

State of Alaska
FY2009 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Education and Early Development
Commissions and Boards
Results Delivery Unit Budget Summary

Commissions and Boards Results Delivery Unit

Contribution to Department's Mission

The Commissions and Boards RDU includes funding for two distinct programs: the Professional Teaching Practices Commission and the Alaska State Council on the Arts. Their contributions to the department's mission are:

Professional Teaching Practices Commission - To ensure that members of the teaching profession in Alaska are qualified and ethical educators.

Alaska State Council on the Arts - To foster the development of art for all Alaskans through education, partnerships, grants and services.

Core Services

Professional Teaching Practices Commission

- Investigate properly filed complaints against certified educators;
- Sanction the certificates of educators found to have committed illegal, immoral or unethical acts;
- Promote adherence to the Code of Ethics by certified educators; and
- Review regulations of the department as they relate to teacher certification.

Alaska State Council on the Arts

- Build vibrant communities through grants and services to artists and arts organizations;
- Manage and sustain Arts In Education program;
- Recognize and promote artistic excellence through programs such as the Governor's Awards;
- Coordinate the State of Alaska Silver Hand Native Art authenticity program, including artist marketing for Alaska Native Artists; and
- Provide training opportunities for new and emerging arts organizations.

FY2009 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2009 Results Delivery Unit Budget: \$1,742,700

Personnel:

Full time	7
Part time	0
Total	7

Key RDU Challenges

Professional Teaching Practices Commission

- The ability of the Commission to investigate all complaints in a timely manner or pursue lengthy investigations or hearings is limited by the available resources. The Commission is funded entirely by fees paid by individuals seeking teaching certification in Alaska.
- The Commission strives to increase public knowledge and awareness of professional, ethical standards for teachers and administrators and to create an awareness of the Commission's role and responsibility in disciplining certified educators.

Alaska State Council on the Arts (ASCA)

- Provide grant funds to support the growth and stability of the arts in Alaska;
- Expand Arts in Education programs to serve more Alaskan school children, teachers, and communities;
- Promote participation in the state's Silver Hand Program, an economic development project designed to promote authentic native handicrafts;
- Coordinate initiatives and partnerships to expand the role of cultural tourism and the arts in rural communities;
- Develop private-public partnerships and alternative funding sources to increase support to the Council and the arts; and
- Provide professional development opportunities and technical assistance to ASCA constituencies through workshops, training, networking and information services.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2009

See individual component changes in the results to be delivered in FY2009.

Major RDU Accomplishments in 2007

Professional Teaching Practices Commission

- Completed 128 investigations of complaints against educators;
- Conducted 6 appeal hearings;
- Disciplined 7 educators through surrender, suspension, revocation or recommendation for denial of licensure;
- Reviewed 242 applications for certification containing background checks indicating criminal convictions. 181 applicants who had revealed convictions on their applications for certification and/or provided the requested details were approved for certification;
- Published and distributed an annual report to interested parties, as well as a semiannual newsletters to all educators and other interested parties in the state;
- Updated and distributed the Professional Code of Ethics Poster; and
- Presented code of professional ethics and the role of the Commission were given to graduating teacher candidates at the University of Alaska Anchorage, the University of Alaska Fairbanks, the University of Alaska Education Leadership class, Elementary and Secondary Education, Middle School Administrator staff, in-services for the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District, and Matanuska-Susitna High School Careers Class.

Alaska State Council on the Arts

- Hosted a national State Arts Agency Leadership Institute in September 2006, which brought together state arts agencies from across the U.S.
- The statewide exhibit of the Alaska Contemporary Art Bank, part of the American Masterpieces project, traveled to museums in Ketchikan, Fairbanks, Kodiak, Petersburg and Unalaska
- Increase in grants programs and professional development work with teachers

- Hosted the first statewide Native Artist Summit in collaboration with the Alaska Federation of Natives and the Alaska Native Heritage Center
- Forged stronger community partnerships through Local Arts Councils and other organizations
- Increased the public value of the work ASCA does in the state

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**Commissions and Boards
RDU Financial Summary by Component**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2007 Actuals				FY2008 Management Plan				FY2009 Governor			
	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds
<u>Formula Expenditures</u>												
None.												
<u>Non-Formula Expenditures</u>												
Professional Teaching Practice	0.0	0.0	232.4	232.4	2.6	0.0	252.1	254.7	6.7	0.0	252.1	258.8
AK State Council on the Arts	606.6	564.9	19.4	1,190.9	611.7	643.5	210.0	1,465.2	617.9	656.0	210.0	1,483.9
Totals	606.6	564.9	251.8	1,423.3	614.3	643.5	462.1	1,719.9	624.6	656.0	462.1	1,742.7

Commissions and Boards
Summary of RDU Budget Changes by Component
From FY2008 Management Plan to FY2009 Governor

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2008 Management Plan	614.3	643.5	462.1	1,719.9
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Professional Teaching Practice	4.1	0.0	0.0	4.1
-AK State Council on the Arts	6.2	12.5	0.0	18.7
FY2009 Governor	624.6	656.0	462.1	1,742.7