

Alaska Mental Health Board

FY 2004-2005 Capital Project Proposal (Instructions on next page)

<p>1) Proposer's Name Consumers Consortium</p>	<p>2) Contact Information Barry Creighton, 54932 Burdock Rd, Kasilof, Alaska 99610, (907) 262-2824, burdock@ionia.org</p>	<p>3) Project Title Consumer Run Housing Projects.</p>
<p>4) Project Description:</p> <p>According to <i>In Step</i> the number of homeless people increased 26 percent between 1995 and 2000 and the number of people API discharged to the streets (homeless) rose from 45 in 1996 to 111 in 2000. Currently much housing for adults who are considered to have serious and persistent mental illness is provided through their community mental health center. It has been recognized that in many, if not most, cases housing should be provided separately and by someone other than the mental health service provider. This is a policy objective of the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC). One of the ways to do this is to have some consumer run housing so that the benefits peer support will also be present. It has been very successful in other places. This is also a needed option in Alaska. Relatively small amounts of Trust money can be leveraged through loans and matching funding, probably on about a four or five to one basis, to provide this kind of housing.</p>		
<p>5) Explain geographic area to be served. Are there similar projects/programs in geographic area where collaboration is possible?</p> <p>Statewide, although the likelihood is that the first project will be in Anchorage. There are any number of housing programs, but there is an acknowledged shortage in the total amount of housing available.</p>		
<p>6) What AMHB priorities or goals of <i>A Shared Vision II</i> and/or the Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Plan does this proposal support?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consumer Centered Services Comprehensive System Integrative/Collaborative System Strengths Perspective Home and Community Focus Preventive Services Outcome Based Systems 		

Cost Effectiveness

7) How will this proposal improve the quality of life of Trust beneficiaries?

The consumer run, peer support approach has been found to be successful across the board. Adequate housing has been found to be a **key element in recovery**. The combination will result in significant improvement in outcomes.

8) If this is a continuing project, report on status. Indicate not applicable if this is a new project.

N/A

9) Project cost and funding sources

FY 04 \$200,000/MHTAAR

FY 05 \$200,000/MHTAAR

FY 06 \$200,000/MHTAAR

FY 07 \$200,000/MHTAAR

10) Start-up or ongoing operating costs.

Start-up: from other sources

Ongoing: from other sources

11) Signature and date