

State of Alaska
FY2009 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Client Services
Component Budget Summary

Component: Client Services

Contribution to Department's Mission

The Client Services component contributes to the department's mission by assisting individuals with disabilities to obtain and maintain employment. The program will continue its role in the management of a statewide workforce investment system that prepares individuals with disabilities for gainful employment.

Core Services

This component provides direct services to individuals with disabilities. Services funded from this component are planned and delivered for the purpose of assisting individuals with disabilities who are in need of vocational rehabilitation to prepare for and acquire employment in the competitive labor market. Funds are also granted to non-profit organizations to establish or enhance their capacity to provide an array of rehabilitation services that assist individuals with disabilities reach their employment goals.

FY2009 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2009 Component Budget: \$13,902,200	Personnel:	
	Full time	86
	Part time	0
	Total	86

Key Component Challenges

Development of a workforce of skilled rehabilitation professionals is a challenge for the vocational rehabilitation (VR) program. Currently 64% of the 40 counselors for the division meet national certification requirements which include a Master's degree in VR counseling or a closely related field. The division's federal funding source, the Rehabilitation Service Administration (RSA), gave notice to the agency that by September 30, 2008 the division must submit a plan to ensure all staff meets national certification or is actively pursuing the academic credentials for national certification. If the state does not have a plan approved by the RSA future federal funds may be withheld. Staff retirements and the competition of the private sector also put pressure on the limited pool of qualified VR counselors.

The division cannot meet all the resource needs of individuals with significant mental health disabilities necessary to become employed. The challenge the division is facing is to unite with partners in the State Divisions of Behavioral Health, Medicaid, Employment Security, Public Assistance and advocates at the state and local level to improve the coordination of funding and program staff to increase the employment outcomes for people with significant disabilities. The financial support to serve people with significant mental illness has as a current focus a medical model that supports independent living service and medical service with little emphasis on employment.

The projected 5% increase to the cost of tuition at the University of Alaska over the next year will tax the agency budget. If the division is unable to provide services to all eligible Alaskans, the division will be forced to implement an Order of Selection. In an Order of Selection, persons with the most severe disabilities will be served first and other disabled persons will be referred to other employment agencies within state government for services.

One of the eleven federally funded tribal vocational rehabilitation programs (Maniilaq Association) received notice that their federal grant was not renewed. A challenge for the division is to strategically plan to meet the needs of consumers previously served by the tribal program.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2009

None.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2007

The division met all the federal performance standards required by the federal grant award from the Rehabilitation Service Administration. In addition, the agency met the state performance measure related to the number of eligible applicants that achieved employment.

526 individuals with significant physical and/or mental impairments that constituted barriers to employment were successfully placed in employment as a result of vocational rehabilitation services.

422 different Alaskan employers hired clients served by the division's vocational rehabilitation program.

3,896 individuals received services from the division's vocational rehabilitation program.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

Federal Authority:

34 CFR Part 361
PL 105 - 220 Title IV

State Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program
Workforce Investment Act of 1998
Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Statutory Authority:

AS 23.15

Employment Service – Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Administrative Regulations:

8 AAC 98

Vocational Rehabilitation Program

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**Client Services
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2007 Actuals	FY2008 Management Plan	FY2009 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	6,165.3	6,263.6	6,679.1
72000 Travel	197.6	229.9	289.9
73000 Services	1,005.0	1,148.9	1,198.9
74000 Commodities	205.2	185.8	185.8
75000 Capital Outlay	0.1	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	4,924.8	5,798.5	5,548.5
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	12,498.0	13,626.7	13,902.2
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	8,995.8	9,744.1	9,744.1
1003 General Fund Match	3,196.6	3,202.0	3,828.1
1004 General Fund Receipts	0.3	257.2	0.0
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	83.1	98.4	5.0
1117 Vocational Rehabilitation Small Business Enterprise Fund	222.2	325.0	325.0
Funding Totals	12,498.0	13,626.7	13,902.2

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2007 Actuals	FY2008 Management Plan	FY2009 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
Voc Rehab Small Business Enterprise Fund	51122	222.2	325.0	325.0
Unrestricted Total		222.2	325.0	325.0
Restricted Revenues				
Federal Receipts	51010	8,995.8	9,744.1	9,744.1
Interagency Receipts	51015	83.1	98.4	5.0
Restricted Total		9,078.9	9,842.5	9,749.1
Total Estimated Revenues		9,301.1	10,167.5	10,074.1

**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	3,459.2	9,744.1	423.4	13,626.7
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Correct Unrealizeable Fund Sources for Salary Adjustments: GGU	254.5	-254.5	0.0	0.0
-FY 09 Bargaining Unit Contract Terms: General Government Unit	114.4	254.5	0.0	368.9
Proposed budget decreases:				
-Reduce Interagency Authorization to Align with Anticipated Receipts	0.0	0.0	-93.4	-93.4
FY2009 Governor	3,828.1	9,744.1	330.0	13,902.2

**Client Services
Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs		
<u>FY2008</u>				
<u>Management</u>	<u>Plan</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>Governor</u>	
Full-time	86	86	Annual Salaries	4,296,801
Part-time	0	0	COLA	354,077
Nonpermanent	2	2	Premium Pay	0
			Annual Benefits	2,414,043
			<i>Less 5.46% Vacancy Factor</i>	(385,821)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	88	88	Total Personal Services	6,679,100

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Administrative Clerk II	0	0	0	1	1
American Sign Lang Interpreter	1	0	0	0	1
Asst Chief Voc Rehab Svcs	1	0	0	0	1
Chf Vocational Rehab	0	0	1	0	1
Graduate Intern II	0	1	0	0	1
Prog Coordinator	1	0	0	0	1
Program Services Aide	0	0	0	1	1
Project Asst	1	0	0	0	1
Project Coord	1	0	0	0	1
Training Specialist II	1	0	0	0	1
Voc Rehab Assist I	1	1	1	1	4
Voc Rehab Assist II	10	2	1	4	17
Voc Rehab Assist III	3	1	1	1	6
Voc Rehab Counselor I	5	3	3	3	14
Voc Rehab Counselor II	3	2	0	4	9
Voc Rehab Evaluator I	2	0	1	0	3
Voc Rehab Evaluator II	3	0	0	0	3
Voc Rehab Manager	3	1	1	0	5
Vocational Rehab Counselor III	9	2	1	5	17
Totals	45	13	10	20	88