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**Grantee:** JAMHI Health & Wellness Inc  
**Request Amount:** \$48,500.00  
**Project Title:** Juneau Reentry Coalition Reentry Housing (FY27)  
**Grant Term:** 7/1/2026 to 6/30/2027  
**Trust Staff:** Heather Phelps

## **Staff Analysis:**

- What does this project do?  
Trust funds will be used to secure safe and supportive reentry housing for justice-involved individuals returning to the Juneau community. Supportive reentry housing services include, but are not limited to, security deposits, utilities, monthly rent, and other necessary goods and services. Seven percent of the grant is allocated to accounting support functions required of JREC's fiscal agent in executing the JREC Reentry Housing Program.
- Who is receiving the funds?  
JAMHI Health and Wellness Inc. will receive the funds for the Juneau Reentry Coalition Reentry Housing project. The Juneau Reentry Coalition promotes strategies and engages in activities that serve justice-involved individuals to reduce recidivism and improve public safety. The grant funds' service area is the City and Borough of Juneau.
- Why is staff recommending this project?  
This project will support Trust beneficiaries reentering their community after incarceration. The Reentry Coalition's reentry housing grant's target demographic is justice-involved individuals who lack housing stability, 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. Trust investment fills a critical gap because there is no other sustained funding source for reentry housing in Juneau.

According to the authority grant report submitted by the agency for fiscal year 2024, a total of six (6) Trust beneficiaries received services through this project. Out of the six (6) beneficiaries, only one (1) recidivated (17%). JAMHI currently has a grant awarded for fiscal year 2025. Data for this award is not available at this time.

- Will this be a multi-year project?  
This is a one-time, 12-month funding request, however, future requests are anticipated because this is the sole funding source for the program.

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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	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 7: Services in the Least Restrictive Environment	7.3 Reduce the number of Trust beneficiaries entering or becoming involved with Alaska's criminal justice or juvenile justice system	

## Trust Focus Area Connection

Budget Area	Strategy	Comments
Disability Justice	DJ - Re-entry	

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

The Juneau Reentry Coalition (JREC) promotes community public safety by identifying and implementing strategies that increase the success of all justice-involved individuals and reduce the likelihood of recidivism. Safe and secure housing supports community reentry success and inhibits re-involvement with the justice system. JREC would use housing grant funds to increase housing as a protective factor for justice-involved individuals in the community's reentry case management programs.

The 2025 average adjusted rental cost in the City and Borough of Juneau was \$1618. At this cost, the majority of those returning to this community would be unable to afford stable housing, potentially relying on emergency shelters or becoming unhoused, both of which are threats to stability, sobriety, and treatment. The first few months out of incarceration are a crucial period to provide stability as many who recidivate do so within this timeframe. JREC's housing grant would provide that initial housing protective factor so that these individuals would have an opportunity to find employment, seek treatment, obtain transportation, and all those vital tasks necessary upon release to reduce further justice system involvement.

The target population for this grant coincides with the directives outlined in the Alaska Community Reentry Guide. Grant fund distribution priority will be "individuals who have served over 30 days, are within 90 days of release, and are either felony inmates assessed to have a medium to high risk for recidivism, high risk misdemeanants, or sex offenders." In addition, the target population includes returning citizens with substance abuse disorders, mental health, Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders, intellectual disabilities, developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injuries, as well as co-occurring disorders.

The service area for this reentry housing grant is the City and Borough of Juneau. In this area, we have broad community support for reducing recidivism, the overall work of the reentry coalition, and the implementation of strategies to improve safe and secure housing for reentrants. JREC supports additional safe and secure housing for reentrants to increase reentry success in our community. Our fiscal agent, the Juneau Alliance for Mental Health, Inc., will manage and distribute these funds. To qualify for housing grant distributions, the justice-involved individual would need to be in some type of case management program. In addition, funds would be distributed to landlords, utility providers, etc. and not directly to the beneficiary to ensure that funds are utilized for housing needs.

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

How many grant distributions did the coalition provide?

- Number of unduplicated Trust beneficiaries served during the reporting period, broken down by primary Trust beneficiary group.

How well did the coalition handle the reentry housing grant?

a. Provide a narrative that describes the timeline, activities, successes, challenges, and any lessons learned during the reporting period.

b. Number and percentage of participants who felt the services they received were rendered in a non-judgmental, respectful, and comfortable manner.

Are those individuals who received reentry housing grant distributions better off?

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- a. Number and percentage of participants who were able to sustain their housing situation for > 6 months post-release.
- b. Number and percentage of participants who recidivated during the reporting period.
- c. Number and percentage of participants who reported an improvement/increase in their quality of life during the reporting period.
- d. Two statements from participants describing (in their own words) how their quality of life has improved or worsened since participating in the project.

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

How much did you do?

- a. Number (#) of unduplicated Trust beneficiaries served during the reporting period, broken down by Trust beneficiary category.
- b. Dollar (\$) amount spent per beneficiary while enrolled in the program during the reporting period.

How well did you do it?

- a. Provide a narrative that describes the timeline, activities, successes, challenges, and any lessons learned during the reporting period.
- b. Number (#) and percentage (%) of participants who felt the services they received were rendered in a non-judgmental, respectful, and comfortable manner.

Is anyone better off?

- a. Number (#) and percentage (%) of participants who were able to sustain their housing situation for > 6 months post-release.
- b. Number (#) and percentage (%) of participants who recidivated during the reporting period. Provide a comparison to how this number compares to the recidivism rate in Alaska as a whole.
- c. Number (#) and percentage (%) of participants who reported an increase in their quality of life during the reporting period.
- d. Two or more statements from participants describing (in their own words) how their quality of life has improved since participating in the project.

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

At this time, funding for the JREC Reentry Housing grant would come solely from this Trust partnership grant.

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

Sixty-five percent of those incarcerated in Alaska are Trust beneficiaries, according to a study by Hornby Zeller Associates, Inc. in 2014, an increase from 42% in 2007. In other words, a disproportionate amount of Trust beneficiaries are incarcerated in Alaska and will eventually be released. There has been a recent push to release the aging population, many with dementia and severe cognitive decline, as a way for them to receive more comprehensive care for medical and mental health needs outside of the prison system. All these individuals will likely need housing assistance upon release. The Juneau Reentry Coalition wants to provide reentry housing assistance to these individuals as they return to their communities. While the exact number of Trust beneficiaries to be served by this grant is unknown, the reentry coalition's reentry housing grant target demographic is justice-involved individuals who lack housing stability, 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.

During the FY25 JREC reentry housing grant, JREC had a goal of assisting 20-25 individuals with reentry housing financial assistance. JREC ended up serving 17 individuals with reentry housing assistance and each distribution amount was less than anticipated. Since reentry housing costs are usually less expensive than other private housing options in Juneau, more beneficiary recipients are possible. In addition, Lemon Creek Correctional Center (LCCC) here in Juneau, in the past few years, required renovations and repairs. Those repairs resulted in approximately 40-45 individuals transferring to other facilities around the state and LCCC has been operating around half of its capacity. It's expected that those repairs will be completed soon and that LCCC's capacity will grow again, resulting in more individuals transitioning out of incarceration and a greater demand for reentry housing funds. For FY27, JREC's goal is to communicate the grant's availability throughout the community and work closely with the community's social service providers and reentry case managers to ensure that this reentry housing grant is utilized to its fullest extent and that beneficiaries obtain these funds for stable reentry housing. Therefore, our goal this year is to serve at least 45 beneficiaries in the City and Borough of Juneau with these funds.

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

Mental Illness:	15
Developmental Disabilities:	5
Alzheimer's Disease & Related Dementias:	5
Substance Abuse	15
Traumatic Brain Injuries:	5

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

Personnel Services Costs	\$3,400.00
Personnel Services Costs (Other Sources)	\$0.00
Personnel Services Narrative	Seven percent of the grant is allocated to accounting support functions required of JREC's fiscal agent in executing the JREC

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	Reentry Housing Program. These include application review, approval, and fund distribution. Other accounting tasks may consist of subaccount bookkeeping, reconciliation, and balancing tasks; check writing; electronic fund transfers; landlord and utility communications; record keeping; and communications with reentry case managers.
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Supplies Costs	\$45,100.00
Supplies Costs (Other Sources)	\$45,100.00
Supplies Narrative	Ninety-three percent of the grant funds will be used to secure safe and supportive reentry housing for justice-involved individuals. Supportive reentry housing services include, but are not limited to, security deposits, utilities, monthly rent, and other necessary goods and services. The grant funds will be managed to serve at least twenty reentry clients. Fiscal agent flexibility in fund distribution is inherent in this grant. If one client uses less than an equal distribution share, additional funds may be applied to another individual who needs more.

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

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