

State of Alaska FY2003 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services Rural Services and Suicide Prevention Component Budget Summary

Component: Rural Services and Suicide Prevention

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Component Mission

The mission of this component is to provide support for community-based suicide prevention and to ensure the training of rural substance abuse counselors for outpatient treatment.

Component Services Provided

This program focuses on insuring that needed services are both available in and culturally appropriate to the villages and towns of rural Alaska.

The community-based Suicide Prevention Program makes grants available to the smaller communities of Alaska to design and implement their own programs to reduce suicide and self-destructive behavior.

Component Goals and Strategies

Support community based processes that empower local communities to develop programs to address their own needs. Encourage partnerships and collaboration among communities and between communities, agencies, educational institutions and government. Serve as a resource for information and training. Encourage communities to recognize and promote the benefits of a sober, drug-free lifestyle, and encourage traditional and alternative healthy, drug-free activities. Support an increase in the number of villages that have rural human services trained resident counselors and continue to develop and enhance the training those counselors receive. Increase the number of rural Alaskans seeking substance abuse treatment by both removing barriers to treatment and enhancing the ability of treatment programs to effectively serve clients from rural areas. Support the number and variety of alternative treatment programs, including family treatment camps and village interventions.

The goal of the Community Suicide Prevention program is to help smaller rural communities design and implement local projects to reduce suicide and self-destructive behavior. An initial evaluation of the project suggests that communities that sustain projects for three or more years can reduce their rate of suicide.

Key Component Issues for FY2002 – 2003

The Rural Human Services System Project does not yet serve every region of the state and there are still many villages without trained counselors. The Project needs to grow to fill in these gaps. The Project also needs to explore ways of assisting Rural Human Services graduates to pursue higher education and move into positions of increasing responsibility in their agencies.

The Community-Based Suicide Prevention Project needs to develop new ways to enhance training for project coordinators and establish and/or broaden links among projects.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2001

During FY2001 the Community-Based Suicide Prevention Program awarded 63 grants totaling approximately \$792.1. Grant awards ranged in value from \$3.6 to \$20.0. In FY2002, the division received an RSA of \$325.0 for expanding the suicide program and to help the University of Alaska Fairbanks establish a Suicide Research Center.

Finally, in FY2001 the Rural Human Services Project continued to fund grant awards that ranged in value from \$9.0 to \$380.1 under both the counselor and supervisory curriculum on three different campuses.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 47.30.470-500 Mental Health

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Grant Programs

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Component Financial Summary

All dollars in thousands

	FY2001 Actuals	FY2002 Authorized	FY2003 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	64.1
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	10.0
73000 Contractual	0.0	0.0	170.9
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	0.0	0.0	4,013.6
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	0.0	0.0	4,258.6
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	0.0	0.0	825.0
1037 General Fund / Mental Health	0.0	0.0	3,433.6
Funding Totals	0.0	0.0	4,258.6

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Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2003

This is a new component created by transferring existing funding for rural services grants and suicide prevention programs to consolidate and emphasize these important programs.

The Division is requesting the following increments:

\$867.7 GF for ten additional Rural Human Services workers to expand program services

\$500.0 GF for expansion of the Suicide Prevention Program to add both new rural and non-rural grants and increased training for the grantees.

Summary of Component Budget Changes

From FY2002 Authorized to FY2003 Governor

All dollars in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2002 Authorized	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Transfer Rural Services and Suicide Prevention Programs from RSG to RSSP	2,565.9	0.0	0.0	2,565.9
-Transfer Suicide Prevention Program Funds from Commissioner's Office to RSSP	325.0	0.0	0.0	325.0
Proposed budget increases:				
-Alcohol Initiative: Rural Human Services Expansion - Substance Abuse Counselors	867.7	0.0	0.0	867.7
-Child Health: Suicide Prevention Grants	500.0	0.0	0.0	500.0
FY2003 Governor	4,258.6	0.0	0.0	4,258.6

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Personal Services Information

	Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2002</u> <u>Authorized</u>	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	0	1	Annual Salaries	46,201
Part-time	0	0	COLA	971
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	0
			Annual Benefits	16,933
			<i>Less 0.00% Vacancy Factor</i>	(0)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	0	1	Total Personal Services	64,105

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Assoc Coordinator	1	0	0	0	1
Totals	1	0	0	0	1