

State of Alaska FY2021 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 2019

Foster Care Special Need funds cover a large spectrum of costs that include but are not limited to clothing, child care, transportation, clinical services, special equipment and furniture, 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 FY2019, more than 13,568 requests for additional funds were authorized and processed on behalf of 4,470 service recipients.

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 have resulted in increased travel costs, particularly in the rural areas of the state. The Office of Children's Services is also responsible for medical and clinical expenses not covered under Indian Health Services, Medicaid or private health insurers. A lack of Medicaid providers in many areas of the state contributes to high general fund expenditures for necessary medical and behavioral health services for children and their parents involved in the foster care system.
- Child care costs continue to increase, requiring working foster families to pay co-pays or costs above the allocated monthly child care stipend. In addition, there are continued challenges in finding licensed child care in rural Alaska. Office of Children's Services receives federally funded child care assistance for working relative and foster parent caregivers through the Division of Public Assistance. The rate for child care assistance has not changed since 2008 and needs an adjustment. Child care assistance funds directly impact successful recruitment and retention of foster homes in Alaska.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2021

In FY2021, the Office of Children's Services will initiate a statewide centralization of the processing of special need requests for all procurements for dry goods for foster children. This centralization will improve the response time and assistance for foster parents who need supplies and free-up direct line staff to dedicate more time to essential activities that promote family reunification or permanency for the child.

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

| | FY2019 Actuals | FY2020 Conference Committee | FY2020 Authorized | FY2020 Management Plan | FY2021 Governor | FY2020 Management Plan vs FY2021 Governor | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------|---|-------------|
| 71000 Personal Services | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| 72000 Travel | 2.9 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| 73000 Services | 27.1 | 927.5 | 927.5 | 137.5 | 137.5 | 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 | 12,764.4 | 10,083.5 | 10,083.5 | 10,573.8 | 10,608.8 | 35.0 | 0.3% |
| 78000 Miscellaneous | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| Totals | 12,794.4 | 11,011.3 | 11,011.3 | 10,711.3 | 10,746.3 | 35.0 | 0.3% |
| Fund Sources: | | | | | | | |
| 1002 Fed Rcpts (Fed) | 430.6 | 532.1 | 532.1 | 532.1 | 532.1 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| 1003 G/F Match (UGF) | 1,126.8 | 658.9 | 658.9 | 658.9 | 658.9 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| 1004 Gen Fund (UGF) | 6,767.6 | 5,072.4 | 5,072.4 | 5,072.4 | 5,072.4 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| 1007 I/A Rcpts (Other) | 3,721.5 | 4,000.0 | 4,000.0 | 3,700.0 | 3,700.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| 1037 GF/MH (UGF) | 747.9 | 747.9 | 747.9 | 747.9 | 782.9 | 35.0 | 4.7% |
| Unrestricted General (UGF) | 8,642.3 | 6,479.2 | 6,479.2 | 6,479.2 | 6,514.2 | 35.0 | 0.5% |
| Designated General (DGF) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| Other Funds | 3,721.5 | 4,000.0 | 4,000.0 | 3,700.0 | 3,700.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| Federal Funds | 430.6 | 532.1 | 532.1 | 532.1 | 532.1 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| Positions: | | | | | | | |
| 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 FY2020 Conference Committee To FY2020 Authorized ***** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FY2020 Conference Committee | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ConfCom | 11,011.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 927.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10,083.5 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1002 Fed Rcpts | | 532.1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1003 G/F Match | | 658.9 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1004 Gen Fund | | 5,072.4 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1007 I/A Rcpts | | 4,000.0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1037 GF/MH | | 747.9 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Subtotal | | 11,011.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 927.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10,083.5 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ***** Changes From FY2020 Authorized To FY2020 Management Plan ***** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Transfer to Children's Services Management for Child Care Assistance | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Trout | -300.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -300.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1007 I/A Rcpts | | -300.0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Transfer from Foster Care Special Need to Children's Services Management for child care assistance. The Office of Children's Services acts on behalf of the Child Care Program Office within the Division of Public Assistance to provide eligibility determination and payment assistance for foster parents. The remaining authority is sufficient to cover anticipated expenditures. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Align Authority with Anticipated Expenditures | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | LIT | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.3 | -790.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 790.3 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Transfer authority from travel and services to cover anticipated grants costs based on prior year actual expenditures for cases of children that are not covered through the Foster Care Base Rate program such as childcare for working foster parents, clothing and food in emergency travel situations related to the safety and well-being of the child, mental health counseling, and other costs associated with the individual needs of each child. The remaining travel and services authority is sufficient to cover anticipated expenditures. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Subtotal | | 10,711.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 137.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10,573.8 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ***** Changes From FY2020 Management Plan To FY2021 Governor ***** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Transfer from Residential Child Care for Bring the Kids Home | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Trin | 35.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 35.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1037 GF/MH | | 35.0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Transfer authority from Residential Child Care to Foster Care Special Needs for Bring the Kids Home to provide goods and services to clients in state custody. These clients are experiencing a behavioral health or substance use disorder and are at risk of out of home placement, institutional or residential care, need support to transition to a lower level of care or need assistance stabilizing during an emergent or ongoing crisis. The remaining authority in Residential Child Care is sufficient to cover anticipated expenditures. | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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RDU: Children's Services (486)

| Scenario/Change Record Title | Trans Type | Totals | Personal Services | Travel | Services | Commodities | Capital Outlay | Grants, Benefits | Miscellaneous | Positions | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|----------|----------------------|--------|----------|-------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|-----------|-----|----|
| | | | | | | | | | | PFT | PPT | NP |
| | Totals | 10,746.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 137.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10,608.8 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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

Component: Foster Care Special Need (2238)

| Line Number | Line Name | | FY2019 Actuals | FY2020 Management Plan | FY2021 Governor |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 2000 | Travel | | 2.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Object Class | Servicing Agency | Explanation | FY2019 Actuals | FY2020 Management Plan | FY2021 Governor |
| 2000 Travel Detail Totals | | | 2.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 2000 | In-State Employee Travel | Employee travel | 1.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 2003 | Out of State Non-Employee Travel | | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

Component: Foster Care Special Need (2238)

| Line Number | Line Name | | FY2019 Actuals | FY2020 Management Plan | FY2021 Governor |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 3000 | Services | | 27.1 | 137.5 | 137.5 |
| Object Class | Servicing Agency | Explanation | FY2019 Actuals | FY2020 Management Plan | FY2021 Governor |
| 3000 Services Detail Totals | | | 27.1 | 137.5 | 137.5 |
| 3001 | Financial Services | Contract for services related to Social Security applications and appeals | 0.0 | 110.0 | 110.0 |
| 3002 | Legal and Judicial Services | | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 3006 | Delivery Services | Delivery, freight, messenger, and courier costs. | 0.0 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| 3008 | Utilities | | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 3009 | Structure/Infrastructure/Land | | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 3011 | Other Services | Contractor for Supplemental Security Income Applications and Appeals for Youth in Office Children's Services Custody and One Card Charges. | 4.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 3024 | Inter-Agency Legal | H&SS - Bureau of Vital Statistics (961) | 21.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 3024 | Inter-Agency Legal | Law - Department-wide Reimbursable Services Agreement: Department of Law, Civil Division, Tribal discovery charges reimbursement. | 0.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 |

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

Component: Foster Care Special Need (2238)

| Line Number | Line Name | | FY2019 Actuals | FY2020 Management Plan | FY2021 Governor |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 7000 | Grants, Benefits | | 12,764.4 | 10,573.8 | 10,608.8 |
| Object Class | Servicing Agency | Explanation | FY2019 Actuals | FY2020 Management Plan | FY2021 Governor |
| 7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals | | | 12,764.4 | 10,573.8 | 10,608.8 |
| 7001 | Grants | Toxicology testing services for Office of Children's Services clients, Provider Agreement | 906.0 | 850.0 | 850.0 |
| 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. | 11,856.8 | 9,643.8 | 9,758.8 |
| 7002 | Benefits | H&SS - Alaska Psychiatric Institute (311) | 0.0 | 80.0 | 0.0 |
| 7003 | Sub-Recipient Pass-Through Grants | | 1.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Revenue Detail (1681)
Department of Health and Social Services

Component: Foster Care Special Need (2238)

| Revenue Type (OMB Fund Code) Revenue Source | Component | Comment | FY2019 Actuals | FY2020 Management Plan | FY2021 Governor |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 5002 Fed Rcpts (1002 Fed Rcpts) | | | 430.6 | 532.1 | 532.1 |
| 5019 Federal - Miscellaneous Grants | | Various Federal Receipts and Title IV-E of the Social Security Act | 430.2 | 532.1 | 532.1 |
| 5022 Federal - Charges for Services Prior Year Reimbrsmnt Recovry | | | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 5007 I/A Rcpts (1007 I/A Rcpts) | | | 3,721.5 | 3,700.0 | 3,700.0 |
| 5301 Inter-Agency Receipts | H&SS - Child Care Benefits (1897) | Reimbursable Services Agreement with Public Assistance Child Care for working Foster Care Providers | 3,721.5 | 3,700.0 | 3,700.0 |
| 6004 Gen Fund (1004 Gen Fund) | | | 4.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 6046 General Fund - Prior Year Reimbursement Recovery | | | 4.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

Component: Foster Care Special Need (2238)

| | | | FY2019 Actuals | FY2020 Management Plan | FY2021 Governor |
|--|-------------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Component Totals | | | 21.3 | 105.0 | 25.0 |
| With Department of Health and Social Services | | | 21.3 | 80.0 | 0.0 |
| With Department of Law | | | 0.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 |
| Object Class | Servicing Agency | Explanation | FY2019 Actuals | FY2020 Management Plan | FY2021 Governor |
| 3024 | Inter-Agency Legal | H&SS - Bureau of Vital Statistics (961) | 21.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 3024 | Inter-Agency Legal | Law - Department-wide Reimbursable Services Agreement: Department of Law, Civil Division, Tribal discovery charges reimbursement. | 0.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 |
| 7002 | Benefits | H&SS - Alaska Psychiatric Institute (311) | 0.0 | 80.0 | 0.0 |