve access to care, reduce disproportionate impacts on beneficiaries, or have other broad positive impacts on beneficiary lives. These are projects linked to specific reform efforts, such as SB 74 for Medicaid Reform/Redesign and SB91. Within these areas, funding may be distributed across multiple projects that build toward the overall reform effort. This area includes projects and strategies that may previously have been within individual focus areas that have been moved into system reform where appropriate. These are indicated by focus area types in parenthesis.

**Trust Related Investments** , these are individual projects that build capacity, improve access to services, or otherwise support the system improvement.

2. **Focus Areas**, (pages 10-13) these projects do not align with Alaska System Reform effort, but are targeted to improve the lives of beneficiaries. There are four focus areas in the current budget:

Housing & Long Term Services and Supports (HLTSS)

Beneficiary Employment & Engagement (BEE)

Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment (SAPT)

Disability Justice (DJ)

3. **Advisory Board Requests** (page 14), these requests are submitted to the Trust by the Advisory Boards. They include transportation funding, equipment requests, and other needs not addressed by the other allocations