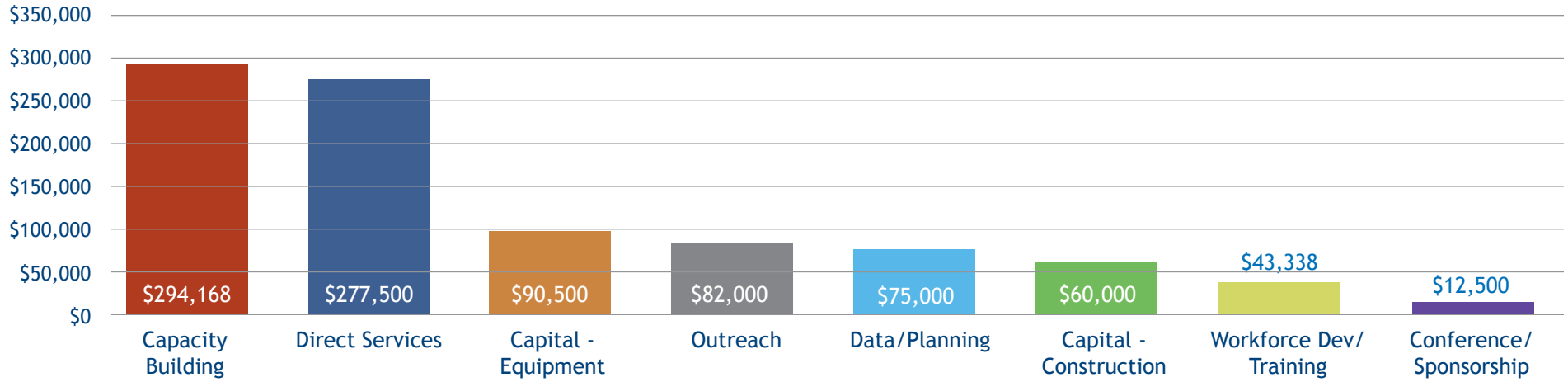
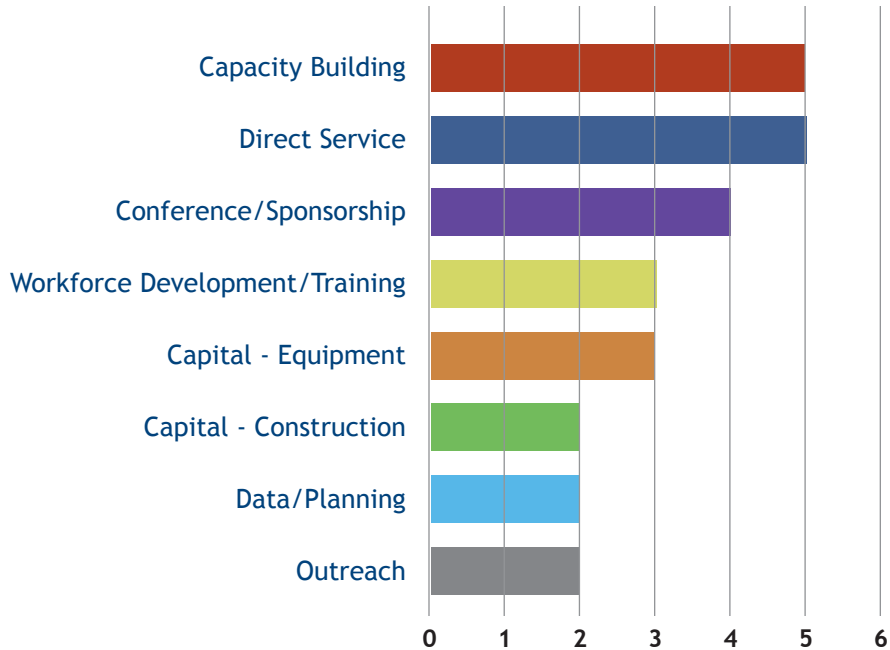


Trust Authority Grant Summary, October - December 2022

Total Grant Amount by Category



Number of Grants by Category



Grant Location



Primary Beneficiary Category Served by Grants

Grantee Name	All Beneficiaries	Developmental Disabilities	Mental Illness	Substance Abuse	Traumatic Brain Injuries
Access Alaska Inc					
Alaska Behavioral Health Association					
Alaska Center for Pediatrics					
Alaska Federation of Natives					
Alaska Hospital & Healthcare Association (previously ASHNHA)					
Alaska Primary Care Association					
Alaska Public Media					
Anchorage Association for the Education of Young Children					
Association of Alaska School Boards					
Chatham School District					
Christian Health Associates					
City of Fairbanks					
Forget Me Not Grief Center Of Alaska					
Girls On The Run Southcentral Ak					
Juneau Housing First Collaborative					
LINKS Mat-Su Parent Resource Center Inc					
Mat-Su Health Services					
NAMI Alaska					
New Life Development Inc					
Northwest Inupiat Housing Authority					
Northwest Resource Associates/Alaska Center for Resource Families					
OPT-In Kiana					
Palmer Family Church Of The Nazarene					
Special Olympics Alaska Inc					
University of Alaska Fairbanks, Department of Social Work					
Valley Charities, Inc.					

Authority Grant Type	Project Title	Name	Grant Amount
Focus Area Allocation - Mental Health & Addiction Intervention	Anchorage Project Access Pro Bono Counseling Program	Christian Health Associates	\$100,000
Project Description		Other Funding Partners (Secured and Pending)	
<p>Anchorage Project Access (APA) is Alaska’s only health care safety net for Trust beneficiaries. APA ensures access to donated specialty medical and dental care, medication assistance, interpreter services, transportation, community resources, and direct assistance to apply for Affordable Care Act (ACA), Medicaid, or Medicare health insurance. The pandemic highlighted the growing need for mental health services as a critical element in overall health and wellness, particularly for highly vulnerable Trust beneficiaries. After reviewing numerous statewide and community health needs assessments indicating a significant unmet need for mental health services in Alaska, APA began the process of developing pro bono counseling services for adults and children to address anxiety, depression, grief issues, abuse, trauma, substance misuse, and life transitions. APA has many years of experience connecting people who need care with health care professionals who are interested in donating care. It will be beneficial for this same method to be applied to counseling services in the Anchorage area. Using APA as a clearinghouse for donated care will make it easier for counselors to offer pro bono services and for beneficiaries to obtain them. As is the current practice with the pro bono medical program, if someone has a need that exceeds the amount of donated service available APA will enroll the person into a health insurance program whenever possible to help continue access to care. Trust funds are supporting APA’s Counseling Program, which will primarily serve low income, uninsured beneficiaries who have a mental illness, though all beneficiary categories may be served through the project.</p>		<p>State of Alaska, State of Alaska (HRSA oral health), Rasmuson Foundation, Providence Alaska Foundation, Municipality of Anchorage, United Way of Anchorage, Fundraising, Individual and Corporate Donors</p>	

Authority Grant Type	Project Title	Name	Grant Amount
Partnership	2022 Alaska Disability & Aging Summit	Special Olympics Alaska Inc	\$2,500
Project Description		Other Funding Partners (Secured and Pending)	
<p>Trust funds will support the annual Aging and Disability Summit at the Special Olympics Alaska Jim Balamaci Training Center. The Summit gathers leaders, professionals, Trust beneficiaries, and families of individuals with developmental disabilities who are aging to share resources, education, and support for this ever-growing specialty population. This summit will increase understanding of topics related to developmental disabilities and aging and is offered at no cost. This training aligns with the Housing & Home and Community Based Services focus area and impacts all beneficiary groups.</p>		<p>Special Olympics Alaska, Hope Community Resources, Governor’s Council on Disabilities and Special Education, GCI, Mabry & Mabry Dentistry, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, AARP</p>	

Authority Grant Type	Project Title	Name	Grant Amount
Partnership	2022 NAMI Alaska/AFSP-Alaska Chapter Together for Mental Health Symposium	NAMI Alaska	\$2,500
Project Description		Other Funding Partners (Secured and Pending)	
Trust funds will support NAMI Alaska's symposium aimed at increased education and awareness on mental health issues. The day long symposium will provide a mix of national NAMI speakers coupled with local speakers on topics that support Trust beneficiaries through best practices, and options for care if they are experiencing a mental health issue. Trust staff will be speaking at the event to current efforts around crisis response and care for Trust beneficiaries experiencing a mental health crisis in the community.		Nerurocrine Biociences, Alaska Behavioral Health, Providence Health Alaska, North Star Behavioral Health, Leadership for Excellence, Cook Inlet Tribal Council	

Authority Grant Type	Project Title	Name	Grant Amount
Partnership	Statewide Communication Effort	Alaska Primary Care Association	\$5,000
Project Description		Other Funding Partners (Secured and Pending)	
Trust funds will support Alaska Primary Care Association's (APCA) work with partners on efforts to help improve Medicaid recipients' awareness and understanding of changes to the Medicaid enrollment practices following the expiration of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency that temporarily waived certain Medicaid requirements and conditions. The temporary easing of these rules helped prevent people with Medicaid from losing their health coverage during the pandemic, but with a return to the need to renew coverage, Alaskans with Medicaid coverage need to understand how and when to take the necessary steps to renew coverage. Medicaid healthcare coverage is an essential and large component of the continuum of care for thousands of Trust beneficiaries. Medicaid also increases opportunities for beneficiary treatment, recovery, and positive health outcomes. For many beneficiaries, an interruption in Medicaid coverage could severely impact a treatment/recovery plan, and limit or halt access to supports and services.		N/A	

Authority Grant Type	Project Title	Name	Grant Amount
Focus Area Allocation - Mental Health & Addiction Intervention	High Utilizers Mat-Su (HUMS)	LINKS Mat-Su Parent Resource Center Inc	\$50,000
Project Description		Other Funding Partners (Secured and Pending)	
Trust funds will support the High Utilizer Mat-Su Program (HUMS) an intense case management program that serves Trust beneficiaries who are being seen routinely in Mat-Su Regional Hospital's emergency room. The HUMS program clinicians work with clients to get their community-based needs met, which helps mitigate their need for being seen frequently in the emergency room (ER), as ERs are not an effective model for treating severe mental illness and/or substance use disorders. The HUMS program is staffed by community health workers who partner with local providers to support beneficiaries in a less restrictive setting, and maintain an on-going relationship with them, which further helps stabilize them in the community. The Mat-Su Health Foundation is the primary funder for this program and is supporting HUMS in moving to a more long-term sustainable funding mechanism through the Medicaid 1115 Waiver. The HUMS project supports the Trust focus area Mental Health and Addiction intervention by increasing access to lower intensity community supports.		Mat-Su Health Foundation Secured	

Authority Grant Type	Project Title	Name	Grant Amount
Partnership	Mat Su Health Services Beneficiary Dental Services Grant	Mat-Su Health Services	\$50,000
Project Description		Other Funding Partners (Secured and Pending)	
Trust funds will support non-Medicaid eligible beneficiaries to receive needed dental services in the Mat-Su. Beneficiaries often have limited access to dental care throughout their lifetime and may also experience exacerbated dental conditions due to certain medications prescribed to help manage their health. Neglect and lack of access over time can create urgent need for intensive dental services for uninsured beneficiaries, which this project seeks to address. The project has been successfully implemented in previous years through careful fiscal management and use of the same sliding scale schedule of payment for reimbursement as is used broadly throughout the clinic.		N/A	

Authority Grant Type	Project Title	Name	Grant Amount
Partnership	AFN Convention	Alaska Federation of Natives	\$5,000.00
Project Description		Other Funding Partners (Secured and Pending)	
Trust funds will support the annual Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) convention held in Anchorage in October 2022. This annual event is celebrated as the premier gathering of Alaska Native people with a focus on public policy and advocacy for improved wellness of the Alaska Native community including Trust beneficiaries. Resolutions passed in previous years align well with Trust priorities, Resolution 21-8 Promoting Mental Health of Indigenous Youth and Resolution 21-10 Urging the Senate to Introduce and Pass the Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. Support for the convention also increases visibility for the Trust within the Alaska Native community statewide.		GCI, Visit Anchorage, Chugach Alaska Corporation, Alaska Airlines, AARP, NANA Regional Corporation, SeaAlaska Corporation, WalMart, CononcoPhillips	

Authority Grant Type	Project Title	Name	Grant Amount
Partnership	Support Project for Adoptive Families Raising Youth with an FASD or Neurobehavioral Disorder	Northwest Resource Associates/Alaska Center for Resource Families	\$8,338.00
Project Description		Other Funding Partners (Secured and Pending)	
This Alaska Center for Resource Families (ACRF) project will support adoptive families of children who experience a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). Trust funds will support a series of skill training and other activities for parents on how to adapt their parenting to a child with a brain-based disability. The project will also offer the same skill sets on a clinical level to practitioners who are supporting the on-going treatment and care for the adoptive families and their children. This two-fold approach will help make this model sustainable as the clinicians will gain the skills and be able to replicate this work with future families who adopt children with a FASD. ACRF is the main entity statewide that supports adoptive and foster families. Children with an FASD can be difficult to place in homes, which is why this best practice approach is vital to keeping these children in their adoptive homes.		Alaska Center for Resource Families	

Authority Grant Type	Project Title	Name	Grant Amount
Other Trust Investment - Early Childhood Intervention & Prevention	Trauma-Engaged Practices and Policies Evaluation and Survey	Association of Alaska School Boards	\$25,000.00
Project Description		Other Funding Partners (Secured and Pending)	
<p>The Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) will use Trust funding to leverage state and federal funds related to a statewide evaluation of school-based trauma-engaged practices and policies. A survey of school districts is being developed to identify strengths and opportunities for continued implementation of the trauma-engaged schools framework and related mental health in school supports that are of policy and practice interest to the Trust and advisory board partners. Trust funds will help incentivize the completion of the survey that will be used to inform the larger evaluation which is primarily federally funded. Trust funds would help increase the response rate of the survey since it is known that due to staffing shortages and pandemic related fatigue in the education sector, some school districts are more likely to engage with a team response if a small monetary benefit is offered to their district for participation. AASB and DEED hope to achieve at least a 50-70% response rate to ensure findings are reliable and representative of remote/rural as well as urban districts throughout the state. The incentives themselves (up to \$150 per participating school) would be available to purchase educational and social emotional learning materials that will support Trust beneficiaries and families in the school environment (not individual participants). Incentives are commonly used by health and education professionals to increase participation in research and evaluation surveys. A recent systematic review of use of incentives in research studies published by the National Institute of Health shows a significant increase in research participant response rates with even a small incentive offered to participants. School district feedback and insight gained from this evaluation will inform and enhance the continued implementation of trauma engaged practice promotion in schools and communities and enhance the continuum of care for young Trust beneficiaries and their families.</p>		AK DEED- staff time (state/federal funds)	

Authority Grant Type	Project Title	Name	Grant Amount
Focus Area Allocation - Disability Justice	Residential Re-entry and Supportive Services Subsidy Program	New Life Development Inc	\$25,000.00
Project Description		Other Funding Partners (Secured and Pending)	
<p>New life Development Inc. (NLD) will use Trust funds to continue providing transitional housing supports and services for beneficiaries returning to Anchorage from incarceration and/or behavioral health treatment facilities who are confronted by barriers to housing due to its high cost, and their criminal history, mental illness, or other complicating factors. This funding will support returning Trust beneficiaries by subsidizing some of their rental costs. In Anchorage there are many barriers confronting Trust beneficiaries who need housing as they transition back into the community from incarceration or behavioral health treatment centers. Housing in Anchorage and across the state is very expensive and many returning Trust beneficiaries have been trespassed, banned or are otherwise ineligible for shelter at local shelters and other housing programs and do not have a safe and stable place to live. NLD provides services for these beneficiaries, some of whom, are the hardest to serve with the most complex cases. NLD partners with the Alaska Department of Corrections and provides these services and supports to beneficiaries who are dealing with severe and persistent mental illness and cooccurring disorders and are participating in the Assess Plan Identify and Coordinate (APIC) reentry program. In order to overcome these barriers to housing NLD will continue to provide the identified population of beneficiaries participating in the program with safe and stable housing and supports which will aid their successful reentry into society.</p>		<p>Anchorage Health Department through a federal HUD CBDG award</p>	

Authority Grant Type	Project Title	Name	Grant Amount
Partnership	Anchorage AEYC Early Childhood Conference	Anchorage Association for the Education of Young Children	\$2,500.00
Project Description		Other Funding Partners (Secured and Pending)	
<p>Trust funds will support this annual conference held by the Anchorage Association for the Education of Young Children in Anchorage. This is the largest event in the state for early childhood providers supporting young beneficiary families to receive professional development and have the opportunity to learn best practices to promote improved outcomes for families and healthy child development. Featured topics include social emotional development, healthy and inclusive early childhood classroom settings, literacy, and other topics fostering healthy development and prevention opportunities for young beneficiaries and their families.</p>		<p>State of Alaska Education & Early Development (DEED), thread, Best Beginnings, State of Alaska Department of Health & Alaska Child Care Program, Providence Alaska</p>	

Authority Grant Type	Project Title	Name	Grant Amount
Partnership	Medical Equipment Lending Program	Valley Charities, Inc.	\$15,500.00
Project Description		Other Funding Partners (Secured and Pending)	
Trust funds will support Valley Charities in expanding their Medical Equipment Lending Program, a free community resource for residents of the Mat-Su Valley who do not have the resources or insurance coverage to purchase Durable Medical Equipment (DME) such as wheelchairs, power mobility equipment, walkers, crutches, canes, beds, and bathroom safety items. The Medical Equipment Lending Program operates like other similar loan closet programs and receives donated new or gently used equipment from people who no longer need it, then cleans and checks the equipment and make it available to another person. This project aligns with the Housing and Home and Community Based Services focus area, providing Mat-Su Valley residents with needed durable medical equipment temporarily. For some, it helps to fill the gap between discharge and an order being shipped to Alaska for those who have insurance or are applying for insurance. For others, it fills a gap while they are completing at-home rehabilitation and only need the equipment for a short time. Since hospitalization and need for home and community-based services increases with age, it is most likely to be used by Trust beneficiaries with ADRD, but all Trust beneficiary groups are able to use the program if they need to borrow DME.		Mat-Su Health Foundation, Alaska Community Foundation	

Authority Grant Type	Project Title	Name	Grant Amount
Partnership	Juneau Housing First Electric Boiler Purchase and Installation	Juneau Housing First Collaborative	\$50,000.00
Project Description		Other Funding Partners (Secured and Pending)	
Trust funds will support the Juneau Housing First Electric Boiler Purchase and Installation project. Forget-Me-Not Manor (Juneau Housing First) provides permanent and supportive housing to Juneau's most vulnerable adults. The average length of homelessness of the tenants before moving in is 9 years. Though Forget-Me-Not Manor's building is not very old the original heating equipment has failed, leaving the first floor without heat. Other projects in Southeast Alaska have experienced this same problem with these same heat pumps and Juneau Housing First was told that the product is unable to work in the climate in Southeast. Because Juneau Housing First has not been able to get any support from the original manufacturer, a new electric boiler must be purchased and installed. This project aligns with the Housing & Home and Community Based Services focus area and serves all beneficiary types.		Rasmuson Foundation, Juneau Community Foundation, Juneau Housing First Reserves, In Kind Staff Time	

Authority Grant Type	Project Title	Name	Grant Amount
Focus Area Allocation - Beneficiary Employment & Engagement	Peer Mentor Program	Access Alaska Inc	\$71,493.00
Project Description		Other Funding Partners (Secured and Pending)	
Access Alaska has designed and planned a mentorship and support program for training peer mentors and mentees who both experience developmental disabilities. This program will enable people with disabilities to connect with and support each other by addressing mutual goals, barriers, and/or lived experiences either one-on-one or in a group setting. A Peer Mentor is a person with a disability who has been trained to help consumers locate community resources, identify individual goals, and adjust to a newly acquired or progressive disability. The initial pilot portion of this project will support beneficiary mentors and mentees in the Anchorage region, and then expand to the Fairbank's office. The Pilot Project of 20 peer mentor/mentee teams will begin in Anchorage where a cohort of 10 peer mentor/mentee pairs would be established within the first 6 months. Trust funds will support this project to establish the program and by providing start-up operational expenses to get the staffing and support needed to manage this project.		Access Alaska Inc	

Authority Grant Type	Project Title	Name	Grant Amount
Focus Area Allocation - Mental Health & Addiction Intervention	Crisis Now Community Coordinator	City of Fairbanks	\$100,000.00
Project Description		Other Funding Partners (Secured and Pending)	
The Crisis Now Coordinator position for Fairbanks is housed within the City of Fairbanks Mayor's office. This is the second year Trust funding will support the Fairbanks Crisis Now Community Coordinator, which is part of the Trust's overall Crisis Now implementation strategy, and represents a true partnership with the City of Fairbanks. The coordinator serves as the liaison between the local Community Implementation Team, the Trust, and consultants throughout the development of the Crisis Now project in Fairbanks. The position's location within City leadership offices demonstrates a high level of commitment to the Crisis Now model for the community. This level of partnership is also important in the planning and implementation of a comprehensive program like Crisis Now that will require collaboration between the city, emergency services, law enforcement, and community healthcare stakeholders.		City of Fairbanks - Secured	

Authority Grant Type	Project Title	Name	Grant Amount
Other Trust Investment - Communications	Mental Health: In Depth Look	Alaska Public Media	\$77,000.00
Project Description		Other Funding Partners (Secured and Pending)	
<p>This project uses Trust communications funds to support the development of numerous pieces of public affairs programming and news stories on mental health topics. Content generated through this project will reach Alaska Public Media's (AKPM) broad, statewide radio and TV audience, and help to improve their understanding of issues impacting beneficiaries and their families. Media content developed under this project that is related to behavioral health and IDD conditions also aligns with Trust communications goals by helping normalize conversations around these important issues and addressing stigma. Further, this partnership will increase brand awareness of the Trust through on-air and website/social media recognition. The Trust will also be able to amplify AKPM material through its existing communications mechanisms.</p>		Alaska Public Media, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	

Authority Grant Type	Project Title	Name	Grant Amount
Other Trust Investment - Early Childhood Intervention & Prevention	Creating Access for Adolescent Depression Screening and follow-up during the COVID-19 pandemic year 2 project	Alaska Center for Pediatrics	\$59,675.00
Project Description		Other Funding Partners (Secured and Pending)	
<p>This project builds on a first year pilot of adolescent mental health screening in a pediatric practice and supports long standing Trust priorities related to integration of primary care and behavioral health. Year one of Alaska Center for Pediatrics (ACP) project highlighted the importance of adolescent and family outreach and engagement in order to develop relationships and open the door to screening and mental health services in the COVID environment. The need for more deliberate outreach and early identification of mental health needs in youth has been highlighted by the pandemic, while professional access to the youth simultaneously decreased due to reduced access to health care, school, and other community support. ACP is known for innovative approaches to person centered care and often a leader in new and emerging best practice related to children with special health care needs and Trust beneficiaries. Trust funding would support continued engagement of youth and families through nursing staff (otherwise non-reimbursable services) and the opportunity to build on the success of the two-way texting platform piloted in year 1 and found to be preliminarily successful in building youth beneficiary engagement, rapport and increasing the opportunity for mental health screening and subsequent active treatment participation.</p>		N/A	

Authority Grant Type	Project Title	Name	Grant Amount
Focus Area Allocation - Mental Health & Addiction Intervention	Alaska Contingent to the National Update on Behavioral Emergencies Conference	Alaska Hospital & Healthcare Association (previously ASHNHA)	\$10,000.00
Project Description		Other Funding Partners (Secured and Pending)	
The Alaska Hospital & Healthcare Association (AHHA) is a longtime Trust partner and has been supportive of the Trust's efforts to improve our crisis continuum of care in the State of Alaska. Trust funding will provide the opportunity for AHHA to support key health and behavioral health providers from across the state to attend the National Update of Hospital Behavioral Emergencies (NUBE) conference in Arizona. The conference will provide conference attendees with the most up to date information in responding to and providing services for Alaskans experiencing a behavioral health crisis. Having partners with knowledge of current best practices in responding to emergency behavioral health crises will allow them to provide valuable support to beneficiaries and work collaboratively with the Trust as we continue our work standing up new services in our behavioral health crisis continuum of care.		Petersburg medical Center, Norton Sound Health Corporation, State of Alaska, Mat-Su Regional medical Center, South Peninsula Hospital, South Central Foundation, Kanakanak Hospital, SEARHC, Foundation Health	

Authority Grant Type	Project Title	Name	Grant Amount
Partnership	Inclusive Playground + Outdoor Space for Mat-Su Community: Palmer Family Park	Palmer Family Church Of The Nazarene	\$10,000.00
Project Description		Other Funding Partners (Secured and Pending)	
The Palmer Family Church of the Nazarene will use Trust funds to develop an inclusive playground and outdoor space for the Mat-Su community. This community resource is being designed and developed due to a need for inclusive outdoor space in the Palmer/Wasilla area, so young Alaskans of all abilities can play together. The Trust joins multiple community funding partners in supporting this project.		Beacon Hill, MEA Round Up, Palmer Family Church, Alaska District of the Nazarene Church, Block Foundation, Mat-Su Health Foundation, Bringing Hope Grant, Palmer Elks Lodge, Rasmuson Foundation	

Authority Grant Type	Project Title	Name	Grant Amount
Focus Area Allocation - Mental Health & Addiction Intervention	ABHA Renewal	Alaska Behavioral Health Association	\$100,000.00
Project Description		Other Funding Partners (Secured and Pending)	
<p>Trust funds will support two positions within the Alaska Behavioral Health Association (ABHA), the state’s BH trade association, along with some contractual assistance. ABHA is undergoing a revision of their trade association following a strategic evaluation and assessment of their leadership and role as a leader in the behavioral health (BH) system of care in Alaska. The evaluation determined that ABHA could play a larger role in leading the BH industry and coordinating with partners at the state level and with the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. This project supports the treatment access and recovery supports line item within the Mental Health and Addiction Intervention focus area by equipping ABHA with the ability to expand their advocacy and leadership with behavioral health agencies and in expanding inpatient and outpatient services. ABHA’s efforts include working with our State of Alaska partners, federal partners, coalitions, and other trade associations in supporting increased access to care, including through Medicaid 1115 waiver services for Trust beneficiaries. ABHA also engages in workforce issues, and improving the social determinants of health for beneficiaries.</p> <p>ABHA engages in collaborative partnerships with the Department of Health, Department of Family and Community Services, as well as the Trust, Governor appointed boards, tribal behavioral health entities, providers, and other stakeholders. Increasing ABHA’s capacity operationally, coupled with their existing partnerships, supports their work to overcome barriers to access and care for Trust beneficiaries. ABHA’s voice and advocacy is needed at a high level to support Trust focus areas and the goals of the Comp Plan.</p>		Division of Behavioral Health, Delta Center, Member Dues	

Authority Grant Type	Project Title	Name	Grant Amount
Partnership	Haa Aani Hydroponic Garden	Chatham School District	\$25,000.00
Project Description		Other Funding Partners (Secured and Pending)	
<p>Previously students at the Angoon High School initiated an indoor hydroponics pilot project in the village of Angoon, that successfully grew an array of healthy vegetables this past year. The pilot project has been successful in supplying the school and community with fresh produce. The Chatham School District will use Trust funds to expand their pilot project by purchasing an array of supplies and equipment that will be necessary to significantly expand the hydroponics program that already exists at the Angoon High School. The Haa Aani Hydroponic Garden project is in line with the Trust’s prevention efforts. Hunger and poor nutrition adversely impact mental health and many studies recommend that adequate and appropriate nutrition are key elements of recovery from and treatment for addiction, traumatic brain injury, Alzheimer’s disease, and that healthy nutrition for children can be a powerful prevention for future behavioral health issues.</p>		DEED grant, Sealaska Heritage Institute, Steps, Green Our Planet’s Hydroponics STEM Program, Tides Education Services, Goldbelt Heritage Foundation	

Authority Grant Type	Project Title	Name	Grant Amount
Partnership	Girls on the Run	Girls On The Run Southcentral Ak	\$2,500.00
Project Description		Other Funding Partners (Secured and Pending)	
Girls on the Run Southcentral Alaska will use Trust funds to support their FY23 programming which engages elementary school age girls in physical activity and mental health wellness activities through a ten-week program. This primary prevention program increases physical and mental wellness through exercise, life skill development, and community connection. The program offers scholarships and prioritizes diversity, equity, and inclusion of Trust beneficiary youth through outreach and mental health promotion. Increased connection and healthy activities are known to help prevent higher risk behaviors and subsequent negative health and education outcomes in adolescent girls at a critical time of development.		Carr Foundation, Aurora Military Housing, Eagle River Lions, EBO Consulting	

Authority Grant Type	Project Title	Name	Grant Amount
Partnership	BSW Rural Cohort Travel	University of Alaska Fairbanks, Department of Social Work	\$25,000.00
Project Description		Other Funding Partners (Secured and Pending)	
Trust funds will help fund rural based University of Alaska Fairbank's Department of Social Work students travel to Fairbanks for the in-person classroom components necessary to complete the program's Rural Cohort model of education. This Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) project specifically trains current rural based providers such as behavioral health aides, Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) workers, school aides, substance abuse treatment case managers and other helping professionals by better preparing them to provide direct services to beneficiaries experiencing chronic alcoholism, substance abuse, developmental disabilities and/or those experiencing mental illness or traumatic brain injury. This is especially valuable as trained rural based professionals can provide services in their home communities. Supporting rural BSW students in this program will help increase the capacity and ability for healthcare workers in rural Alaska to gain the knowledge and cultural competency needed for service implementation in rural Alaska.		UA Initiative Fund, UAF Social Work Department	

Authority Grant Type	Project Title	Name	Grant Amount
Partnership	Strategic, Business & Financial Plan Creation	Forget Me Not Grief Center Of Alaska	\$13,000.00
Project Description		Other Funding Partners (Secured and Pending)	
<p>The Forget Me Not Grief Center (FMNGCA) of Alaska, which offers grief services to children and families, has been in operation for several years and was supported by Hospice of Anchorage. Due to funding restrictions at Hospice, they were no longer able to act as the non-profit agency overseeing FMNGCA. FMNGCA has acquired its own non-profit status and has begun serving Trust beneficiaries over the last couple of years under their new non-profit designation. They do this through the leadership of their board and community volunteers, and the Anchorage School District provides them space in their schools for hosting their grief support sessions. Trust funds will support the development of a business plan that strategically position FMNGCA for sustainability into the future by allowing them to contract the development of a business and operational plan.</p>		N/A	

Authority Grant Type	Project Title	Name	Grant Amount
Partnership	Housing Needs Assessment	Northwest Inupiat Housing Authority	\$50,000.00
Project Description		Other Funding Partners (Secured and Pending)	
<p>Northwest Inupiat Housing Authority (NIHA) is a nonprofit organization committed to supporting the local community and Alaska Natives through safe and affordable housing. Funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), NIHA offers programs designed to help low-income families, including new construction, rental assistance, and weatherization programs. NIHA serves the NANA region including Ambler, Buckland, Deering, Kiana, Kivalina, Kobuk, Kotzebue, Noatak, Noorvik, Selawik and Shungnak.</p> <p>Trust funds will support a housing needs assessment for NIHA. Like many communities in Alaska, Kotzebue and the surrounding villages have a shortage of affordable housing. Through the work of the Trust funded Rural Housing Coordinator position, the region is beginning to understand the needs of the local homeless population and those in the community at risk of homelessness. To move forward with the planning necessary to identify the volume and types of housing needed for the region, a housing needs assessment needs to be completed. The assessment will include how and to what extent housing availability has impacted various homeless and special needs households, an inventory of homeless special needs housing and demographics, and stakeholder input from those familiar with these groups. This will assist with competitive positioning of NIHA for future grants and funding for special needs housing by having current special needs populations and housing data. The assessment will also identify what housing stock exists and is necessary to ensure beneficiaries and other residents in this region to inform future projects. All Trust beneficiary categories are overrepresented in the special needs housing programs and often face barriers to affordable and stable housing.</p>		Northwest Inupiat Housing Authority, Northwest Arctic Borough VIF	

Authority Grant Type	Project Title	Name	Grant Amount
Partnership	ADA Compliant Ramp	OPT-In Kiana	\$50,000.00
Project Description		Other Funding Partners (Secured and Pending)	
<p>OPT-In Kiana (One Positive Thing in Kiana) will use Trust funding for a ramp to ensure access for the program's newly renovated building for use by approximately twenty-two beneficiary youth and the community (approximately 100). OPT-In Kiana will support youth and elders by creating access to a positive and safe space for health and wellness focused activities as determined by youth leaders, gatherings, and community events such as fall prevention classes for elders. Equal access to the facility will support integration of young and elder beneficiaries in OPT-In Kiana programs community events, promoting physical and mental health and reducing stigma. This project was designed and requested by Kiana community members and signifies a culturally relevant request to support current and future Trust beneficiaries.</p>		OPT-In Kiana	