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Grantee: JAMHI Health & Wellness Inc
Request Amount: \$60,000.00
Project Title: Alaska Prisoner Reentry Initiative: Reentry Coalition Capacity Development - Juneau (FY27)
Grant Term: 7/1/2026 to 6/30/2027
Trust Staff: Heather Phelps

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?
Trust funds will pay \$60,000 to support the Juneau Reentry Coalition Coordinator (RCC) position for one final transition year. The RCC manages coalition operations, facilitates meetings, leads planning and capacity-building efforts, coordinates community outreach, and serves as the primary liaison with the Department of Corrections. Funding for the RCC capacity project began in 2016 and was originally intended to have a limited duration. As the Trust typically does not fund operational grants in perpetuity, the proposed funding for FY 27 is intended as a transition year, with the grant reduced to 50% of its previous amount. This transitional period was intended to ensure there was adequate time to explore other funding sources beyond Trust support.
- Who is receiving the funds?
JAMHI Health and Wellness, Inc serves as the fiscal agent for Trust funding of the RCC position, and operation of the JAMHI Reentry Coalition. The Juneau Reentry Coalition promotes strategies and engages in activities that serve justice-involved individuals to reduce recidivism and improve public safety.
- Why is staff recommending this project?
The Reentry Coalition Coordinator is instrumental in developing reentry infrastructure in Juneau. Although the position does not typically provide direct services, its work improves service alignment for Trust beneficiaries. The RCC's work supports the needs of all returning citizens who have been incarcerated, as they transition back into their communities. Support includes educating the community about the criminal justice system, identifying local challenges facing reentrants, identifying local gaps in services and corresponding collaborative solutions, and serving as a local point of contact for the DOC.
- Will this be a multi-year project?
This is the last year that the RCC position will receive Trust funding.

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Trust Five Year Funding History

Fiscal Year	Project Title	Amount	Status	Final Expended
2026	Alaska Prisoner Reentry Initiative: Reentry Coalition Capacity Development - Juneau	\$120,000	Active	Grant ends 6/30/2026
2025	Juneau Reentry Coalition Reentry Housing	\$48,500	Active	Grant ends 1/31/2026, Final report due 3/31/2026
2025	Alaska Prisoner Reentry Initiative: Reentry Coalition Capacity Development - Juneau	\$120,000	Closed	\$106,449
2025	SHARP Contracts at JAMHI - Continued	\$46,000	Closed	\$46,000
2024	Alaska Prisoner Reentry Initiative: Reentry Coalition Capacity Development - Juneau	\$120,000	Closed	\$103,925
2024	Reentry Support Housing Grant	\$57,500	Closed	\$20,849
2024	SHARP Contract(s) at JAMHI	\$91,612.50	Closed	\$91,612.50
2023	Alaska Prisoner Reentry Initiative: Reentry Coalition Capacity Development - Juneau	\$100,000	Closed	\$97,881
2023	Juneau Reentry Advocacy Training and Reentry Simulation	\$2,600	Closed	\$2,600
2022	Alaska Prisoner Reentry Initiative: Reentry Coalition Capacity Development - Juneau	\$100,000	Closed	\$90,162
2022	SHARP Contract(s) at JAMHI	\$99,225	Closed	\$97,458
2022	Juneau Reentry Housing	\$50,000	Closed	\$44,055

Comp Plan Identification

Area of Focus	Objective	Comments
Area of Focus 8: Services in Institutional Settings	8.4 Ensure Alaskans who are transitioning out of institutional settings have essential supports	

Trust Focus Area Connection

Budget Area	Strategy	Comments
Disability Justice	DJ - Re-entry	

Project Description (from grant application)

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Project Description: This grant is for the Juneau Reentry Coalition to continue supporting its capacity and infrastructure development and aid the Juneau community in continuing to increase its capacity through the continued funding of a Reentry Coalition Coordinator position. Future Trust funding is contingent upon the work of the Reentry Coalition Coordinator and the progress of the Reentry Coalition with approval from the board of trustees of the Alaska Mental Health Trust.

One of the most important aspects of the Alaska Community Reentry Program is the local capacity of any given community to effectively support the needs of all returning citizens, including Trust beneficiaries, as they transition back into their communities. Local reentry coalitions consist of a cross section of people representing the services and/or supports available to reentrants in the community.

Reentry coalitions:

1. Educate the community about the criminal justice system and the reentry program,
2. Identify local challenges facing reentrants,
3. Identify local gaps in services and identify collaborative solutions to build capacity in the community, and
4. Serve as the local point of contact for the DOC and its partners in reducing recidivism.

The Reentry Coalition Coordinator staff must work closely and collaboratively with its Reentry Coalition membership, the Trust, the Department of Corrections and Health and Social Services and other key state and community stakeholders as a partner in the Alaska Community Reentry Program. Establishing and maintaining strong and effective partnerships is critical to the success of the Alaska Community Reentry Program and the individual reentrants.

The Reentry Coalition Coordinator works with the coalition to:

1. Facilitate coalition activities
 - a. Coalition meetings: Coordinate meeting logistics, develop and distribute agendas with co-chair input, take meeting notes and distribute minutes before the next meeting.
 - b. Office management: maintain electronic file system, respond to written/electronic/telephonic communications directly or distribute to appropriate person(s), serve as lead in maintaining contact lists
 - c. Work with coalition co-chairs and partner entities to collect and allocate resources for coalition activities.
2. Conduct (and update as needed) the Coalition Capacity Assessment.
3. Conduct (and update as needed) the Community Readiness Assessment.
4. Conduct (and update as needed) the Community Resource Assessment.
5. Support the work of the coalition to address gaps in resources and increase service capacity, where needed.
6. Review the Comprehensive Community Reentry Plan that was created and update the plan as needed.
7. Conduct institutional presentations about the Alaska Community Reentry Program and facilitate presentations by community providers about available resources and services.
8. Conduct community outreach presentations to educate the community about programs and resources to support the reentrant population and to share the goals of the Alaska Community

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Reentry Program. These efforts are coordinated and largely conducted by the coalition coordinator, with as needed support from coalition members.

Grantee Proposed Evaluation Measures (from grant application)

Performance Measure 1:

No later than January 31, 2027, a written status update will be submitted via email to Carrie Predeger, Grants Accountability Manager at carrie.predeger@alaska.gov to include:

1. Executive summary:
 - a. Progress towards the Coalition's goals outlined in the Comprehensive Community Reentry Plan
 - b. A summary of community outreach and education activities conducted by the Reentry Coalition Coordinator
2. A description of any identified system and/or local community-based service/support challenges for returning citizens
 - a. Expenditures to date
 - b. Coalition accomplishments, highlights, or new challenges to date

Performance Measure 2:

No later than June 30, 2027, a written report covering the FY27 grant period will be submitted via email to Carrie Predeger, Grants Accountability Manager at carrie.predeger@alaska.gov. The report shall include, but is not limited to the following:

- a. Summary of the Coalition's six meetings and related Coalition committee or workgroup meetings:
 - Dates of coalition meetings and events with list of organizations represented
 - Accomplishments from prior meeting(s) and/or identified challenges facing the Coalition, community or Trust beneficiary returning citizens
- b. Summary list of community outreach and education activities conducted by the Reentry Coalition Coordinator (including presentations within a correctional facility)
 - Dates, location, names of presenter(s), topic(s) covered, purpose (general education on reentry, coalition membership recruitment, advocacy, etc.) and number of attendees
- c. Any other Coalition highlights, activities, or topics wished to be included

Proposed Project Performance Measures (developed by the Trust)

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- b. A description of any identified system and/or local community-based service/support challenges for returning citizens.
 - i. Expenditures to date
 - ii. Coalition accomplishments, highlights, or new challenges to date.

Performance Measure 2:

No later than July 31, 2027, a written report covering the FY27 grant period will be submitted via email to Carrie Predeger, Grants Accountability Manager at carrie.predeger@alaska.gov. The report shall include, but is not limited to the following:

- a. Summary of the Coalition's six meetings and related Coalition committee or workgroup meetings:
 - i. Dates of Coalition meetings and events with list of organizations represented.
 - ii. Accomplishments from prior meeting(s) and/or identified challenges facing the Coalition, community or Trust beneficiary returning citizens.
- b. Summary list of community outreach and education activities conducted by the Reentry Coalition Coordinator (including presentations within a correctional facility).
- c. Any other Coalition highlights, activities, or topics wished to be included.

Sustainability (from grant application)

At this time, funding for the Juneau Reentry Coalition will come solely from this Trust Partnership grant. However, we are applying for federal grant opportunities to supplement this Trust Partnership grant.

Who We Serve (from grant application)

While the exact number of Trust beneficiaries to be served by this grant is unknowable, the reentry coalition's target demographic is community service organizations and the justice-involved individuals they serve, including those with Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders, mental illness, substance abuse and dependency, traumatic brain injury, intellectual disabilities, developmental disabilities, as well as co-occurring disorders. According to a study by Hornby Zeller Associates, Inc. in 2014, Trust beneficiaries account for around 65% of the incarcerations each year in Alaska. These individuals will likely be released and will indirectly benefit from the work of the Juneau Reentry Coalition through the close partnerships that we form with community providers and the focus on areas of concern such as behavioral health services (mental health and substance abuse treatment), housing, peer support, transportation, and employment. The coalition will work to remove barriers and increase support so that these individuals will have an opportunity to be successful and avoid returning to incarceration as well as increase the safety of the whole community.

Estimated Numbers of Beneficiaries Served Experiencing (from grant application)

Mental Illness:	25
Developmental Disabilities:	10

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Alzheimer's Disease & Related Dementias:	10
Substance Abuse	25
Traumatic Brain Injuries:	10
Secondary Beneficiaries (family members or caregivers providing support to primary beneficiaries):	10

Project Budget (from grant application)

Personnel Services Costs	\$42,500.00
Personnel Services Costs (Other Sources)	\$0.00
Personnel Services Narrative	Funding for the coalition coordinator staffing

Travel Costs	\$2,500.00
Travel Costs (Other Sources)	\$0.00
Travel Costs Narrative	Travel for coalition coordinator and steering team members for reentry, mental health, or other recidivism reduction-related conferences and training.

Space or Facilities Costs	\$1,000.00
Space or Facilities Costs (Other Sources)	\$0.00
Space or Facilities Narrative	Rental of space for training, reentry simulation, and other community education and advocacy events.

Supplies Costs	\$2,250.00
Supplies Costs (Other Sources)	\$2,250.00
Supplies Narrative	Supplies necessary for coalition operations.

Other Costs	\$11,750.00
Other Costs (Other Sources)	\$0.00
Other Costs Narrative	Fiscal agent administrative costs and catering, contracting, and other associated costs in support of training, reentry simulation, success inside & out, and similar events.

Other Funding Sources (from grant application)

N/A	\$0.00
Total Leveraged Funds	\$0.00