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Referred: Community & Regional Affairs, Health, Education & Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to human services community matching grants; and providing for an
2 effective date."

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

4 * Section 1. AS 29.60 is amended by adding new sections to read:

5 ARTICLE 7. HUMAN SERVICES COMMUNITY MATCH PROGRAM.

6 Sec. 29.60.500. HUMAN SERVICES COMMUNITY MATCHING GRANTS. (a)

7 Within the limits of appropriations for the purpose, the Department of Health and Social Services
8 shall, upon application, make a matching grant to a qualified municipality equal to 50 percent
9 of the estimated reasonable costs of providing essential human services through private nonprofit
10 agencies within the municipality, including services to persons who travel to the municipality
11 from their residences elsewhere in the state.

12 (b) To qualify for a grant under this section, a municipality is required to

13 (1) provide the same amount of money from other sources as is provided by the
14 state grant under this section for the services; other sources may include federal or municipal

1 money or money from other private or public sources; in this paragraph, "municipal money"
2 includes money derived from appropriations, allocations, entitlements, grants, or other payments
3 from the state other than the state grant under this section but does not include locally contributed
4 staff hours, material, equipment, or other in-kind contributions;

5 (2) establish and consult with a citizens' advisory group, the majority of whose
6 membership consists of persons who do not hold elected municipal office, concerning priorities
7 and allocations among services funded under this section; and

8 (3) comply with the grant application procedure and contractual agreements under
9 AS 29.60.510.

10 Sec. 29.60.510. GRANT PROCEDURE; CONTRACT. (a) If a qualified municipality
11 wishes to apply for a grant under AS 29.60.500, the municipality shall apply for a grant for a
12 fiscal year by submitting a form prescribed by the commissioner of health and social services
13 before October 1 of the preceding fiscal year. The application must fully describe the services
14 that are proposed to be funded with the grant, including

15 (1) a justification of how each proposed service will meet the goals established
16 under AS 47.75.010 and an explanation of why the service is necessary to prevent or alleviate
17 serious mental or physical hardship; this explanation must be supported by a needs assessment
18 carried out by the municipality in cooperation with the Department of Health and Social Services;

19 (2) the categories of individuals to whom the services are to be provided;

20 (3) estimated expenditures required for each of the services to be provided.

21 (b) A human services community matching grant shall be allotted in accordance with an
22 agreement made between the grantee and the commissioner of health and social services on
23 behalf of the state. The agreement may include any provision agreed upon by the parties and
24 must include the following provisions:

25 (1) estimates of reasonable costs of funding the services; and

26 (2) a requirement that no more than five percent of the grant money received
27 under AS 29.60.500 may be used for municipal administrative costs connected with distributing
28 the grant money to the private nonprofit agencies providing the services.

29 Sec. 29.60.520. ALLOCATION OF MONEY. If the amount of money appropriated by
30 the legislature for human services community matching grants under AS 29.60.500 is not
31 adequate to satisfy amounts required for all qualified municipalities who have applied for grants,

1 the money shall be allocated proportionately among the qualified municipalities who have applied
2 based on the relationship each approved grant amount bears to the total amount approved under
3 all grants.

4 Sec. 29.60.550. DEFINITIONS. In AS 29.60.500 - 29.60.550,

5 (1) "essential human services" and "services" have the meaning given "social
6 services" in AS 47.75.060 except that they include only services whose unavailability would
7 subject persons needing the services to serious mental or physical hardship;

8 (2) "municipality" means a city whose population is over 20,000, as determined
9 by the Department of Community and Regional Affairs, and a unified municipality.

10 * Sec. 2. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS. (a) This Act applies to matching grants under
11 AS 29.60.500, enacted by sec. 1 of this Act, for fiscal year 1993 and subsequent fiscal years. Municipal
12 applications for a grant for fiscal year 1993 must be submitted by October 1, 1991, under
13 AS 29.60.510(a), as enacted by sec. 1 of this Act.

14 (b) Notwithstanding AS 29.60.500, as enacted by sec. 1 of this Act, the state human services
15 community match under AS 29.60.500 shall equal 90 percent of estimated reasonable costs in fiscal year
16 1993. This percentage shall decrease by five percentage points each fiscal year thereafter until the state
17 match is 50 percent of estimated reasonable costs of the human services.

18 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1991.