



Amendment # 4

Amendment to CS HB95 (FIN)

Offered by: Rep. Gara

Pg. 24	Appropriation Items	General Funds	Other Funds
Line 13:			
Departmental Support Services	[56,600,900]	[18,909,800]	37,691,100
	56,186,600	18,495,500	

Line 16:	Allocation
Office of Faith Based & Community Initiatives	[914,300] 500,000

Purpose:

This deletes an increment of \$414,300 general funds and 4 positions from the Office of Faith and Community Based Initiatives in the Department of Health and Social Services. The budget as proposed by the Governor, increased staffing to manage increased grant funding made available through the transfer of Human Service Matching grant funds which the House Finance committee has not approved. Therefore, the increased staff is no longer needed.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2008

In FY08, an increment for federal authority to receive a federal grant received by the Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives is requested. We are also requesting general funds to match this federal grant.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2006

- The Office hired two additional staff, a program coordinator to replace a vacant position in Juneau and a project coordinator, to work with the Alaska Partnership for Healthy Communities project.
- The Office (in partnership with government and community funders) provided community funding forums to help faith-based and grassroots organizations understand the faith-based and community initiatives, as well as identify resources and opportunities for collaborations.
- Alaska was one of 10 states to participate in the faith-based initiative, "Partners in Transformation", nation-wide contest. 30 Alaskan faith-based and community organizations received recognition in providing effective social services in collaboration with additional community partners.
- The Office has partnered with GrantStation to begin a newsletter for faith-based and community initiative List serve members to provide information on current funding opportunities, training and other services.
- The Office provides leadership in collaborative initiatives that address national and local faith-based and community initiative priorities including homelessness/housing, Prison-Reentry, Welfare to Work, At Risk Youth, and Healthy Marriage Initiatives.
- The Office maintains communication with Regional and National Liaisons to keep informed of any new funding opportunities or additional resources. Quarterly teleconferences are held regularly with Region X partners.
- The Office and Council, in partnership with the Alaska State Community Service Commission, sponsored a conference, "2006 Volunteerism & FBCI Summit" which was well attended.
- The Office hosted Federal grants.gov guidance training.
- Collaborated in hosting grant-writing training opportunities throughout Alaska.
- A web-site was launched in October 2005 and has been instrumental in providing information about faith-based and community initiatives. The web-site provides links to additional resources.
- The Office was just awarded a \$500.0 grant through the ACF-Compassion Capital Demonstration project. 40% of this grant will be used to provide sub-awards to grassroots and faith-based organizations.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

Administrative Order #221

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