Amendment 1- Answers to Written Inquiries

Mental Health Deferred Maintenance

November 3, 2026

This amendment is being issued to address the following questions regarding the definition of deferred maintenance and the evaluation of services provided to Alaska Mental Health Trust beneficiaries.

The responses are as follows:

Question 1: I am seeking to understand how the agency would interpret "postponed or not performed when needed" and whether there needs to be a high degree of proof around the decision not to execute maintenance efforts.

Answer: *The phrase "postponed or not performed when needed" does not require an applicant to demonstrate that an intentional decision was made to delay maintenance. Applicants should describe the current condition of the facility, the identified maintenance need, and how the proposed project will address that need. Supporting information, such as photographs, maintenance records, or professional assessments, may be included when available.*

Question 2: Would demolition of an unsafe, deteriorating structure and the associated site preparation be eligible if the work addresses health and safety concerns and supports our program's service delivery?

Answer: For purposes of this RFP, deferred maintenance refers to maintenance, repair, or replacement of an existing facility or facility component that was not completed when needed to preserve or restore the facility's safe and functional condition.

The intent of this program is to preserve or restore existing facilities so they can continue supporting services to Alaska Mental Health Trust beneficiaries. Demolition of an existing building or structure for the purpose of removing it from use is not an eligible activity under this RFP. However, demolition that is necessary to complete an otherwise eligible deferred maintenance or accessibility improvement project may be included as part of that project.

Question 3: I'm also curious to understand the framework by which proposals will be evaluated in terms of their specific service to mental health trust beneficiaries… I'm unsure about what level of detail of service is required/expected, and whether it makes sense to identify the service to these beneficiaries over the useful life of the asset which we are executing maintenance upon.

Answer: The purpose of this grant program is to support facility improvements that contribute to the provision or continued delivery of services to Alaska Mental Health Trust beneficiaries.

Applicants must describe the services their organization provides to one or more Trust beneficiary populations identified in the RFP and explain how the facility associated with the proposed project supports those services.

Facilities may serve additional populations or the general public. However, incidental use of a facility by individuals who may qualify as Trust beneficiaries does not, by itself, demonstrate that the proposed project supports services to Trust beneficiaries.