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Grantee: Independent Living Center - Homer
Request Amount: \$125,000.00
Project Title: Gulf Coast TABI Expansion Project FY 27
Grant Term: 10/1/2026 to 9/30/2027
Trust Staff: Kelda Barstad

Staff Analysis:

- What does this project do?
Trust funds will support expanded services for beneficiaries with traumatic and acquired brain injury (TABI) in the Gulf Coast region, including screening, service navigation, peer mentorship, support groups, and individualized independent living skills training. The project increases access to TABI resources across the Kenai Peninsula, Kodiak Island, and the Valdez/Cordova Census Area.
- Who is receiving the funds?
The Independent Living Center (ILC) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that provides core independent living services to Alaskans in the Gulf Coast area of Alaska: individual and systems advocacy, peer support, daily living skills, information and referral, and nursing home and assisted living transition along with adaptive recreation and assistive technology.
- Why is staff recommending this project?
The Gulf Coast TABI Expansion Project provides resource facilitation, peer mentorship, and individual and group support to beneficiaries with brain injury, their families, and caregivers. This project fills a regional gap in TABI supports and ensures beneficiaries receive resource facilitation, coordinated outreach, and direct support that increase independence, improve quality of life, and reduce barriers to care. Continued Trust support ensures TABI-specific services remain available and compliments grants issued by the Division of Senior and Disability Services (SDS) to other regions.
- Will this be a multi-year project?
Yes. This represents the fifth and final year of Trust funding. By FY28, SDS is expected to offer funding that will include this region of the state and Trust funding will no longer be needed.

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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	Self-directed HCBS	\$300,000	Active	Project ends 9/30/2026
2026	Gulf Coast TABI Expansion Project	\$125,000	Active	Project ends 9/30/2026
2025	Alaska Participant Directed Medicaid Waiver Services Project	\$50,000	Closed	\$50,000
2025	Gulf Coast TABI Expansion Project	\$100,000	Closed	\$100,000
2024	Gulf Coast TABI Expansion Project	\$100,000	Closed	\$100,000
2022	Gulf Coast TABI Expansion Project	\$98,962	Closed	\$98,962

<u>Comp Plan - Area of Focus</u>	<u>Strategic Priority Area</u>
Area of Focus 7: Services in the Least Restrictive Environment	Priority 4: Ongoing Support & Wellbeing

Project Description (from grant application)

The TABI expansion project proposes to provide resource facilitation, peer mentorship and/or support to individuals experiencing TABI, their families and caregivers who reside in the Gulf Coast region; Kenai Peninsula, Kodiak Island and Valdez/Cordova census area. IL advocates supported by this project will provide outreach in communities and will join the TABI advisory council meetings and work with CHD and other TABI grant recipients of SDS.

Grantee Proposed Evaluation Measures (from grant application)

1. How much did you do?
 - a. Number of unduplicated trust beneficiaries served, by category, during their reporting period.
 - b. Number of unduplicated secondary (family members and/or caregivers) trust beneficiaries served during the reporting period.
 - c. Number of ILC staff members trained in the brain injury fundamentals course during the reporting period.
2. How well did you do it?
 - a) Provide a narrative describing the timeline, activities, successes, challenges, and any lessons learned during the project. Be sure to provide details on the following: activities, partnership with the Disability and Abuse Response Teams, partnership with the Brain Bus Project, TABI mini grant applications and TABI advisory council.
 - b) Number and percentage of individuals who were satisfied with the services they received from ILC.
 - c) Number and percentage of individuals who felt the services they received were rendered in a respectful and non-judgmental manner.

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3. Is anyone better off?
 - a) Number and percentage of individuals who felt the services they received helped them become more independent in their home and/or community.
 - b) Number and percentage of individuals who felt the services they received contributed to an increase in quality of life.
 - c) Two statements from participants describing how the services they received impacted their independence in the community and/or quality of life.

Proposed Project Performance Measures (developed by the Trust)

How much did you do?

- a. Number (#) of unduplicated Trust beneficiaries served, broken down by primary beneficiary category, during the reporting period.
- b. Number (#) of unduplicated secondary (family members and/or care givers) Trust beneficiaries served during the reporting period.
- c. Number (#) of ILC staff members trained in the Brain Injury Fundamentals course during the reporting period.

How well did you do it?

- a. Provide a narrative describing the timeline, activities, successes, challenges, and any lessons learned during the project. Be sure to provide details on the following:
 - outreach activities
 - partnership with the Disability & Abuse Response Teams
 - partnership with the Brain Bus Project
 - TABI mini grant applications
 - TABI Advisory Council
- b. Number (#) and percentage (%) of individuals who were satisfied with the services they received from the Independent Living Center.
- c. Number (#) and percentage (%) of individuals who felt the services they received were rendered in a respectful and non-judgmental manner.

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Sustainability (from grant application)

Trust funding will support a time-limited project that is not fully sustainable without continued dedicated investment; however, the benefits of this work will extend well beyond the grant period. Individuals engaged through this project will continue to receive services through existing funding sources, including: IL funding, Medicaid, DOH grants, and TABI mini grants ensuring continuity of support.

Who We Serve (from grant application)

This project aims to serve individuals with TABI, the beneficiary group that are the focus of this project. Individuals will be better off because they will be connected to community resources, support and healing. Individuals in rural areas will have access to brain injury consultations, next steps, information and resources, peer support, and advocacy.

Estimated Numbers of Beneficiaries Served Experiencing (from grant application)

Traumatic Brain Injuries:	65
Secondary Beneficiaries (family members or caregivers providing support to primary beneficiaries):	45
Number of people to be trained	9

Project Budget (from grant application)

Personnel Services Costs	\$85,761.00
Personnel Services Costs (Other Sources)	\$0.00
Personnel Services Narrative	\$6,105.00 is requested for the Multi program Specialist in Homer. \$5,508.00 is requested for the CO-ED of operations \$5,987.00 is requested for the Multi program Specialist-Central \$16,903.00 is requested for the ADRC/ OB/ TABI Specialist-Homer \$31,868.00 is requested for the Multi program advocate - Seward \$18,890.00 is requested for the CO-ED & TABI program director \$500.00 is requested for 5% of 401K Match

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Travel Costs	\$3,946.00
Travel Costs (Other Sources)	\$0.00
Travel Costs Narrative	\$1,800 is requested for reimburse part of Employee travel including; mileage and per diem. \$2,146 is requested for to reimburse part of supervision trips including air fare, lodging, car rental, per diem.

Space or Facilities Costs	\$5,685.00
Space or Facilities Costs (Other Sources)	\$0.00
Space or Facilities Narrative	\$3,253 is requested to help pay part of the lease obligations of \$173,000 for ILC locations in Soldotna, Homer, Seward and Kodiak. \$2,432 is requested to help pay part of the communications and utility costs.

Supplies Costs	\$1,082.00
Supplies Costs (Other Sources)	\$1,082.00
Supplies Narrative	\$1,000 is requested for small cost office items and consumable supplies. \$82 is requested to help pay for PO box renewal, stamps and mailing expenses.

Other Costs	\$28,526.00
Other Costs (Other Sources)	\$0.00
Other Costs Narrative	\$7,269.00 is requested for reimbursement for professional services; including filing system, printer services, bookkeeping services, IT services, and payroll processing. \$16,000 is requested for Dr. Grove consultant fee and consumer needs for TABI. \$4,000 is requested for Dr. Grove travel expenses. \$300 is requested for advertising and printing. \$201 is requested to help with insurance costs. \$756 is requested to help reimburse expenses for audit and tax prep fees.

Other Funding Sources (from grant application)

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