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**Grantee:** City of Fairbanks  
**Request Amount:** \$74,000.00  
**Project Title:** Community Response Coordinator  
**Grant Term:** 7/1/2026 to 6/30/2027  
**Trust Staff:** Samantha Potts

## **Staff Analysis:**

- What does this project do?  
Trust funds will support a Community Response Coordinator position to manage and coordinate Crisis Now implementation in Fairbanks. The coordinator will continue to support project management, partner coordination, data collection, and communication across crisis response providers. This includes facilitating meetings, supporting mobile crisis team operations, tracking and reporting outcomes, and identifying service gaps and system needs. Funds will also support travel for statewide coordination, training, and community engagement, as well as minimal supplies for outreach and partner collaboration.
- Who is receiving the funds?  
The City of Fairbanks will receive the funds to support a Community Response Coordinator position based in Fairbanks, serving Fairbanks North Star Borough and coordinating with statewide Crisis Now partners.
- Why is staff recommending this project?  
This project supports the continued development of a coordinated crisis response system in Fairbanks. The coordinator role provides dedicated capacity to align providers, support mobile crisis response, and improve communication and data sharing across partners. The position is intended to strengthen system coordination, identify gaps in crisis stabilization services, and support implementation of the Crisis Now model locally. This work is expected to improve access to timely crisis services and support more coordinated follow-up care for Trust beneficiaries.
- Will this be a multi-year project?  
This is a one year funding request. The position has transitioned to a 50/50 cost-share with the City of Fairbanks. The position has also expanded beyond crisis services to include broader behavioral health services. The goal of the City is to ultimately assume 100% of the cost. This request is for one year of funding but may not represent the final year of support depending on the transition.

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## Trust Five Year Funding History

| <u>Fiscal Year</u> | <u>Project Title</u>   | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Status</u> | <u>Final Expended</u> |
|--------------------|--|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 2026               | Crisis Now Community Coordinator   | \$138,000     | Active        | Grant ends 6/30/2026  |
| 2026               | Alaska Prisoner Reentry Initiative: Reentry Coalition Capacity Development - Fairbanks | \$120,000     | Active        | Grant ends 6/30/2026  |
| 2025               | Crisis Now Community Coordinator   | \$138,000     | Closed        | \$136,200             |
| 2025               | Alaska Prisoner Reentry Initiative: Reentry Coalition Capacity Development - Fairbanks | \$120,000     | Closed        | \$119,448             |
| 2024               | Crisis Now Community Coordinator   | \$138,000     | Closed        | \$136,711             |
| 2024               | Alaska Prisoner Reentry Initiative: Reentry Coalition Capacity Development - Fairbanks | \$120,000     | Closed        | \$118,832             |
| 2023               | Crisis Now Community Coordinator   | \$100,000     | Closed        | \$100,000             |
| 2023               | Alaska Prisoner Reentry Initiative: Reentry Coalition Capacity Development - Fairbanks | \$100,000     | Closed        | \$90,979              |
| 2022               | Crisis Now Community Coordinator   | \$130,400     | Closed        | \$130,390             |

## Comp Plan Identification

| Area of Focus                                      | Objective  | Comments |
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| Area of Focus 4: Substance Use Disorder Prevention | 4.3 Improve treatment and recovery support services to promote wellness and reduce the impact of mental health and substance use disorders |          |

## Trust Focus Area Connection

| Budget Area                            | Strategy   | Comments |
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| Mental Health & Addiction Intervention | MHAI - Ensure Alaskans have access to comprehensive crisis services and supports |          |

## Project Description (from grant application)

The Community Response Coordinator will coordinate the project management of the overall Crisis Now local project and support the statewide crisis response network development. The coordinator will assist partner organizations with research, data collection, and communication as needed in the Fairbanks North Star Borough. The coordinator will support partner organizations with exploring

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resources they need to accomplish their respective project goals. The coordinator will also identify, report, and communicate obstacles to the Crisis Now development to the funder to collaboratively work towards the local project meeting the overall Crisis Now project goals. The coordinator will be able to give the Trust accurate project status updates at any given time. All Trust beneficiaries, particularly those with mental health disorders, benefit from the provision of crisis services in Interior Alaska through appropriate behavioral healthcare at the right time, follow up from peers with lived experience, and connection to long-term care and support.

## **Grantee Proposed Evaluation Measures (from grant application)**

- a) Attend and facilitate all necessary meetings with the crisis stabilization partners in the project (all phases).
- b) Assist the mobile crisis team provider with the needed support to operate in the Fairbanks region.
- c) Collect mobile crisis team outcome data on a monthly basis, and report out to the Fairbanks Crisis Now Coalition.

Work with the Trust TA contractors in supporting the Crisis Now buildout in Fairbanks.

- a) Identify and recommend a group of providers who can form a response taskforce and share information together to ensure care available in the community is accessible for individuals not being served. Identify care and resources that are not available for individuals in the community. Provide a summary report.
- b) Clearly identify local providers with the capacity to deliver crisis stabilization services (crisis facility) and make recommendations to the Trust as to the formation of these services under the Crisis Now model in Fairbanks (phase II). Provide a summary report.

Create positive working relationships and coordination with other Crisis Now projects in Anchorage, Ketchikan, Matsu, Juneau, and other areas around the state.

## **Proposed Project Performance Measures (developed by the Trust)**

**Performance Measure #1:** Provide a narrative describing the timeline, activities, successes, challenges, and any lessons learned during the reporting period. Be sure to address each of the following project activities:

- i. Attend and facilitate all necessary meetings with the crisis stabilization partners in the project (all phases).
- ii. Assist the mobile crisis team provider with the support needed to operate in the Fairbanks region.
- iii. Collect mobile crisis team outcome data on a monthly basis and report out to the Fairbanks Crisis Now Coalition.

**Performance Measure #2:** Work with the Trust TA contractors in supporting the Crisis Now buildout in Fairbanks.

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- i. Identify and recommend a group of providers who can form a response task force and share information together to ensure care available in the community is accessible for individuals not being served. Identify care and resources that are unavailable to individuals in the community. Provide a summary report as an electronic attachment.
- ii. Clearly identify local providers with the capacity to deliver crisis stabilization services and make recommendations to the Trust as to the formation of these services under the Crisis Now model in Fairbanks. Provide a summary report as an electronic attachment.

**Performance Measure #3:** Create positive working relationships and coordinate with other Crisis Now projects in Anchorage, Ketchikan, Mat-Su, Juneau, and other areas around the state.

## **Sustainability (from grant application)**

This grant request supplements the City’s portion for this position. This is the first time the City Council has approved funding from City funds for a social service position previously funded fully by a grant. The City is invested in ensuring community response and crisis services are implemented and sustained in the community.

## **Who We Serve (from grant application)**

The coordinator will support the continued expansion of crisis services which serve all Trust beneficiaries. The coordinator does not provide direct service to Trust beneficiaries, but instead supports the crisis service providers. Those providers, which have Trust grants, will submit their beneficiary numbers in their final reports. The input of zero (0) in the boxes below reflects the answer given.

## **Estimated Numbers of Beneficiaries Served Experiencing (from grant application)**

|  |   |
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| Mental Illness:  | 0 |
| Developmental Disabilities:  | 0 |
| Alzheimer’s Disease & Related Dementias:   | 0 |
| Substance Abuse  | 0 |
| Traumatic Brain Injuries:  | 0 |
| Secondary Beneficiaries (family members or caregivers providing support to primary beneficiaries): | 0 |
| Number of people to be trained   | 0 |

## **Project Budget (from grant application)**

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| Personnel Services Costs                 | \$69,000.00   |
| Personnel Services Costs (Other Sources) | \$69,000.00   |
| Personnel Services Narrative             | This portion of the budget includes half of the cost for salaries (\$50,000) and half the cost of benefits (\$19,000). Annual |

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|  | benefits are made up of the following: Pension (\$13,000), Health (\$23,400) Life Insurance (\$100), and FICA (\$1,500). |
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| Travel Costs                 | \$4,000.00   |
| Travel Costs (Other Sources) | \$0.00   |
| Travel Costs Narrative       | Costs for travel & fees for Crisis now meetings throughout the state and relevant community response and behavioral health focused trainings/conferences; purchase of training materials and fees. |

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| Supplies Costs                 | \$1,000.00   |
| Supplies Costs (Other Sources) | \$1,000.00   |
| Supplies Narrative             | Costs for advertising Crisis services, general office supplies, and meal costs for partner meetings. |

## **Other Funding Sources (from grant application)**

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| City of Fairbanks - Secured  | \$69,000.00        |
| <b>Total Leveraged Funds</b> | <b>\$69,000.00</b> |