

# **State of Alaska FY2018 Governor's Operating Budget**

## **Department of Health and Social Services Senior Benefits Payment Program Component Budget Summary**

**Component: Senior Benefits Payment Program**

**Contribution to Department's Mission**

The Senior Benefits Payment Program helps low-income seniors, who are at least 65 years of age, remain independent in the community by providing a cash benefit.

**Core Services**

- Division employees conduct eligibility determinations to provide monthly cash assistance to eligible, needy seniors. Monthly payments of \$125.00, \$175.00, or \$250.00, depending on the senior's gross annual income, help recipients to live independently in their community.

**Major Component Accomplishments in 2016**

- Cash benefits were provided to an average of 11,750 a month.

**Key Component Challenges**

- Implementation of changes to monthly payment rates has presented challenges in recoding eligibility systems and staff training.

**Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2018**

- No significant changes in results to be delivered.

**Statutory and Regulatory Authority**

AS 47.45.301-.309      Senior Benefits Program  
7 AAC 47.545-.599      Senior Benefits Program

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**Component Detail All Funds  
Department of Health and Social Services**

**Component:** Senior Benefits Payment Program (2897)  
**RDU:** Public Assistance (73)

Formula Component

	FY2016 Actuals	FY2017 Conference Committee	FY2017 Authorized	FY2017 Management Plan	FY2018 Governor	FY2017 Management Plan vs FY2018 Governor	
71000 Personal Services	214.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
73000 Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
77000 Grants, Benefits	19,639.6	20,029.3	20,029.3	20,029.3	19,986.1	-43.2	-0.2%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19,853.7</b>	<b>20,029.3</b>	<b>20,029.3</b>	<b>20,029.3</b>	<b>19,986.1</b>	<b>-43.2</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>
<b>Fund Sources:</b>							
1002Fed Rcpts (Fed)	-3.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
1004Gen Fund (UGF)	19,857.5	20,029.3	20,029.3	20,029.3	19,986.1	-43.2	-0.2%
<b>Unrestricted General (UGF)</b>	<b>19,857.5</b>	<b>20,029.3</b>	<b>20,029.3</b>	<b>20,029.3</b>	<b>19,986.1</b>	<b>-43.2</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>
<b>Designated General (DGF)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Federal Funds</b>	<b>-3.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Positions:</b>							
Permanent Full Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Permanent Part Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Non Permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

**Change Record Detail - Multiple Scenarios with Descriptions**  
**Department of Health and Social Services**

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Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		NP
										PFT	PPT	
***** Changes From FY2017 Conference Committee To FY2017 Authorized *****												
<b>Senior Benefits Sec16 Ch3 4SSLA2016 P77 L12 (HB256)</b>												
ConfC(L)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Sec. 16. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES. If the amount necessary to pay benefits under AS 47.45.302(b)(1) and (2) exceeds the amount appropriated for that purpose in sec. 1 of this Act, the additional amount necessary, estimated to be \$0, to pay those benefit payments is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Health and Social Services, public assistance, senior benefits payment program, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.												
<b>FY2017 Conference Committee</b>												
1004 Gen Fund	ConfCom	14,891.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14,891.4	0.0	0	0	0
		14,891.4										
<b>Senior Benefits Sec32i Ch3 4SSLA2016 P96 L6 (HB256)</b>												
1004 Gen Fund	ConfC(L)	5,137.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5,137.9	0.0	0	0	0
		5,137.9										
Sec. 32(i) The sum of \$5,137,900 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Health and Social Services, public assistance, senior benefits payment program, for senior benefits for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.												
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>20,029.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>20,029.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
***** Changes From FY2017 Management Plan To FY2018 Governor *****												
<b>Reverse Senior Benefits Sec32i Ch3 4SSLA2016 P96 L6</b>												
1004 Gen Fund	OTI	-5,137.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-5,137.9	0.0	0	0	0
		-5,137.9										
Reverse One-Time Increase for Senior Benefits												
<b>Efficient Administration of Senior Benefits Program Ch11 SLA2016 (SB147)</b>												
1004 Gen Fund	Dec	-43.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-43.2	0.0	0	0	0
		-43.2										
Fiscal Note 2 - SB147												
With the implementation of SB147, the Division of Public Assistance will see an annual program savings for the Senior Benefits Program from closer alignment with Alaska's Adult Public Assistance Program.												
<b>Restore Senior Benefits Payment Program</b>												
1004 Gen Fund	IncM	5,137.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5,137.9	0.0	0	0	0
		5,137.9										
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										PFT	PPT	NP
	Totals	19,986.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19,986.1	0.0	0	0	0

**Line Item Detail (1676)**  
**Department of Health and Social Services**  
**Grants, Benefits**

**Component:** Senior Benefits Payment Program (2897)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2016 Actuals	FY2017 Management Plan	FY2018 Governor
7000	Grants, Benefits		19,639.6	20,029.3	19,986.1
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2016 Actuals	FY2017 Management Plan	FY2018 Governor
<b>7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals</b>			<b>19,639.6</b>	<b>20,029.3</b>	<b>19,986.1</b>
7001	Grants		-600.0	0.0	0.0
7002	Benefits	The Senior Benefits Program provides cash assistance to low-income seniors age 65 and above.	20,229.6	20,029.3	19,986.1
7003	Sub-Recipient Pass-Through Grants		10.0	0.0	0.0

**Revenue Detail (1681)**  
**Department of Health and Social Services**

**Component:** Senior Benefits Payment Program (2897)

Revenue Type (OMB Fund Code) Revenue Source	Component	Comment	FY2016 Actuals	FY2017 Management Plan	FY2018 Governor
<b>5002 Fed Rcpts (1002 Fed Rcpts)</b>			<b>54.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
5021 Federal - Other Prior Year Reimbursement Recovery			54.0	0.0	0.0
<b>6004 Gen Fund (1004 Gen Fund)</b>			<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
6046 General Fund - Prior Year Reimbursement Recovery			1.5	0.0	0.0