

State of Alaska FY2002 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Law
Third Judicial District: Anchorage
Component

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Component Mission

Mission statement appears at the department summary and BRU levels.

Component Services Provided

(A) The office in this component prosecutes all violations of state criminal law in Alaska, with the exception of welfare and Medicaid fraud. In addition to filing criminal charges and conducting criminal trials, the office gives day-to-day advice to state and local law enforcement agencies conducting criminal investigations, serves as legal advisor to grand juries, and handles sentence appeals and probation revocation actions. Prosecution services protect the public by convicting criminal offenders and placing them under appropriate controls, and by revoking probation if they do not comply with conditions of supervision. Without these services, Alaskans would not be able to live in safe and healthy communities.

(B) The District Attorney's office provides victim-witness assistance services such as travel and per diem expenses, court-mandated witness fees, information on court procedures required by statute and the Alaska Constitution, and assistance with domestic violence orders and violent crimes compensation procedures

Two-thirds of all travel costs in the BRU are due to transportation and per diem for witnesses needed for court proceedings. Demands on the victim-witness assistants increased substantially over the last several years as a result of victims' rights laws that passed in 1989 and 1991, as a result of the passage of the Victims' Rights Amendment to the Alaska Constitution in 1994 and the Domestic Violence Prevention and Victim Protection Act of 1996. Victim-witness services are an indispensable element in the daily operation of the criminal justice system.

(C) The services are delivered by 24 attorneys (four through a federally funded reimbursable service agreement from the Department of Public Safety) in one office in Anchorage. The office also supervises the one attorney in Dillingham who is budgeted in the Third Judicial District: Outside Anchorage Component. In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, the Anchorage office handled over 6,000 cases. There were nearly 3,000 new felonies or felony probation revocations referred for prosecution in the Anchorage office. In addition, 3,000 misdemeanor cases and probation revocations were handled by the Anchorage office, despite the fact that that Municipal Attorney's office handles the bulk of misdemeanor cases occurring in Anchorage.

Component Goals and Strategies

The primary goal of this component is to assure safe and healthy communities by prosecuting and convicting criminal offenders in urban Alaska. The federally funded drug unit provides prosecution of drug offenses in Anchorage and serves as a legal resource for drug investigation and prosecution in the rest of the state.

Key Component Issues for FY2001 – 2002

Key Issues are included at the BRU level.

Major Component Accomplishments for FY2000

Because these objectives are subjective, they can be measured only indirectly, by assessing the number of criminal cases handled. The focus, we believe, should be on the most important, and most resource-intensive cases: violent felonies, misdemeanor assaults (most of which are domestic violence) and drunk driving. The objectives set

out below are based on historical caseloads and, where appropriate, a reflection of anticipated changes in caseloads. The statistics shown below are based on FY2000 actuals, except for number of convictions, which is based on calendar year 1999 actuals. Conviction data for CY1999 are more useful for convictions, because they are more complete.

	Prior Yr Predicted	Prior Yr Actual	Next Yr Predicted
Number of Violent Felonies Reviewed:	650	617	625
Number of Violent Felonies Filed:	450	490	475
Number of Convictions for Violent Felonies:	175	229	200
Domestic Violence Assaults Reviewed:	350	111	150

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 44.23.020

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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	3,065.7	3,082.7	3,137.0
72000 Travel	58.3	88.0	88.0
73000 Contractual	170.2	200.4	196.5
74000 Supplies	90.4	47.6	47.6
75000 Equipment	6.1	6.0	6.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	3,390.7	3,424.7	3,475.1
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	3,051.6	3,009.2	3,081.1
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	339.1	394.5	394.0
1053 Investment Loss Trust Fund	0.0	15.2	0.0
1108 Statutory Designated Program Receipts	0.0	5.8	0.0
Funding Totals	3,390.7	3,424.7	3,475.1

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2000 Actuals	FY2001 Authorized	FY2001 Cash Estimate	FY2002 Governor	FY2003 Forecast
Unrestricted Revenues						
Unrestricted Fund	68515	65.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		65.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues						
Interagency Receipts	51015	339.1	394.5	390.2	394.0	394.0
Statutory Designated Program Receipts	51063	0.0	5.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Investment Loss Trust Fund	51393	0.0	15.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Total		339.1	415.5	390.2	394.0	394.0
Total Estimated Revenues		404.1	415.5	390.2	394.0	394.0

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Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2002

None.

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	3,024.4	0.0	400.3	3,424.7
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Adjust vacancy by fund source between line items and components	27.2	0.0	0.0	27.2
-Convert Special FY2001 Labor Cost Fund Sources to GF	5.8	0.0	-5.8	0.0
-From Criminal Justice Litigation - Partially Fund PCN 1249 Drug/Alcohol Prosecution	42.3	0.0	0.0	42.3
-To Second Judicial - Reduce Vacancy Factor	-10.0	0.0	0.0	-10.0
-Year 2 Labor Costs - Net Change from FY 2001	-8.6	0.0	-0.5	-9.1
FY2002 Governor	3,081.1	0.0	394.0	3,475.1

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Personal Services Information

Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	FY2001 Authorized	FY2002 Governor		
Full-time	49	50	Annual Salaries	2,504,653
Part-time	0	0	COLA	49,286
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	0
			Annual Benefits	783,328
			<i>Less 6.00% Vacancy Factor</i>	<i>(200,236)</i>
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	49	50	Total Personal Services	3,137,031

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Administrative Clerk I	2	0	0	0	2
Administrative Clerk II	3	0	0	0	3
Administrative Manager I	1	0	0	0	1
Assoc Attorney II	1	0	0	0	1
Attorney III	9	0	0	0	9
Attorney IV	9	0	0	0	9
Attorney V	6	0	0	0	6
Attorney VI	1	0	0	0	1
Legal Secretary I	9	0	0	0	9
Legal Secretary II	3	0	0	0	3
Paralegal Asst II	6	0	0	0	6
Totals	50	0	0	0	50