

State of Alaska FY2021 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living Component Budget Summary

Component: General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living

Contribution to Department's Mission

Provide temporary assisted living funding to protect Alaska's vulnerable adults.

Core Services

- Provide temporary assisted living funding for vulnerable adults over the age of 18, as referred by Adult Protective Services investigators or community health professionals.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2019

- The General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living program served approximately 809 clients in FY2019. The division worked closely with care coordinators, hospital discharge planners, assisted living homes, family members, and adult protective services to determine eligibility for the General Relief Program and match vulnerable adults with assisted living homes.
- Senior and Disabilities Services successfully implemented a waitlist for the General Relief program in March 2019. This was necessary as the demand for General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living was outpacing the available funding. The division has worked with the provider community to provide education on alternate programs such as Housing and Urban Development 811 program, Home and Community Based Waiver programs and Community First Choice (CFC).
- Senior and Disabilities Services began using the Harmony system to track and process documentation for General Relief in FY2018. Refinement of the Harmony system brought new ways to track program encumbrances to more accurately project costs. New reports developed in Harmony provided increased oversight and program management opportunities that created efficiencies and streamlined the workflow. Together, the ability to accurately project costs and the streamlined workflow has led to more accurate and expedient provider payments, and a quicker process for reviewing and tracking applications.

Key Component Challenges

- Housing and service provision capacity development is a key need for many Alaska communities. Based on population projections provided by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the Alaska's senior population will likely pass the 80,000 mark in 2017 and top 100,000 in the coming years. The fraction of this population that requires assistance from the program will grow proportionately to the overall senior population.
- Many recipients of general relief do not have access to case management services therefore the division has limited ability to transition individuals from general relief assisted living to alternative housing options.
- Discrepancies in policies and procedures of the general relief programs administered by Senior and Disabilities Services and the division of Behavioral Health create additional challenges for the division.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2021

The division is continuing to modify the Harmony database to refine workflow processes. Senior and Disabilities Services is considering a pilot to allow a small number of providers to submit their General Relief applications through the Harmony system. The pilot would determine if this creates additional efficiencies in processing applications and would give the provider an ability to check the status of applications.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 47.65
PL 98-459

Service Programs for Older Alaskans and Other Adults
Public Law, Title III Older Americans Act, as Amended

AS 47.24	Protection of Vulnerable Adults
AS 47.33	Assisted Living Homes
45 CFR, Part 1321	Code of Federal Regulations
7 AAC 47.300	General Relief Assisted Living Home Care
7 AAC 43.170	Conditions for Payment
42 CFR, Part 440	Code of Federal Regulations, Services: General Provisions
7 AAC 43	Medical Assistance
AS 44.29.020	Department of Health and Social Services (Duties of department)

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Component Detail All Funds
Department of Health and Social Services

Component: General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living (2875)
RDU: Senior and Disabilities Services (487)

Non-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	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	7,141.1	7,141.4	7,141.4	7,141.4	7,141.4	0.0	0.0%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Totals	7,141.1	7,141.4	7,141.4	7,141.4	7,141.4	0.0	0.0%
Fund Sources:							
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	6,400.8	6,401.1	6,401.1	6,401.1	6,401.1	0.0	0.0%
1037 GF/MH (UGF)	740.3	740.3	740.3	740.3	740.3	0.0	0.0%
Unrestricted General (UGF)	7,141.1	7,141.4	7,141.4	7,141.4	7,141.4	0.0	0.0%
Designated General (DGF)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Other Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Federal Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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: General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living (2875)
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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 FY2020 Conference Committee To FY2020 Authorized *****												
FY2020 Conference Committee												
1004 Gen Fund	ConfCom	7,141.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7,141.4	0.0	0	0	0
1037 GF/MH		6,401.1										
		740.3										
	Subtotal	7,141.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7,141.4	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2020 Management Plan To FY2021 Governor *****												
	Totals	7,141.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7,141.4	0.0	0	0	0

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

Component: General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living (2875)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2019 Actuals	FY2020 Management Plan	FY2021 Governor
7000	Grants, Benefits		7,141.1	7,141.4	7,141.4
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2019 Actuals	FY2020 Management Plan	FY2021 Governor
		7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals	7,141.1	7,141.4	7,141.4
7002	Benefits		5,934.5	0.0	0.0
7003	Sub-Recipient Pass-Through Grants	General relief payments for assisted living housing and other supported costs for protecting and/or moving vulnerable adults from harm.	1,206.6	7,141.4	7,141.4

Revenue Detail (1681)
Department of Health and Social Services

Component: General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living (2875)

Revenue Type (OMB Fund Code) Revenue Source	Component	Comment	FY2019 Actuals	FY2020 Management Plan	FY2021 Governor
6004 Gen Fund (1004 Gen Fund)			46.1	0.0	0.0
6046 General Fund - Prior Year Reimbursement Recovery			46.1	0.0	0.0