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**Grantee:** Valley Charities, Inc.  
**Request Amount:** \$60,000.00  
**Project Title:** Alaska Prisoner Reentry Initiative: Reentry Coalition Capacity Development - Ma-Su (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 of the Mat-Su Reentry Coalition Coordinator position. Funding for the Reentry Coalition Coordinator 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?  
Valley Charities is receiving the funds for the Reentry Coalition Coordinator position. This Reentry Coalition position coordinates the Mat-Su Reentry Coalition. The Mat-Su Reentry Coalition is a collaboration of individuals, community stakeholders, public and non-profit agencies, faith-based services, and business partners who are united and committed to reducing recidivism and returning citizens to the Mat-Su community.
- Why is staff recommending this project?  
The Reentry Coalition Coordinator is instrumental in developing reentry infrastructure, but does not provide direct services to Trust beneficiaries. The Reentry Coalition Coordinator'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 a one year (12-month) and final year of Trust funding.

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## Trust Five Year Funding History

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Final Expended</b>
2026	DME Lending Program: Handicap Doors	\$9,004	Active	Grant ends 6/30/2026
2026	Alaska Prisoner Reentry Initiative: Reentry Coalition Capacity Development - Mat-Su (FY26)	\$120,000	Active	Grant ends 6/30/2026
2026	Mat-Su Reentry Coalition Housing Project (FY26)	\$80,000	Active	Grant ends 8/31/2026
2025	Alaska Prisoner Reentry Initiative: Reentry Coalition Capacity Development - Mat-Su (FY25)	\$120,000	Closed	\$101,939
2025	Durable Medical Equipment Lending Program New Location (FY25)	\$49,945	Closed	\$48,188
2025	Mat-Su Reentry Coalition Housing Project (FY25)	\$80,000	Closed	\$80,000
2024	Alaska Prisoner Reentry Initiative: Reentry Coalition Capacity Development - Mat-Su (FY24)	\$120,000	Closed	\$119,936
2024	Mat-Su Reentry Housing Project (FY24)	\$80,000	Closed	\$80,000
2024	2023 Mat-Su Reentry Summit (FY24)	\$15,000	Closed	\$13,688
2023	Alaska Prisoner Reentry Initiative: Reentry Coalition Capacity Development - Mat-Su (FY23)	\$100,000	Closed	\$99,847
2023	Medical Equipment Lending Program (FY23)	\$15,500	Closed	\$15,500
2023	Mat-Su Reentry Housing Project (FY23)	\$50,000	Closed	\$49,999
2022	Alaska Prisoner Reentry Initiative: Reentry Coalition Capacity Development - Mat-Su (FY22)	\$100,000	Closed	\$92,758
2022	2022 Mat-Su Virtual Reentry Summit (FY22)	\$10,000	Closed	\$10,000
2022	Mat-Su Reentry Housing Project (FY22)	\$50,000	Closed	\$50,000

## 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	

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## **Trust Focus Area Connection**

Budget Area	Strategy	Comments
Disability Justice	DJ - Re-entry	

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

This grant is for the Mat-Su Reentry Coalition to continue supporting its capacity and infrastructure development and aid the Mat-Su Community in continuing to increase its capacity through the continued funding of the Mat-Su Reentry Coalition Coordinator position.

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 our communities. Local reentry coalitions consist of a cross section of people representing the services 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.

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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 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](mailto: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
  - i. Expenditures to date
  - ii. 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](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:
  - 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)

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- 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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  - 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:

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

We plan to continue this project after the Trust funding has ended through other grants and community support.

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

Individuals with cognitive and mental health disabilities account for more than 40% of the incarcerations each year. Justice involved individuals who are Trust beneficiaries that are living in the

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Mat-Su Borough will indirectly benefit from the work the Mat-Su Reentry does through the close partnerships that we form with community providers, the issues that affect reentrants that work on finding solutions for (such as transportation, housing, mental health/substance treatment availability, and employment), and the education of community members on why providing reentry services is important to the wellbeing and safety of our community.

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

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)**

Personnel Services Costs	\$52,000.00
Personnel Services Costs (Other Sources)	\$0.00
Personnel Services Narrative	This includes salary and benefits for the Mat-Su Reentry Coalition Coordinator

Travel Costs	\$1,000.00
Travel Costs (Other Sources)	\$0.00
Travel Costs Narrative	Mileage Reimbursement and travel expenses for reentry focused events and trainings.

Supplies Costs	\$500.00
Supplies Costs (Other Sources)	\$500.00
Supplies Narrative	Toner and paper Flyers Educational Material

Other Costs	\$6,500.00
Other Costs (Other Sources)	\$0.00
Other Costs Narrative	Contractual Services: Phone charges, IT Charges (\$1,600) Community Educational Reentry Events and Professional Development Trainings (\$3,900) Fiscal Agent Fee (Usualy10%, however this year will only be \$1,000 and \$5,000 in-kind) (\$1,000)

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

None	\$0.00
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