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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 8. HUMAN SERVICES COMMUNITY MATCH PROGRAM.

6 Sec. 29.60.600. 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; and

5 (2) comply with the grant application procedure and contractual agreements under
6 AS 29.60.610.

7 (c) A municipality may consult with a citizens' advisory group, the majority of whose
8 membership consists of persons who do not hold elected municipal office, concerning priorities
9 and allocations among services funded under this section.

10 Sec. 29.60.610. GRANT PROCEDURE; CONTRACT. (a) If a qualified municipality
11 wishes to apply for a grant under AS 29.60.600, 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 generally describe the
14 services that are proposed to be funded with the grant and include the following information:

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

19 (2) a description of the categories of individuals to whom the services are to be
20 provided; and

21 (3) an estimate of the expenditures required for each of the services to be
22 provided.

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

27 (1) a statement by the grantee that the match requirement of AS 29.60.600 has
28 been met by the grantee;

29 (2) estimates of reasonable costs of funding the services; and

30 (3) a requirement that no more than five percent of the grant money received
31 under AS 29.60.600 may be used for municipal administrative costs connected with distributing

1 the grant money to the private nonprofit agencies providing the services.

2 Sec. 29.60.620. ALLOCATION OF MONEY. (a) If the amount of money appropriated
3 by the legislature for human services community matching grants under AS 29.60.600 is not
4 adequate to satisfy amounts required for the qualified municipalities who have applied for grants,
5 the money shall be allocated proportionately among the qualified municipalities for which a grant
6 has been approved under AS 29.60.600 - 29.60.650 based on the relationship the population of
7 each municipality bears to the total population of the qualified municipalities for which a grant
8 has been approved under AS 29.60.600 - 29.60.650.

9 (b) For purposes of (a) of this section, population shall be determined by the Department
10 of Community and Regional Affairs based on the latest figures of the United States Bureau of
11 the Census or other reliable population data. If a city within a borough has an approved grant
12 for a service to be provided on an areawide basis, the allocation under (a) of this section shall
13 be based on the population of the borough.

14 Sec. 29.60.650. DEFINITIONS. In AS 29.60.600 - 29.60.650,

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

18 (2) "municipality" means a city whose population is over 20,000, as determined
19 by the Department of Community and Regional Affairs, or a unified municipality whose
20 population is over 100,000, as determined by the Department of Community and Regional
21 Affairs.

22 * Sec. 2. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS. (a) This Act applies to matching grants under
23 AS 29.60.600, enacted by sec. 1 of this Act, for fiscal year 1994 and subsequent fiscal years. Municipal
24 applications for a grant for fiscal year 1994 must be submitted by October 1, 1992, under
25 AS 29.60.610(a), as enacted by sec. 1 of this Act.

26 (b) Notwithstanding AS 29.60.600, as enacted by sec. 1 of this Act, the state human services
27 community match under AS 29.60.600 shall equal 90 percent of estimated reasonable costs in fiscal year
28 1994 and 70 percent of estimated reasonable costs in fiscal year 1995.

29 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1992.