

April 19, 2022

Dear Senator Bishop,

I am writing today to request your support for increasing the Capital Budget CSSB 164 for the following AHFC Programs:

- Supplemental Housing Development Grant Program
- Senior Housing Development Grant Program
- Teacher, Professional, Public Safety Housing Grant Program
- Weatherization Assistance Program

You know all too well the dire need for safe, sanitary and affordable housing in our communities. These AHFC Programs provide a mechanism to develop additional units, preserve the units that are currently in need of weatherization, provide units for our growing elder population, and house the professionals that serve the health, safety and educational sustainability in our communities. After an analysis of the program's applications in the past three years, the Association of Alaska Housing Authorities (AAHA) extrapolated the following data to demonstrate what funding amounts can be immediately deployed.

AHFC Program (Capital Budget)	Eligible funding amount	Total Funding Awarded	Unfunded application total
Supplemental Housing Dev. Grant Program	\$8.1 MM	\$2.69 MM	\$5.41 MM
Senior Housing Dev. Grant Program	\$2.24 MM	\$1.45 MM	\$.783 MM
Teacher, Professional, Public Safety Housing Grant Program	\$3.66 MM	\$1.99 MM	\$1.66 MM

Because of the limited funding to the programs in the past few years (limiting the application funding requests), we believe that the Housing Authorities have the capacity to deploy the programs at a scale that at least doubles the unfunded application total.

Additionally, you will notice that the Weatherization Assistance Program is not included in the table because of the limited funding however, we believe that the program can easily be scaled up to the State's investment in FY2016 which was \$5.6MM.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

INTERIOR REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY



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