

# Grant Approval Memo



**Grantee:** City of Fairbanks  
**Request Amount:** \$60,000.00  
**Project Title:** Alaska Prisoner Reentry Initiative: Reentry Coordinator  
**Grant Term:** 7/1/2026 to 6/30/2027  
**Trust Staff:** Heather Phelps

## **Staff Analysis:**

- **What does this project do?**  
This project provides funding for the Fairbanks Reentry Coalition Coordinator (RCC), a key role that supports community planning, collaboration, and systems development to meet the needs of individuals returning to Fairbanks after incarceration. Trust funds cover \$60,000 of personnel costs for this position during FY27. 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?**  
The City of Fairbanks is receiving the funds for the RCC position which coordinates all activities of the Fairbanks Reentry Coalition. The coordinator position is housed within the City but supports a broad, multi-sector partnership working to increase successful community reintegration for returning citizens.
- **Why is staff recommending this project?**  
The RCC is instrumental in developing reentry infrastructure, but unlike direct service roles, does not typically provide direct services to Trust beneficiaries; however, the Fairbanks RCC position does have a more hands-on approach. 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. Staff recommend funding this final transition year to allow the community additional time to secure alternative resources and ensure continuity of the coalition's work.
- **Will this be a multi-year project?**  
This is the last year that the RCC position will receive Trust funding.

## **Trust Five Year Funding History**

<b><u>Fiscal Year</u></b>	<b><u>Project Title</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Status</u></b>	<b><u>Final Expended</u></b>
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

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

## **Comp Plan Identification**

Budget Area	Strategy	Comments
Disability Justice	DJ - Re-entry	

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

This grant is for the Fairbanks Reentry Coalition to support its initial capacity and infrastructure development and aid communities in developing increased capacity over time through the use of a Reentry Coalition Coordinator. This program will increase the local capacity of our community to effectively support the needs of returning citizens including Trust beneficiaries as they transition back into our community. The Coordinator will work with the Reentry coalition to facilitate coalition activities, conduct and update the Coalition Capacity Assessment, conduct Community Readiness Assessment, conduct Community Resource Assessment, support the coalition to address gaps in resources, and draft the comprehensive community reentry plan.

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

The Reentry Coordinator will work with beneficiaries, community partners, as well as community outreach education and activities to include: monthly reentry services presentations at FCC, facilitate MRT training for FCC inmates, partnering with TCC Reentry program, and managing the Fairbanks Reentry Coalition Housing Project.

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

### 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](mailto:carrie.predeger@alaska.gov) to include:

- a. Executive summary:
  - i. Progress towards the Coalition's goals outlined in the Comprehensive Community Reentry Plan.
  - ii. A summary of community outreach and education activities conducted by the Reentry Coalition Coordinator.
- 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](mailto: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)**

The project will be sustained by the coordinator working on these activities with other entities willing to fund the position. These partnerships are already established with Tanana Chiefs Conference Reentry program.

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

This project will directly serve trust beneficiaries experiencing chronic alcoholism and substance abuse, developmental disabilities, mental illness, and traumatic brain injury. Reentrants experiencing these varying conditions will benefit from outreach and education activities conducted by the Reentry Coalition and Coordinator and housing funds as available through the State of Alaska.

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

Mental Illness:	50
Developmental Disabilities:	30
Substance Abuse	50
Traumatic Brain Injuries:	10
Secondary Beneficiaries (family members or caregivers providing support to primary beneficiaries):	20

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

Personnel Services Costs	\$60,000.00
Personnel Services Costs (Other Sources)	\$0.00
Personnel Services Narrative	This budget item will cover the cost of the salaries for the Reentry Coordinator (\$41,465.50) and the benefits required for the position: pension (\$12,480), health (\$23,302), life insurance (\$62.00) and FICA (\$1225.00). These benefit amounts reflect the annual cost, but the City is only requesting half of the benefit cost of \$18,534.50.

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

N/A	\$0.00
<b>Total Leveraged Funds</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>