

State of Alaska FY2009 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services Alaska Temporary Assistance Program Component Budget Summary

Component: Alaska Temporary Assistance Program

Contribution to Department's Mission

Provides temporary financial assistance to needy families with children for basic living expenses while the adults prepare to become self-sufficient.

Core Services

- The Alaska Temporary Assistance Program (ATAP) is funded by the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant and a required percentage of state expenditures, based on the amount spent in FFY1994 for the AFDC program in Alaska.
- The program provides assistance that is a temporary safety net to help families care for their children in their own homes by providing for the basic needs of shelter, clothing, transportation and food.
- ATAP has a strong emphasis on work. Adults in these families who receive assistance are required to participate in work or activities that will help them become self-sufficient and leave the program. They receive support to help them seek, secure, and retain employment. Case management and employment-related services are provided under a "work first" approach that emphasizes quick entry into the work force. These supports and services are described in the Work Services Component.

FY2009 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2009 Component Budget: \$30,131,800	Personnel:	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	Total	0

Key Component Challenges

- Conservation of the state's TANF balance to support and sustain core business needs while maintaining safety net services and promoting self-sufficiency through employment.
- Continued technical assistance and support for Native organizations developing and implementing new Native Family Assistance Programs (Tribal TANF).
- Metlakatla Indian Community and Maniilaq Association have filed letters of intent with the Administration for Children and Families and are considering implementation of Native Family Assistance Programs in the future. At least one other Native Organization has expressed interest in pursuing a Native Family Assistance Program, but has not filed a letter of intent.
- The 2006 reauthorization of TANF brings a wide range of impacts on the Temporary Assistance Program. It increases performance expectations and sets stricter work requirements for adults on welfare, and limited some past sources of revenue. It eliminated the High Performance Bonus (Alaska earned over \$12 million from this source over the last 4 years) which DPA used to fund new programs and strategies. Reauthorization only ensured the continuation of supplemental grants to States with high population growth until 2008 (Alaska's "High Pop" grant is almost \$7 million).

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2009

No major change in service is anticipated.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2007

- DPA allocated resources and technical support to help Bristol Bay Native Association's (BBNA) regional

assistance program that serves both Natives and non-Natives in the Bristol Bay region, become fully operational. This is Alaska's fifth Native Family Assistance Program. Approximately 1,800 families are now receiving TANF services and benefits from Alaska's five Native Family Assistance Programs.

- In FY07, the Alaska Temporary Assistance caseload declined by 9% from FY06 which resulted in nearly \$2.7 million in savings. This decline does not include families served by Native Family Assistance Programs. The decline in Alaska Temporary Assistance caseload and the decline in the amount of temporary assistance paid to families is a result of the program's emphasis on employment for participating adults.
- The division anticipates meeting the federally mandated TANF All Family work participation rate for FFY07. Alaska continues to be one of the few states that continue to meet the federal All Family participation rate under the new rules for calculating participation.
- 75% of adult Temporary Assistance recipients were engaged in self-sufficiency activities and 34% were employed.
- Adults in 34% of new Temporary Assistance cases were employed within 60 days of filing an application for assistance.
- 46% of the adults on Temporary Assistance saw wage increases during the fiscal year.
- Adults in 52% of the Temporary Assistance cases that closed during 2007 had earned income.
- 87% of the families whose cases closed with earnings stayed closed for at least six months.
- Overall, the annual monthly average of FY07 State and Native Temporary Assistance caseloads have decreased by 59% compared to the annual monthly average of FY94. The steady caseload decline has resulted in annual savings in welfare cash benefits, which reached almost \$79.7 million from FY97 to FY07. This benefit savings has provided reinvestment funding to local organizations for community-based work services and child care. Caseload decline reflects the successful efforts of staff and community organizations providing work services in collaboration with employers and partner agencies in putting families to work.
- State law allows 25% of the Temporary Assistance caseload to receive assistance beyond the 60-month time limit, which began in July 2002. In September 2007, only 99 families, or less than 4% of the caseload, were on a short-term time limit extension.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

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**Alaska Temporary Assistance Program
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2007 Actuals	FY2008 Management Plan	FY2009 Governor
Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	26,715.8	30,531.8	30,131.8
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	26,715.8	30,531.8	30,131.8
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	8,557.7	11,675.9	11,675.9
1003 General Fund Match	16,275.6	16,845.9	16,445.9
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	1,882.5	2,010.0	2,010.0
Funding Totals	26,715.8	30,531.8	30,131.8

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2007 Actuals	FY2008 Management Plan	FY2009 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Federal Receipts	51010	8,557.7	11,675.9	11,675.9
Interagency Receipts	51015	1,882.5	2,010.0	2,010.0
Restricted Total		10,440.2	13,685.9	13,685.9
Total Estimated Revenues		10,440.2	13,685.9	13,685.9

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
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	16,845.9	11,675.9	2,010.0	30,531.8
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Transfer out General Fund Match to Tribal Assistance Program	-400.0	0.0	0.0	-400.0
FY2009 Governor	16,445.9	11,675.9	2,010.0	30,131.8