

# **State of Alaska FY2020 Governor's Operating Budget**

## **Department of Health and Social Services Foster Care Special Need Component Budget Summary**

**Component: Foster Care Special Need**

**Contribution to Department's Mission**

Provide funding to meet special and/or occasional needs of children in state custody, as mandated by statute. This financial support enhances the State's service delivery system by fulfilling many fiduciary obligations for children and families that fall outside of monthly reimbursed rates.

**Core Services**

- To pay for pre-approved essential expenditures not covered by the foster care base rate and are assessed on a case-by case basis.

**Major Component Accomplishments in 2018**

Foster Care Special Need funds cover a large spectrum of costs such as child care, or damages to the foster parents' property by a child with special needs. Purchases made with Foster Care Special Need funds alleviate the financial burden of raising a child for foster families and relative families willing to provide for children in custody. In FY2018, more than 27,804 requests for additional funds were authorized and processed. This is up from 25,630 requests in the previous year.

**Key Component Challenges**

The Office of Children's Services faces a continuing challenge in keeping pace with increased costs to meet the varying needs of children and families. Federal requirements for visitation between children in custody and family members has resulted in increased travel costs, particularly in the rural areas of the state. Child care expenses continue to increase, requiring working foster families to pay co-pays or costs above the monthly limit, and there are continued challenges in finding licensed child care in rural Alaska. The Office of Children's Services is also responsible for medical expenses not covered under Medicaid.

The Office of Children's Services does not anticipate an easy solution as these foster families are prone to the same economic factors as every other family in Alaska. The current focus for Child Protective Services is to keep children safely in their homes, and when that is not possible, to reunite children with their families as soon as possible.

**Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2020**

No significant changes are expected in FY2020 in this area.

**Statutory and Regulatory Authority**

AS 47.05.010	Duties of department
AS 47.10	Children in Need of Aid
AS 47.14.100	Powers and duties of department over care of child
AS 47.17	Child Protection
AS 47.40	Purchase of Services
7 AAC 53, Article 1	Child Care Foster Care Payments
7 AAC 53, Article 3	Children in Custody or Under Supervision: Needs and Income

Title IV-E of the Social Security Act

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

**Component:** Foster Care Special Need (2238)  
**RDU:** Children's Services (486)

Formula Component

	FY2018 Actuals	FY2019 Conference Committee	FY2019 Authorized	FY2019 Management Plan	FY2020 Governor	FY2019 Management Plan vs FY2020 Governor	
71000 Personal Services	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
72000 Travel	39.8	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0%
73000 Services	171.2	927.5	927.5	927.5	927.5	0.0	0.0%
74000 Commodities	4.9	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	16,417.9	10,783.5	10,783.5	10,783.5	10,083.5	-700.0	-6.5%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16,634.9</b>	<b>11,711.3</b>	<b>11,711.3</b>	<b>11,711.3</b>	<b>11,011.3</b>	<b>-700.0</b>	<b>-6.0%</b>
<b>Fund Sources:</b>							
1002 Fed Rcpts (Fed)	988.8	1,232.1	1,232.1	1,232.1	532.1	-700.0	-56.8%
1003 G/F Match (UGF)	1,591.6	3,158.9	3,158.9	3,158.9	658.9	-2,500.0	-79.1%
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	9,354.4	2,572.4	2,572.4	2,572.4	5,072.4	2,500.0	97.2%
1007 I/A Rcpts (Other)	3,952.2	4,000.0	4,000.0	4,000.0	4,000.0	0.0	0.0%
1037 GF/MH (UGF)	747.9	747.9	747.9	747.9	747.9	0.0	0.0%
<b>Unrestricted General (UGF)</b>	<b>11,693.9</b>	<b>6,479.2</b>	<b>6,479.2</b>	<b>6,479.2</b>	<b>6,479.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>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</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>3,952.2</b>	<b>4,000.0</b>	<b>4,000.0</b>	<b>4,000.0</b>	<b>4,000.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Federal Funds</b>	<b>988.8</b>	<b>1,232.1</b>	<b>1,232.1</b>	<b>1,232.1</b>	<b>532.1</b>	<b>-700.0</b>	<b>-56.8%</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**

**Component:** Foster Care Special Need (2238)  
**RDU:** Children's Services (486)

Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		NP
										PFT	PPT	
***** Changes From FY2019 Conference Committee To FY2019 Authorized *****												
<b>FY2019 Conference Committee</b>												
	ConfCom	11,711.3	0.0	0.3	927.5	0.0	0.0	10,783.5	0.0	0	0	0
1002 Fed Rcpts		1,232.1										
1003 G/F Match		3,158.9										
1004 Gen Fund		2,572.4										
1007 I/A Rcpts		4,000.0										
1037 GF/MH		747.9										
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>11,711.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>927.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>10,783.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
***** Changes From FY2019 Management Plan To FY2020 Governor *****												
<b>Align Authority for Payments on Behalf of Office of Children's Services Clients</b>												
	FndChg	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1003 G/F Match		-2,500.0										
1004 Gen Fund		2,500.0										
Align general fund match and general fund to provide for payments to providers of goods and services for children in foster care and their families. Payments are related to clothing, equipment, services, and travel for client visitation.												
<b>Transfer to Front Line Social Workers for Title IV-E Federal Claiming</b>												
	Trout	-700.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-700.0	0.0	0	0	0
1002 Fed Rcpts		-700.0										
Transfer to Front Line Social Workers for Title IV-E federal claiming.												
<b>Totals</b>		<b>11,011.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>927.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>10,083.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Line Item Detail (1676)**  
**Department of Health and Social Services**  
**Travel**

**Component:** Foster Care Special Need (2238)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2018 Actuals	FY2019 Management Plan
2000	Travel		39.8	0.3
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2018 Actuals	FY2019 Management Plan
<b>2000 Travel Detail Totals</b>			<b>39.8</b>	<b>0.3</b>
2000	In-State Employee Travel	Employee travel	36.2	0.3
2001	In-State Non-Employee Travel		11.5	0.0
2002	Out of State Employee Travel		1.7	0.0
2003	Out of State Non-Employee Travel		1.4	0.0
2006	Other Travel Costs		-11.0	0.0

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

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Line Number	Line Name		FY2018 Actuals	FY2019 Management Plan
3000	Services		171.2	927.5
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2018 Actuals	FY2019 Management Plan
<b>3000 Services Detail Totals</b>			<b>171.2</b>	<b>927.5</b>
3001	Financial Services	Contract for services related to Social Security applications and appeals	0.0	0.1
3003	Information Technology		0.9	0.0
3004	Telecommunications		0.1	0.0
3006	Delivery Services	Delivery, freight, messenger, and courier costs.	2.0	2.0
3007	Advertising and Promotions		1.4	0.0
3008	Utilities		0.2	0.0
3011	Other Services	Contractor for SSI Applications and Appeals for Youth in OCS Custody and One Card Charges.	112.9	500.0
3024	Inter-Agency Legal	Law - Department-wide	20.5	30.0
3032	Inter-Agency Health	H&SS - Bureau of Vital Statistics (961)	31.2	395.4
3032	Inter-Agency Health	H&SS - Foster Care Special Need (2238)	2.1	0.0
3038	Inter-Agency Management/Consulting	H&SS - Foster Care Special Need (2238)	-0.1	0.0

**Line Item Detail (1676)**  
**Department of Health and Social Services**  
**Commodities**

**Component:** Foster Care Special Need (2238)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2018 Actuals	FY2019 Management Plan
4000	Commodities		4.9	0.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2018 Actuals	FY2019 Management Plan
<b>4000 Commodities Detail Totals</b>			<b>4.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>
4000	Business		2.5	0.0
4002	Household/Institutional		1.8	0.0
4003	Scientific and Medical		1.8	0.0
4021	Commodity Management Allocation		-1.2	0.0



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

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Line Number	Line Name		FY2018 Actuals	FY2019 Management Plan
7000	Grants, Benefits		16,417.9	10,783.5
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2018 Actuals	FY2019 Management Plan
<b>7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals</b>			<b>16,417.9</b>	<b>10,783.5</b>
7001	Grants	Toxicology testing services for OCS clients, Provider Agreement	1,258.5	900.0
7002	Benefits	Reimbursement to foster parents for the direct purchase of goods and services for one-time or irregular expenditures that are not covered by the Foster Care Base Rate or Foster Care Augmented Rate benefits. Costs include but are not limited to; damages and loss to foster parents, parent training, childcare, and travel for children in foster care to visit their families.	15,159.4	9,883.5

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

**Component:** Foster Care Special Need (2238)

Revenue Type (OMB Fund Code) Revenue Source	Component	Comment	FY2018 Actuals	FY2019 Management Plan
<b>5002 Fed Rcpts (1002 Fed Rcpts)</b>			<b>1,000.0</b>	<b>1,232.1</b>
5019 Federal - Miscellaneous Grants		Various Federal Receipts and Title IV-E of the Social Security Act	1,000.0	1,232.1
<b>5007 I/A Rcpts (1007 I/A Rcpts)</b>			<b>3,966.3</b>	<b>4,000.0</b>
5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	H&SS - Child Care Benefits (1897)	RSA with Public Assistance Child Care for working Foster Care Providers	3,966.3	4,000.0
<b>6004 Gen Fund (1004 Gen Fund)</b>			<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>
6046 General Fund - Prior Year Reimbursement Recovery			0.1	0.0
6048 General Fund - Stale Dated Warrants			0.7	0.0

**Inter-Agency Services (1682)**  
**Department of Health and Social Services**

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	FY2018 Actuals	FY2019 Management Plan
<b>Component Totals</b>	<b>53.7</b>	<b>425.4</b>
With Department of Law	20.5	30.0
With Department of Health and Social Services	33.2	395.4

Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2018 Actuals	FY2019 Management Plan
3024 Inter-Agency Legal	Law - Department-wide	RSA: Department of Law, Civil Division, Tribal discovery charges reimbursement.	20.5	30.0
3032 Inter-Agency Health	H&SS - Bureau of Vital Statistics (961)	RSA: DHSS Division of Behavioral Health, Alaska Psychiatric Institute	31.2	395.4
3032 Inter-Agency Health	H&SS - Foster Care Special Need (2238)		2.1	0.0
3038 Inter-Agency Management/Consulting	H&SS - Foster Care Special Need (2238)		-0.1	0.0