

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

**Department of Corrections
Bethel Culturally Relevant CRC
Component Budget Summary**

Component: Bethel Culturally Relevant CRC

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Component Mission

To provide a secure environment within a culturally relevant Community Residential Center (CRC) in Bethel, 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 a 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. 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 Bethel.
- The Department must 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 in Bethel has received community support from local Native Elders to provide such traditional classes as beading, subsistence activities, berry picking, small business rural development, parenting, adult relationship and traditional medicine workshop.
- The Bethel Culturally Relevant component has had 1,070 successful completions of the core program.
- Bethel CRC Residents are provided an opportunity to participate with Native Elders during field trips to U.S. Fish and Game and AV Tech/Job Core Training Seminars in the community.

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)

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Component Financial Summary

All dollars in thousands

| | FY2002 Actuals | FY2003 Authorized | FY2004 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 | 101.5 | 144.8 | 143.4 |
| 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 |
| Expenditure Totals | 101.5 | 144.8 | 143.4 |
| Funding Sources: | | | |
| 1002 Federal Receipts | 32.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1003 General Fund Match | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| 1004 General Fund Receipts | 68.9 | 144.5 | 143.1 |
| Funding Totals | 101.5 | 144.8 | 143.4 |

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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> |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| FY2003 Authorized | 144.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 144.8 |
| Proposed budget decreases: | | | | |
| -GF Across the Board Contractual Reduction | -1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -1.4 |
| FY2004 Governor | 143.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 143.4 |