

# **State of Alaska FY2004 Governor's Operating Budget**

## **Department of Corrections Nome Culturally Relevant CRC Component Budget Summary**

## **Component: Nome Culturally Relevant CRC**

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### **Component Mission**

To provide a secure environment within a culturally relevant Community Residential Center (CRC) in Nome utilizing the least restrictive setting which is consistent with public safety for offenders making the transition from Correctional Centers back into society. The Community Residential Centers provide an appropriate form of confinement for offenders while preserving the greatest number of secure beds for violent offenders.

### **Component Services Provided**

This component funds the entire CRC in Nome including the culturally relevant overlay program specifically designed for Alaska Native offenders, that emphasizes community ties, traditional activities and cultural identity.

Focusing on Alaska Native culture may help Native offenders identify and adhere to the positive norms of traditional cultures, build self respect, strengthen community ties and thus enhance the probability of successful reintegration into the community/village upon release. Community Residential Centers (CRCs) services are traditionally offered through relatively open facilities frequently located in neighborhoods. CRCs provide group residence and take the form of detention centers, halfway houses, work/education release centers, or pre-release centers for probationers, parolees, residents in incarcerated status (furloughees), sentenced and unsentenced misdemeanants. The degree of openness and level of supervision provided varies with the specific type of offender served.

### **Component Goals and Strategies**

The Department will work with the contractor to assure that the culturally relevant program collects data and develops outcome-based performance measures that address the following rates: program participation, legal involvement, successful return to community, community referrals, and other measurements of program success.

### **Key Component Issues for FY2003 – 2004**

- Continue to monitor contractors active networking with local Native Elders to support program development and transition into the villages outside Nome.
- Continue work with the provider on development of a statistical database for evaluating the efficacy of the culturally relevant program component at this CRC.

### **Major Component Accomplishments in 2002**

- The program has developed strong community ties with local agencies such as the Norton Sound Village Based Counselors to discuss on a regular basis the use of the "Traditional Healing Circle" as a means of therapy for substance abuse and AA classes.
- The Kawerak Education Department has provided basic adult education classes and also has a vocational technical school that residents are encouraged to apply for upon release as a way to assist them with a positive transition following incarceration.
- The program has provided services to 357 residents.
- Residents have participated in educational classes provided by the Indian Child Welfare Act Specialist from Kawerak which addresses their rights and the rights of their children under the act.
- The Nome Community Partnership presented a Challenge Workshop to teach residents how to work together as a team as well as the value of being a team member.
- The Bearing Sea Woman's Group provided an educational class on the effects of Domestic Violence.

### **Statutory and Regulatory Authority**

1) Probation, Prisons and Prisoners (AS 33)

- 2) Welfare, Social Services and Institutions (AS 47)
- 3) Health and Safety (AS 18)
- 4) Criminal Law (AS 11)
- 5) Public Finance (AS 37)
- 6) State Government (AS 44)
- 7) Create Corrections (EX.OR.55)
- 8) Corrections (22 AAC)
- 9) Public Contracts (AS 36)

**Nome Culturally Relevant CRC  
Component Financial Summary**

*All dollars in thousands*

	<b>FY2002 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2003 Authorized</b>	<b>FY2004 Governor</b>
<b>Non-Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Contractual	1,013.7	1,016.5	1,006.3
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	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>1,013.7</b>	<b>1,016.5</b>	<b>1,006.3</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1002 Federal Receipts	276.3	0.0	0.0
1003 General Fund Match	1.5	1.5	1.5
1004 General Fund Receipts	710.9	990.0	990.0
1156 Receipt Supported Services	25.0	25.0	14.8
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>1,013.7</b>	<b>1,016.5</b>	<b>1,006.3</b>

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**Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2004**

Community Residential Center funding is included in the Administration and Operations BRU.

**Summary of Component Budget Changes**

**From FY2003 Authorized to FY2004 Governor**

*All dollars in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2003 Authorized</b>	<b>991.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>1,016.5</b>
<b>Proposed budget decreases:</b>				
-GF Across the Board Contractual Reduction	0.0	0.0	-10.2	-10.2
<b>FY2004 Governor</b>	<b>991.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>1,006.3</b>