

**State of Alaska
FY2006 Governor's Operating Budget**

**Department of Health and Social Services
General Relief Assistance
Component Budget Summary**

Component: General Relief Assistance

Contribution to Department's Mission

This component provides a small amount of aid on behalf of persons who are extremely poor and facing an emergency need. It is the bottom tier in Alaska's welfare system.

Core Services

- This component primarily provides for indigent burials. A small portion is also used to meet emergency needs for food, clothing, and shelter.

FY2006 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2006 Component Budget: \$1,355,400

Personnel:

Full time	0
Part time	0
Total	0

Key Component Challenges

- Alaska's General Relief Assistance (GRA) program was developed as a safety net program for very low-income individuals who are not eligible for other state or federal assistance. It is used as a last resort program to meet the emergency needs of low income Alaskans who have no other resources available to meet those needs. Currently, about 80 percent of GRA program expenditures are used to pay for funeral and burial expenses of indigent deceased persons. The remainder is used primarily to assist low-income individuals and families who are facing eviction.
- Continue to serve individuals and families that represent one of Alaska's most needy and vulnerable populations. They are often marginal members of the community and may have a variety of significant barriers that preclude successful participation in mainstream society.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2006

No major change in service is anticipated.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2004

- Provided GRA program vendor payments for funeral and burial expenses for approximately 430 deceased indigents.
- Prevented the eviction of approximately 100 individuals and families each month.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 47.25.120-300 General Relief Assistance
7 AAC 47.020-290 and 7 AAC 47.800.890

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**General Relief Assistance
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2004 Actuals	FY2005 Management Plan	FY2006 Governor
Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Services	81.8	0.0	0.0
74000 Commodities	0.1	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	7,823.2	1,499.0	1,355.4
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	7,905.1	1,499.0	1,355.4
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	6,666.0	0.0	0.0
1004 General Fund Receipts	1,239.1	1,499.0	1,355.4
Funding Totals	7,905.1	1,499.0	1,355.4

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2004 Actuals	FY2005 Managem nt Plan	FY2006 Governor
<u>Unrestricted Revenues</u>				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
<u>Restricted Revenues</u>				
Federal Receipts	51010	6,666.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Total		6,666.0	0.0	0.0
Total Estimated Revenues		6,666.0	0.0	0.0

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2005 Management Plan to FY2006 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2005 Management Plan	1,499.0	0.0	0.0	1,499.0
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Transfer to Public Assistance Field Services for Quality Workforce and Integrated Service Enhancements	-143.6	0.0	0.0	-143.6
FY2006 Governor	1,355.4	0.0	0.0	1,355.4