

Mental Health Budget Bill Components

The separate appropriations bill for the Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Program includes the following components.

- **General Fund/Mental Health Base (GF/MH Base):** This is the amount established by identifying the mental health services funded within the state's general fund budget. These general funds are designated as general fund/mental health dollars, or GF/MH Base. The final budget from the previous fiscal year establishes the GF/MH Base.
- **Adjustments to the Base:** As The Trust and the associated boards and commission further refine the definition of beneficiaries and accurately track funds for the Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Program, the Trustees suggest adjustments to the base each year.
- **GF/MH Increments:** When the Trustees identify better and more cost efficient ways of providing on-going services or solutions for unmet needs, they make recommendations in the form of GF/MH increments.
- **Capital Budget:** The separate appropriations bill includes that portion of the state's capital budget that funds mental health projects. This often includes funds from the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation to provide housing for beneficiaries as part of the Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Program.
- **Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts (MHTAAR):** The Trustees authorize state agencies to spend Trust funds for specific operating and capital projects. These state agencies must have legislative approval to receive and expend Trust funds.