

State of Alaska FY2009 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Public Safety Rural Trooper Housing Component Budget Summary

Component: Rural Trooper Housing

Contribution to Department's Mission

Preserve public peace; protect life, property, and resources.

Core Services

The Rural Trooper Housing component provides 73 employee housing units in rural Alaska locations where housing is traditionally scarce. There are 16 state-owned units and 57 leased units in the following 20 communities: Aniak (4), Bethel (20), Cantwell (3), Coldfoot (1), Cooper Landing (2), Dillingham (6), Dutch Harbor (10), Emmonak (2), Galena (3), Healy (1), Iliamna (2), Kotzebue (7), McGrath (2), Nenana (1), Ninilchik (1), Northway (1), Selawik (1), Unalakleet (2), King Salmon (1) and St. Mary's (3). There is also a single housing unit in Bethel used by AST for regional meetings/training conferences, physical training/exercise, and temporary lodging purposes. Trooper tenants pay rent established at a rate set in collective bargaining agreements to cover an average of about forty percent of the total operating cost of the units.

FY2009 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results		
FY2009 Component Budget: \$2,356,600	Personnel:	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	Total	0

Key Component Challenges

In order to accomplish their mission, the Alaska State Troopers (AST) and the Alaska Wildlife Troopers (AWT) must be able to transfer troopers to rural areas of the state, often on short notice. Troopers and their families must have habitable housing in rural locations where traditional forms of real estate or rental markets are often non-existent. Affordable, decent, state-provided housing is essential for recruitment and retention of state troopers in rural Alaska. Experience shows that if housing is unavailable, troopers are less willing to transfer to rural posts.

The Department of Public Safety operates and maintains 16 state-owned housing units in eight locations in western and interior Alaska. These units are all 40 plus years of age or older and in many cases were transferred to the department from federal agencies such as the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Health and Human Services, or the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Nine of these housing units are off the road system, resulting in significant logistics and maintenance costs for contractors and materials.

The Rural Trooper Housing operating budget contains funds to make lease payments and pay utilities, with a minimal amount available for minor maintenance or emergency repairs for immediate health and safety concerns and renovations associated with short-notice or unplanned trooper relocations. A lack of sufficient maintenance funding has led to significant deferred maintenance issues at most of these facilities. The Governor's capital budget includes funding to address known maintenance issues, and recurring funding will be needed to protect the states investment in these facilities.

The United States Air Force Galena Air Station is being closed. This will affect the Department of Public Safety, as there are three state-owned housing units located in that strategically located community. Electricity, water, and sewer services for those units are connected to the Galena Air Station utility plants operated now by the City of Galena. With the air station to be closed by September 30, 2008, Public Safety must plan to support its facilities with a septic system, water well with purifications system, and routing of electricity to the City of Galena's system if it cannot replace

this state-owned housing with leased space. Public Safety's facility management team, AST, and AWT are now working with the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, as well as the City of Galena, on a long-term solution for housing in Galena.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2009

No significant changes are anticipated in FY2009.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2007

In FY2007, the department activated nine new trooper housing leases through competitive solicitations: one in Cooper Landing, one in King Salmon, four in Dillingham, one in Dutch Harbor, one in McGrath, and one in Unalakleet.

Rural Trooper Housing operations and maintenance projects completed in FY2007 included a complete kitchen remodel in Coldfoot; boiler replacement along with air purification units in Aniak; erosion control work in Northway; a new water well and septic system in Nenana; a replacement emergency backup power generator in Northway; a replacement of electrical wiring and plumbing lines in Cantwell; and refurbishment of a damaged housing unit in Aniak.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

DPS - Powers and duties of department (AS 44.41.020)
State Troopers (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.110)
Police Protection (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.790)
Law enforcement duties (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.086)
Controlled Substances (AS 11.71.010 - AS 11.71.900)
Judicial Services (AS 22.20.100 - AS 22.20.140)
Prisoner Transportation (AS 33.30.071 and AS 33.30.081)
Search & Rescue (AS 18.60.120 - AS 18.60.175)
Village Public Safety Officer Definition (AS 01.10.060(c)(7)(C))
VPSO Program (AS 18.65.670)
VPSO Regulations (13 AAC 96.010-900)
Concealed Handgun Permits (AS 18.65.700)
Security Guard Licensing (AS 18.65.400 - AS 18.65.410)
Sex Offender Registration (AS 12.63.010 - AS 12.63.100)
Central Registry of Sex Offenders (AS 18.65.087)
Department to assist other agencies (AS 18.65.090)
Document and disseminate information regarding homicides (AS 44.41.040)
Document and investigate missing persons (AS 18.65.610)
Investigate fires resulting from crimes (AS 18.70.030)
Investigate sexual assault and child exploitation (AS 18.65.086)
Aeronautics (AS 02)
Criminal (AS 11)
Environment (AS 46)
Fish & Game (AS 16)
Fish & Game (5 AAC)
Guide/Outfitting (12 AAC)
Guide/Outfitting (AS 08)
Health & Safety (AS 18)
Limited Entry (20 AAC)
State Government (AS 44)

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Rural Trooper Housing Component Financial Summary

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2007 Actuals	FY2008 Management Plan	FY2009 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	1.1	6.4	6.4
73000 Services	2,007.2	2,224.2	2,345.2
74000 Commodities	13.3	5.0	5.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	2,021.6	2,235.6	2,356.6
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	1,375.2	1,305.4	1,426.4
1108 Statutory Designated Program Receipts	646.4	930.2	930.2
Funding Totals	2,021.6	2,235.6	2,356.6

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				
Statutory Designated Program Receipts	51063	646.4	930.2	930.2
Restricted Total		646.4	930.2	930.2
Total Estimated Revenues		646.4	930.2	930.2

**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	1,305.4	0.0	930.2	2,235.6
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Delete one-time-authorization for First FY2008 Fuel/Utility Cost Increase Funding Distribution	-26.1	0.0	0.0	-26.1
Proposed budget increases:				
-Increased Fuel / Utility Costs	147.1	0.0	0.0	147.1
FY2009 Governor	1,426.4	0.0	930.2	2,356.6