

**State of Alaska  
FY2019 Governor's Operating Budget**

**Department of Health and Social Services  
General Relief Assistance  
Component Budget Summary**

**Component: General Relief Assistance**

**Contribution to Department's Mission**

The General Relief Assistance component promotes and protects the health and well-being of Alaskans by providing a safety net for very low-income individuals who are not eligible for other state or federal assistance.

**Core Services**

- Provide for indigent burials, emergency food, shelter, and clothing, for low income Alaskans who have no other resources available.

**Major Component Accomplishments in 2017**

The General Relief Assistance program provides for rent, food, utilities, and burial assistance.

Expenditures have been reduced by over \$100.0 per month.

**Key Component Challenges**

Meeting the expectation to significantly reduce expenditures while continuing to help families who need help paying burial expenses for deceased family members.

Meeting the emergent needs of individuals and families that represent one of Alaska's most needy and vulnerable populations. Recipients are often marginal members of the community and may have a variety of significant barriers that preclude employment and successful participation in mainstream society.

**Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2019**

Several changes were made to the General Relief Assistance Burial program in order to reduce expenditures.

- Changed policy to count the income of all relatives living with the deceased at the time of death instead of the month of application.
- Require pre-approval of some of the more costly burial items.
- Require funeral homes to bill on a form provided by the department.
- All invoices are reviewed for approval prior to payment approval.
- Regulation change is in process and is expected to further reduce expenditures.

**Statutory and Regulatory Authority**

AS 47.25.120-300	General Relief Assistance
7 AAC 47.020-290	General Relief Assistance
Chapter No. 2, 4	SSLA 2008 (SB4002)

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

**Component:** General Relief Assistance (221)  
**RDU:** Public Assistance (73)

Formula Component

	FY2017 Actuals	FY2018 Conference Committee	FY2018 Authorized	FY2018 Management Plan	FY2019 Governor	FY2018 Management Plan vs FY2019 Governor
71000 Personal Services	0.0	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	1,264.7	1,205.4	1,205.4	1,205.4	1,205.4	0.0 0.0%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0 0.0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,264.7</b>	<b>1,205.4</b>	<b>1,205.4</b>	<b>1,205.4</b>	<b>1,205.4</b>	<b>0.0 0.0%</b>
<b>Fund Sources:</b>						
1004Gen Fund (UGF)	1,264.7	1,205.4	1,205.4	1,205.4	1,205.4	0.0 0.0%
<b>Unrestricted General (UGF)</b>	<b>1,264.7</b>	<b>1,205.4</b>	<b>1,205.4</b>	<b>1,205.4</b>	<b>1,205.4</b>	<b>0.0 0.0%</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 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 0.0%</b>
<b>Federal 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 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 FY2018 Conference Committee To FY2018 Authorized *****												
FY2018 Conference Committee	ConfCom	1,205.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,205.4	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		1,205.4										
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>1,205.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1,205.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
***** Changes From FY2018 Management Plan To FY2019 Governor *****												
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1,205.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1,205.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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

**Component:** General Relief Assistance (221)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2017 Actuals	FY2018 Management Plan	FY2019 Governor
7000	Grants, Benefits		1,264.7	1,205.4	1,205.4
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2017 Actuals	FY2018 Management Plan	FY2019 Governor
<b>7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals</b>			<b>1,264.7</b>	<b>1,205.4</b>	<b>1,205.4</b>
7002	Benefits	AS 41.15.120 provides vendor payments on behalf of eligible individuals for shelter, burial assistance, and other emergent needs.	1,264.7	1,205.4	1,205.4

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

**Component:** General Relief Assistance (221)

Revenue Type (OMB Fund Code)				FY2018	
Revenue Source	Component	Comment	FY2017 Actuals	Management Plan	FY2019 Governor
<b>6004 Gen Fund (1004 Gen Fund)</b>			<b>-1.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
6047 General Fund - Miscellaneous		General fund.	-1.7	0.0	0.0