State of Alaska
Department of Health and Social Services
Division of Behavioral Health

Request for Information
Technology, Telehealth and Infrastructure Support for Behavioral Health
For FY2027

Grants and Contracts

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PROPOSAL DUE DATE: November 7, 2025, 3:59 PM

PROJECT PERIOD BEGINS: July 1, 2026

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Amendments

Amendment 1 Amendment to Extend the Proposal Due Date **Posted: 10/28/2025**

Explanation

This amendment serves to extend the proposal due date to November 7, 2025, 3:59 PM.

Additional Information

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Section 1 Request for Information

1.01 Notice

This Request for Information (RFI) will evaluate the level of interest in providing grant program services. If responses from eligible applicants do not exceed the available program resources, the division may issue a Non-Competitive Request for Proposals to eligible respondent(s). If responses exceed the available program resources, a competitive Request for Proposals may be issued. This RFI may be withdrawn and any further solicitation for services cancelled at the discretion of the Division of Behavioral Health.

Section 2 Grant Program Information

2.01 Introduction and Program Description

The Department of Health, Behavioral Health, is requesting information from eligible applicants who are interested in providing Technology, Telehealth and Infrastructure Support for Behavioral Health services for the State of Alaska.

Program Services: The Alaska Department of Health, Division of Behavioral Health (DBH), is seeking proposals to strengthen the state's behavioral health system by funding one-time investments in technology, telehealth, and infrastructure that enhance service delivery and long-term sustainability. These awards will support providers in modernizing operations through electronic health record upgrades, improved health information exchange, and expanded telehealth capacity, addressing Alaska's unique geographic and infrastructure challenges where most communities lack road access to hospitals and many face limited broadband connectivity. By improving technological systems and expanding access to telehealth—including videoconferencing, audio-only, and text/chat services—DBH aims to reduce barriers to care, shorten wait times, increase care coordination, improve patient and provider satisfaction, reduce costly travel, and expand family and in-home support. Through these strategic investments, DBH seeks to build a more equitable, efficient, and culturally responsive behavioral health system for all Alaskans.

Program Requirements: *The Alaska Division of Behavioral Health is exploring a funding opportunity to strengthen the state's behavioral health system by supporting projects that advance one or more of the following goals:*

1. ***Technology Acquisition*** *– Purchasing tele-health equipment, broadband access, and mobile technology kits to expand service reach and improve equity.*
2. ***Information Technology Infrastructure*** *– Upgrades that enable secure and secure communications and expand access to services in rural and under-served communities.*
3. ***Facility and Equipment Enhancements*** *– Minimal facility improvements, safety upgrades, and treatment equipment purchases necessary to deliver high-quality care to priority populations.*

Interested providers should note that projects would be expected to:

- *Comply with federal technology requirements under* ***45 CFR Part 170, Subpart B****.*
- *Identify which focus area and objectives the project supports under Strengthening the System: Alaska's Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Program.*
- *Complete all project activities, including procurement and implementation of equipment or systems, within a* ***one-year funding period****.*

- *Provide **quarterly reporting** using a results-based accountability framework.*

Duration of Grant Program: 7/1/2026 through 6/30/2027

Target Population:

- ***Rural and Underserved Communities:*** *Individuals living in geographically isolated areas with limited access to healthcare and technology; populations with broadband or telehealth connectivity gaps.*
- ***Priority Populations:*** *Youth and families, uninsured or Medicaid-ineligible individuals, pregnant women and women with dependent children, persons who inject drugs, individuals with substance use disorders, and adults with serious mental illness (SMI).*

Service Areas and Communities: The service areas and communities requested for the services solicited are *state wide.*

2.02 Program Funding

Anticipated Total Funding Available: $1,350,000.00 for FY27 in General Funds and Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration Substance Use Prevention Treatment and Recovery Services Block Grant funding.

Methodology for Allocation of Funds:

A total of $1,350,000 is anticipated to be available, with awards allocated by region and limited to a maximum of two awards per region. To support the broadest possible impact, individual award amounts will not exceed $75,000. This methodology is intended to balance statewide reach with targeted regional investment, ensuring that resources are distributed fairly while addressing local needs.

Section 3 Submission Requirements/ Criteria for Response

3.01 Eligibility

Applicants must be eligible to apply under 7 AAC 78.030 (Eligible Applicants). Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations; municipalities, Regional Educational Attendance Areas, and other political subdivisions of the state; other State agencies; and Alaska Native entities.

Applicants that fail to meet the minimum responsiveness requirements below will be eliminated from consideration per 7 AAC 78.090(b)(2).

3.02 Evaluation Criteria

1 Applicant is eligible per 7 AAC 78.030

Evaluation/Review Criteria		**Review**	**Points**
a	Applicant is eligible per Alaska Administrative Code 7 AAC 78.030..	☑	

2 If applying as a non-profit organization, confirm non-profit status is documented.

Evaluation/Review Criteria		Review	Points
a	The agency is listed as a non-profit in good standing on the State's corporation database, confirmed at State Corporation Database and/or	☑	
b	The agency's current 501(c)3 status is confirmed on the Exempt Organization's page, accessible at IRS Tax Exempt Organization Search.	☑	
c	If a non-profit subsidiary of a non-profit corporation, a verifying letter from the parent non-profit agency is uploaded to the applicant's agency GEMS record (under General in the Agency Administration tab). The parent corporation must meet criteria a and/or b.	☑	

3 If applying as a Federally recognized tribal entity, confirm the following criteria are met.

Evaluation/Review Criteria		Review	Points
a	The applicant is a recognized Alaska Native entity as verified by the Federal Register at Federal Register. If a tribal consortium, all members are recognized Alaska Native entities.	☑	

4 In the text box below, provide the estimated annual cost to your agency for providing the services identified in Section 2.01. Identify the targeted population and area to be served.

Evaluation/Review Criteria		Review	Points
a	Estimated annual cost to provide services is given and the targeted population is identified.	☑	