

Partnership Grant Guidelines

ABOUT THE TRUST

The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority is a state corporation that administers the Alaska Mental Health Trust, a perpetual trust, to improve the lives of beneficiaries. The Trust operates much like a private foundation, using its resources to provide leadership in advocacy, planning, implementing, and funding of a Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Program.

Beneficiaries of the Trust include the following broad groups of Alaskans with:

- mental illness
- developmental disabilities
- chronic alcoholism and other substance related disorders
- Alzheimer’s disease and related dementia
- traumatic brain injuries

The Trust also works in prevention and early intervention services for individuals at risk of becoming beneficiaries. The Trust considers prevention of these conditions, where possible, to be part of its mandate.

PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

WHAT?	<p>The Trust awards partnership grants to organizations that serve Trust beneficiaries for a specific purpose or need that is consistent with the Trust’s mission and current funding priorities.</p> <p>Partnership grants are one time grants that typically range between \$10,000 and \$75,000.</p>
WHO?	<p>Eligible organizations for partnership grants are foundations, government agencies, tribal entities, nonprofits and corporations who serve Trust beneficiaries.</p>

WHY?	The purpose of the partnership grant program is to work with our partners to provide support for programs or projects that will benefit Trust beneficiaries with demonstrable impact.
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GENERAL FUNDING GUIDELINES

How to Apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete and submit a Letter of Interest form, located at: http://mhtrust.org/grants/designated-grants-partnerships/ • Once the Letter of Interest is received, you will be contacted and notified within three weeks if the sponsorship is approved or not.
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To be considered, all funding requests MUST:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly identify the specific Trust beneficiary group (or groups) to be served. • Provide a clear and strong connection between the beneficiary group(s) being served and how the proposed project will directly impact beneficiaries. • Not duplicate services provided elsewhere in local, state or federal government.
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FUNDING EXAMPLES

Pilot Projects	Requests will be considered that implement promising and/or emerging practices and evidence based models that will produce or rely on data to assess beneficiary impact.	YES
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Capital Construction Projects	Requests will be considered for new construction or major renovations for facilities that provide direct services to Trust beneficiaries. (For example, if 25 percent of the recipients are Trust beneficiaries, the funding request cannot exceed 25 percent of the cost of the program.)	YES
Inclusive Projects	Where a project serves both Trust beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries, funding will generally be proportional.	YES
Prevention Projects	Requests will be considered only if there is a strong rationale and connection to Trust beneficiaries. Proposals will need to explain how the project will gather data that shows the effects of the prevention project.	YES
Continuing Operating Funds	Requests will not be considered for ongoing operating expenses, such as personnel, services, or facilities rental.	NO
Continuation Funding	Proposals will not be considered that request funds to continue a previously funded Trust grant.	NO
Vehicles/Fuel	With rare exceptions, requests for vehicles (e.g., vans, 4-wheelers, snow machines, boats/boat motors), fuel or maintenance will not be funded under this grant program.	NO

QUESTIONS

What other funding is available from the Trust?	Complete details and application procedures for all grants can be found under “Grants” on the Trust’s website (www.mhtrust.org).
Who can provide additional information?	Call Luke Lind, Grants Administrator, at 907-269-7999 or email lucas.lind@alaska.gov .