

State of Alaska FY2002 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services
Community Action Against Substance Abuse Grants
Component

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Component Mission

The mission of the Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse is to promote the health and well-being of Alaskans by preventing and treating the abuse of alcohol, other drugs and inhalants.

Component Services Provided

This program was established by the Legislature in 1990 for the express purpose of authorizing the Department of Health and Social Services to provide grants to community organizations to combat the most pressing substance abuse problems as determined by the applicant community. Applicants for Community Action Against Substance Abuse (CAASA) grants are required to compete through the Request for Proposal Process. The proposals are reviewed and scored by a proposal evaluation committee.

Component Goals and Strategies

Support community-based processes that build partnerships and provide more effective prevention services. Encourage activities and initiatives that will change community standards and emphasize healthy lifestyles. Distribute useful and effective information to targeted populations. Encourage traditional and alternative social activities that are alcohol and drug free. Use education strategies to help youth improve critical life and social skills.

Key Component Issues for FY2001 – 2002

The key issues for this component are related to those for the Community Grants - Prevention component and include funding local community groups to deliver prevention activities and, working with the Prevention Advisory Council established under the SIG/ACT grant program, develop a comprehensive prevention plan. This Council's overall goals are to develop a comprehensive integrated statewide approach to substance abuse prevention, to encourage local community groups to propose solutions that are based on scientific findings and to reduce substance abuse by youth in Alaska.

Measurement of this effort is greatly dependent on the ability of the State and or local communities to survey youth. In this regard, Alaska has conducted the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YBRS) in 1995 and 1999. In order to have credible data the YBRS should be done every two years.

Major Component Accomplishments for FY2000

This component provides funding for grant services and programs per AS 47.37.045. The primary result desired from this prevention effort is that fewer children and youth will use alcohol and drugs. During FY2000 a total of 6 grant awards totaling \$177.3 were made. Grant awards ranged from \$4.0 to \$50.0.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 47.30.470-500 Mental Health
AS 47.37 Uniform Alcoholism & Intoxication Treatment Act
7 AAC 78 Grant Programs

Key Performance Measures for FY2002

Measure: Reduce the annual per capita alcohol consumption by people aged 14 and over from 2.55 to 2.25 gallons.

(Not yet addressed by Legislature.)

Current Status:

The data indicates that Alaska's consumption rate is continuing to decline. Since FY90 Alaska has experienced a steady decline with the most recent years rates of 2.64 and 2.51 gallons per capita for FY97 and FY98 respectively.

Benchmark:

The benchmark for this measure is 3.46 gallons in FY85. Per capita consumption was 2.51 in FY98.

Background and Strategies:

We know that the prevalence and severity of alcohol-related problems among Alaskans is directly related to the amount of alcohol consumed. The data, as collected, are based on total alcohol purchased at the wholesale level and the number of Alaskans who are 14 years of age and older but does not acknowledge the state's significant (and increasing) visitor population.

The strategies that impact this indicator most readily are those that address public policy issues such as the number of licensed outlets and their hours of operation. In relation to this strategy the Division advocates for positive change through legal and regulatory initiatives. Other strategies used by the Division include but are not limited to: encourage activities and initiatives that will change community standards and emphasize healthy lifestyles; encourage traditional and alternative social activities that are alcohol and drug free.

Status of FY2001 Performance Measures

	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>On track</i>	<i>Too soon to tell</i>	<i>Not likely to achieve</i>	<i>Needs modification</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce the annual per capita alcohol consumption by people aged 14 and over from 2.55 to 2.25 gallons by FY2001. 			X		

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Component Financial Summary

All dollars in thousands

	FY2000 Actuals	FY2001 Authorized	FY2002 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Contractual	0.0	0.0	0.0
74000 Supplies	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	177.3	177.3	603.3
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	177.3	177.3	603.3
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	177.3	177.3	603.3
Funding Totals	177.3	177.3	603.3

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Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2002

The Division is requesting the following increment: an increment of \$426.0 GF to establish Juvenile assessment and referral services.

Summary of Component Budget Changes

From FY2001 Authorized to FY2002 Governor

All dollars in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2001 Authorized	177.3	0.0	0.0	177.3
Proposed budget increases:				
-Underage Drinking, Establish Juvenile ASAP assessment and referral services	426.0	0.0	0.0	426.0
FY2002 Governor	603.3	0.0	0.0	603.3