

State of Alaska
FY2021 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Public Safety
Rural Trooper Housing
Component Budget Summary

Component: Rural Trooper Housing

Contribution to Department's Mission

Preserve public peace; protect life, property, and resources.

Core Services

- Provide leased and state-owned housing for state troopers in rural communities, which is essential for recruitment and retention in rural Alaska.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2019

The Department of Public Safety continued efforts to identify and consolidate rural trooper housing (RTH) units and leases, while continuing to provide service in remote Alaska communities. The department worked to expand the two-on/two-off (2/2) shared housing program, whereby troopers are stationed on a two-week duty tour sharing a housing unit with another trooper who is the replacement for the other two weeks of the month. Once fully implemented, this program will have multiple benefits with reduced costs to the State for leases, moving expenses for troopers and their families along with cost savings for utilities or maintenance in these shared duty stations. Reducing the number of leases currently in the RTH program is proving to be a cost savings benefit for those areas where operational needs allow for the two-on/two-off rotational assignments. Currently Aniak, Emmonak, Hooper Bay, Selawik and Togiak are using this model with additional locations under consideration.

The department completed numerous housing operations and maintenance projects either through direct project management using private sector contractors or through Reimbursable Services Agreements with DOT/PF.

Key Component Challenges

In order to accomplish their mission, the Alaska State Troopers (AST) and the Alaska Wildlife Troopers (AWT) must be able to transfer troopers to rural areas of the state, often on short notice. Troopers and their families must have habitable housing in rural locations where traditional real estate or rental markets are often non-existent. Affordable, decent housing is essential for retention of state troopers in rural Alaska. Experience has shown that if housing is unavailable, troopers are less willing to transfer to rural posts and their tenure at those locations is shorter.

The department currently has 60 housing units located in rural Alaska where housing is traditionally scarce. There are 14 state-owned units and 46 leased units in the following 18 communities: Aniak (2), Bethel (20), Cantwell (3), Cordova (3), Dillingham (5), Dutch Harbor (1), Emmonak (1), Galena (3), Healy (1), Hooper Bay (1), King Salmon (4), Kotzebue (7), McGrath (1), Nenana (1), Selawik (1), St. Mary's (3), Togiak (1), and Unalakleet (2). During FY2019, a lease in Healy was discontinued, and a state-owned unit in Northway was taken out of service. A state-owned unit in Cordova was added.

The 14 state-owned housing units Department of Public Safety (DPS) operates and maintains are in seven locations in western and interior Alaska. These units are all 40 years of age or older and in many cases were transferred to the department from federal agencies such as the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Health and Human Services (HHS), or the National Park Service (NPS). Eleven of these housing units are off the road system, resulting in significant logistical, maintenance, and manpower costs for contractors who must travel to these locations. Likewise, shipment of materials required to make repairs is costly.

The Rural Trooper Housing component in the operating budget funds lease payments and pays utilities with a minimal amount available for minor maintenance or emergency repairs for immediate health and safety concerns. Renovations are usually associated with short-notice or unplanned trooper relocations. There are significant maintenance issues at most of these facilities due to advanced age.

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Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2021

DPS received capital deferred maintenance funds in FY2020. The department is working to initiate a rural trooper housing rehabilitation program which will identify and implement critical renovations and upgrades to state-owned and leased rural trooper housing facilities. The department will recruit for a non-permanent position to develop and implement proactive measures to improve and maintain rural trooper housing facilities.

Healthy, safe, and well-maintained housing is essential for retention of state troopers in rural Alaska. Current management is largely reactive in nature, resulting in costs that could have been avoided through preventative maintenance. Deferred maintenance funding and implementation of the RTH rehabilitation program will allow the department to proactively manage and administer the program to ensure that troopers stationed at rural posts will have safe and habitable housing.

The department will continue to search for surplus federal housing units in rural communities. Repair needs will be identified, prioritized, and accomplished to the extent funding permits. Ongoing coordination between Department of Transportation/Public Facilities (DOT/PF) and contractors traveling to rural areas is important to maximize efforts to share travel costs and other expenses when possible.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

DPS - Powers and duties of department (AS 44.41.020)
State Troopers (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.110)
Police Protection (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.790)
Law enforcement duties (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.086)

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Component Detail All Funds
Department of Public Safety

Component: Rural Trooper Housing (515)
RDU: Alaska State Troopers (160)

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	0.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	0.0	0.0%
73000 Services	1,972.2	2,834.8	2,834.8	2,834.8	2,834.8	0.0	0.0%
74000 Commodities	6.2	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0%
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Totals	1,978.6	2,846.0	2,846.0	2,846.0	2,846.0	0.0	0.0%
Fund Sources:							
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	984.6	1,312.4	1,312.4	1,312.4	1,312.4	0.0	0.0%
1005 GF/Prgm (DGF)	958.0	1,497.6	1,497.6	1,497.6	1,497.6	0.0	0.0%
1007 I/A Rcpts (Other)	36.0	36.0	36.0	36.0	36.0	0.0	0.0%
Unrestricted General (UGF)	984.6	1,312.4	1,312.4	1,312.4	1,312.4	0.0	0.0%
Designated General (DGF)	958.0	1,497.6	1,497.6	1,497.6	1,497.6	0.0	0.0%
Other Funds	36.0	36.0	36.0	36.0	36.0	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 Public Safety

Component: Rural Trooper Housing (515)
RDU: Alaska State Troopers (160)

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 *****												
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ConfCom		2,846.0	0.0	6.2	2,834.8	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		1,312.4										
1005 GF/Prgm		1,497.6										
1007 I/A Rcpts		36.0										
Subtotal		2,846.0	0.0	6.2	2,834.8	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2020 Management Plan To FY2021 Governor *****												
Totals		2,846.0	0.0	6.2	2,834.8	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Public Safety
Travel

Component: Rural Trooper Housing (515)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2019 Actuals	FY2020 Management Plan	FY2021 Governor
2000	Travel		0.2	6.2	6.2
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2019 Actuals	FY2020 Management Plan	FY2021 Governor
2000 Travel Detail Totals			0.2	6.2	6.2
2000	In-State Employee Travel	Transportation costs to inspect and repair of rural trooper housing units throughout the State of Alaska.	0.2	6.2	6.2

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Public Safety
Services

Component: Rural Trooper Housing (515)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2019 Actuals	FY2020 Management Plan	FY2021 Governor
3000	Services		1,972.2	2,834.8	2,834.8
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2019 Actuals	FY2020 Management Plan	FY2021 Governor
3000 Services Detail Totals			1,972.2	2,834.8	2,834.8
3001	Financial Services	Interest, penalties, and fines.	0.2	1.8	1.8
3008	Utilities	Gas, electric, water and sewer, and other utility costs for rural trooper housing units.	472.0	655.0	655.0
3009	Structure/Infrastructure/Land	Rural Trooper Housing unit lease costs.	1,390.0	1,923.0	1,923.0
3010	Equipment/Machinery	Rural Trooper Housing unit equipment repair and maintenance services.	8.4	50.0	50.0
3020	Inter-Agency Building Maintenance	Labor - Department-wide	0.3	0.0	0.0
3020	Inter-Agency Building Maintenance	Trans - Department-wide	85.5	165.0	165.0
		RSAs with ADOTPF for maintenance of state-owned rural trooper housing units (ADOTPF's Central, Northern, and Southeast Regions).			
3023	Inter-Agency Building Leases	Trans - Department-wide	4.3	15.0	15.0
		Rental costs for rural trooper housing units located on ADOTPF land.			
3026	Inter-Agency Insurance	Admin - Department-wide	11.5	25.0	25.0
		Risk management property insurance for state owned rural trooper housing.			

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Public Safety
Commodities

Component: Rural Trooper Housing (515)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2019 Actuals	FY2020 Management Plan	FY2021 Governor
4000	Commodities		6.2	5.0	5.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2019 Actuals	FY2020 Management Plan	FY2021 Governor
4000 Commodities Detail Totals			6.2	5.0	5.0
4000	Business	Small equipment/tools for housing unit repairs.	5.9	4.0	4.0
4015	Parts and Supplies	Small equipment, tools, plumbing parts, building material, and misc. supplies for housing unit repairs and maintenance.	0.2	0.5	0.5
4016	Paint/Preservatives	Painting supplies for rural trooper housing units.	0.1	0.5	0.5

Revenue Detail (1681)
Department of Public Safety

Component: Rural Trooper Housing (515)

Revenue Type (OMB Fund Code) Revenue Source	Component	Comment	FY2019 Actuals	FY2020 Management Plan	FY2021 Governor
5005 GF/Prgm (1005 GF/Prgm)			958.0	1,497.6	1,497.6
5118 Program Receipts Public Protection - Rent and Royalties		Public Safety Employees Association (PSEA) contract negotiated housing, rent paid by employees serving in rural posts throughout Alaska. These rents are deducted from the employees' payroll and deposited into the Rural Trooper Housing component.	958.0	1,497.6	1,497.6
5007 I/A Rcpts (1007 I/A Rcpts)			36.0	36.0	36.0
5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	PubSaf - Rural Trooper Housing (515)	Sublease #12-06-006, of Bethel rural trooper housing unit, to DOTPF M&O.	36.0	36.0	36.0

Inter-Agency Services (1682)
Department of Public Safety

Component: Rural Trooper Housing (515)

				FY2019 Actuals	FY2020 Management Plan	FY2021 Governor
Component Totals				101.6	205.0	205.0
With Department of Labor and Workforce Development				0.3	0.0	0.0
With Department of Transportation/Public Facilities				89.8	180.0	180.0
With Department of Administration				11.5	25.0	25.0
Object Class		Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2019 Actuals	FY2020 Management Plan	FY2021 Governor
3020	Inter-Agency Building Maintenance	Labor - Department-wide		0.3	0.0	0.0
3020	Inter-Agency Building Maintenance	Trans - Department-wide	RSAs with ADOTPF for maintenance of state-owned rural trooper housing units (ADOTPF's Central, Northern, and Southeast Regions).	85.5	165.0	165.0
3023	Inter-Agency Building Leases	Trans - Department-wide	Rental costs for rural trooper housing units located on ADOTPF land.	4.3	15.0	15.0
3026	Inter-Agency Insurance	Admin - Department-wide	Risk management property insurance for state owned rural trooper housing.	11.5	25.0	25.0