

# **State of Alaska FY2022 Governor's Operating Budget**

**Department of Military and Veterans Affairs**

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**Mission**

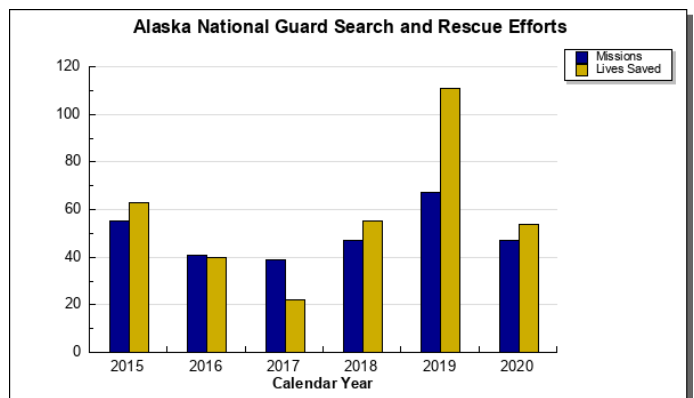
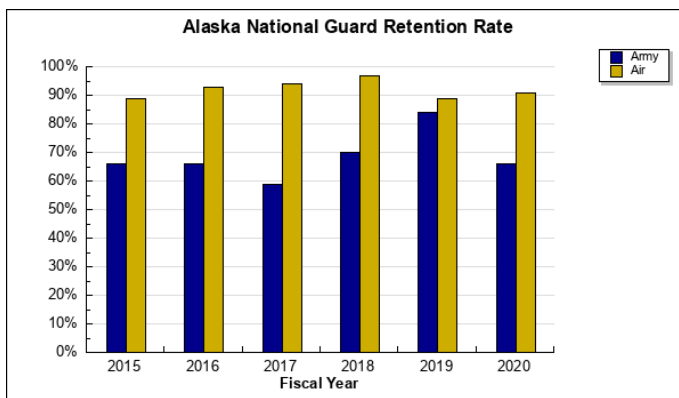
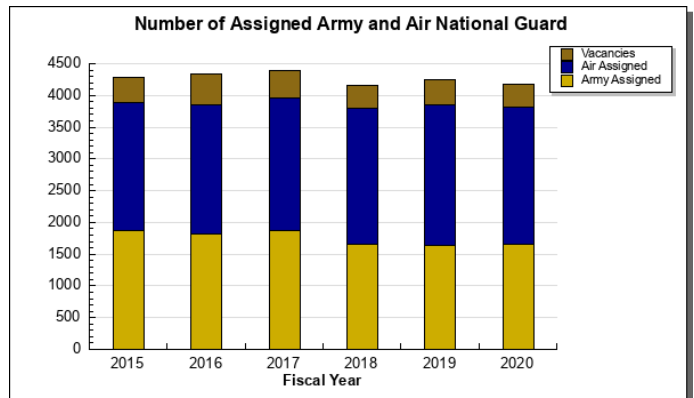
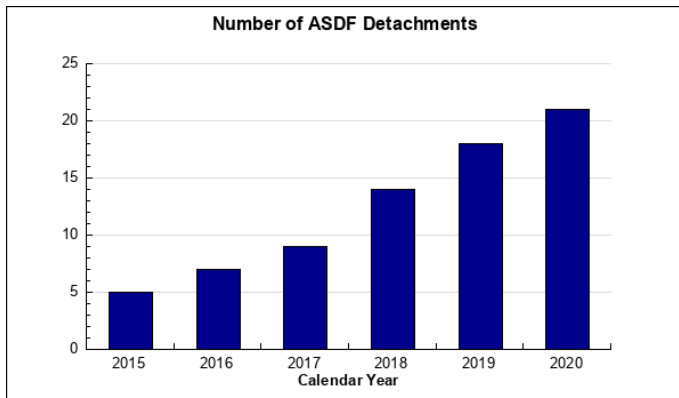
To provide military forces to accomplish military missions in the state and around the world; provide homeland security and defense; emergency response; veterans' services; and youth military style training and education.  
AS 26, AS 44.35

	<b>Core Services (in priority order)</b>	<b>UGF</b>	<b>DGF</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Fed</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>PFT</b>	<b>PPT</b>	<b>NP</b>	<b>% GF</b>
1	Defend and Protect Alaska and the United States	6,233.6	27.4	4,961.4	21,149.7	32,372.1	126.0	0.0	0.0	27.1%
2	Disaster Preparedness/Response and Recovery	9,922.6	150.0	3,573.2	7,115.9	20,761.8	86.0	0.0	0.0	43.5%
3	Youth Intervention	4,813.9	1.0	1,147.1	4,305.0	10,267.0	69.0	0.0	0.0	20.8%
4	Outreach to Veterans and Military Families	1,986.1	7.8	66.1	351.7	2,411.7	4.0	0.0	0.0	8.6%
	<b>FY2021 Management Plan</b>	<b>22,956.2</b>	<b>186.2</b>	<b>9,747.9</b>	<b>32,922.3</b>	<b>65,812.6</b>	<b>285.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	

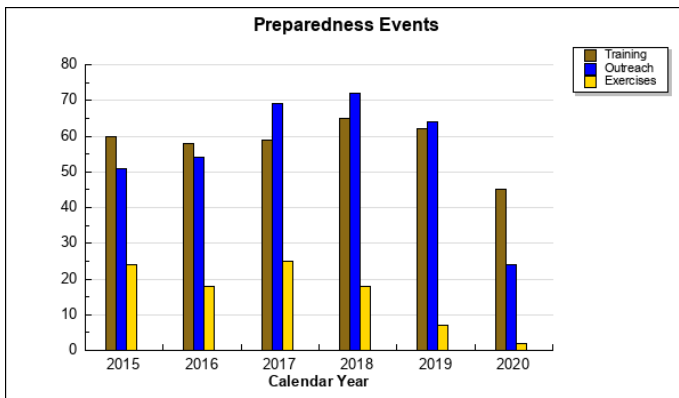
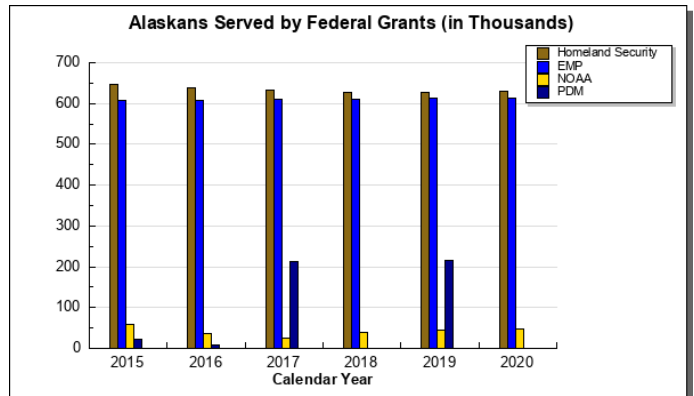
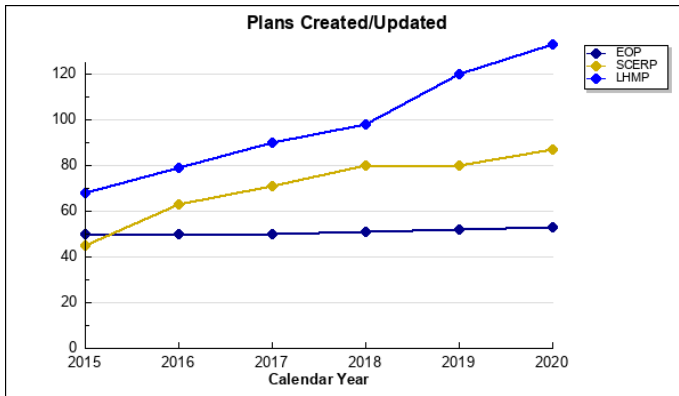
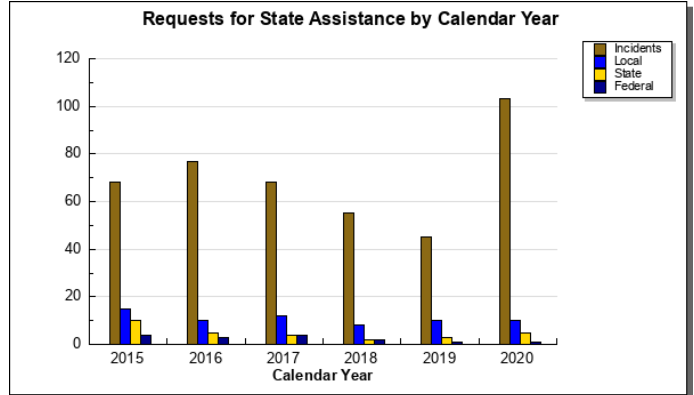
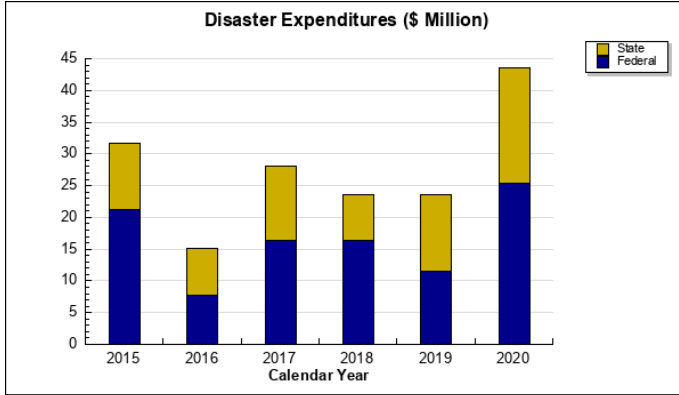
**Measures by Core Service**

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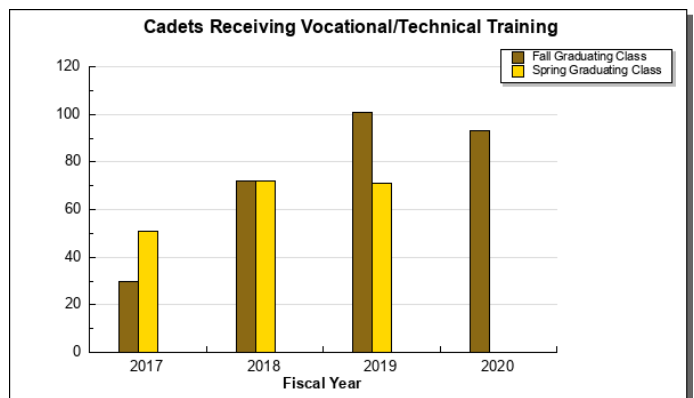
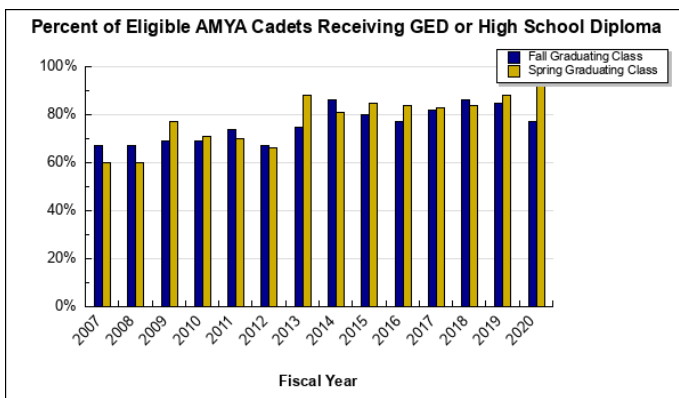
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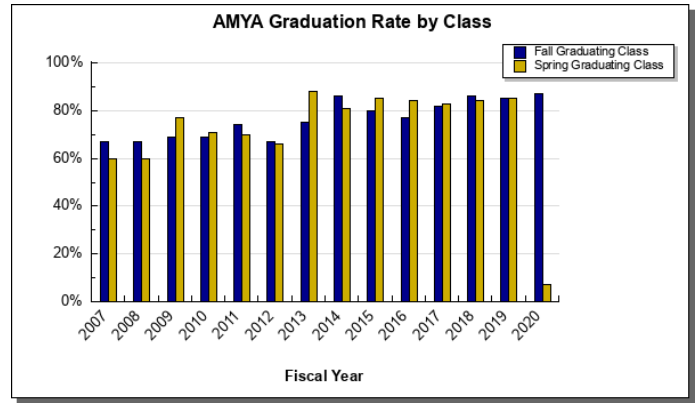
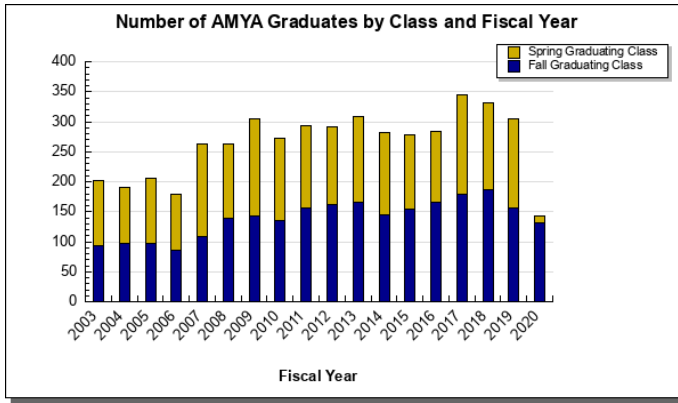


## 2. Disaster Preparedness/Response and Recovery

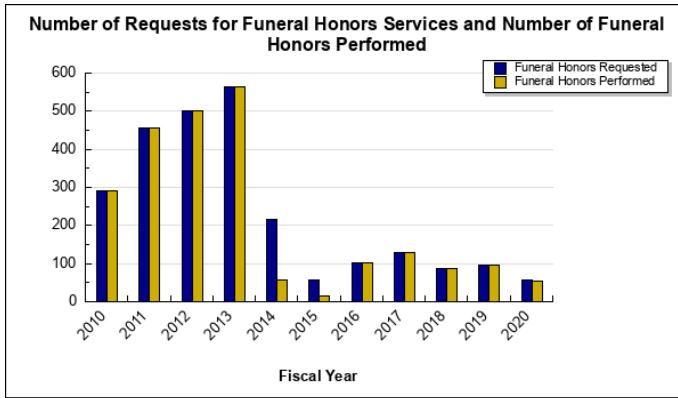
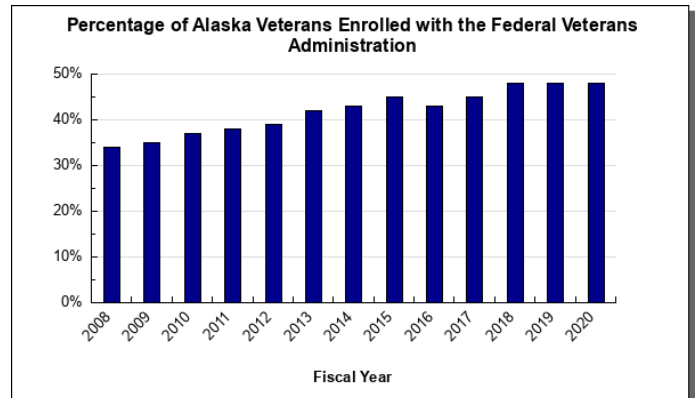
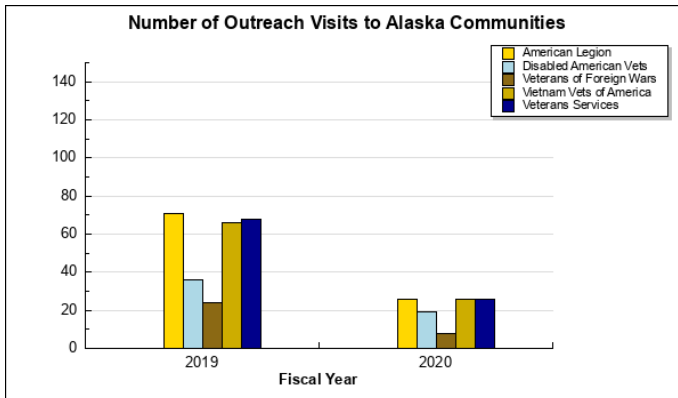
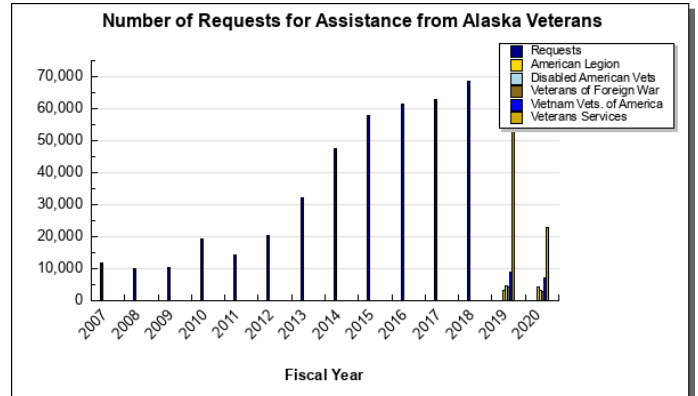
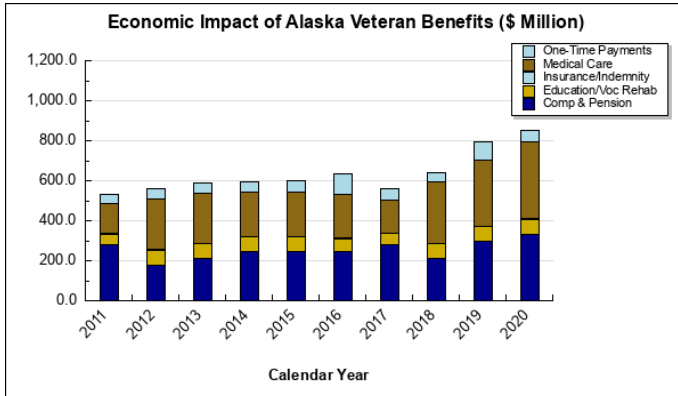


## 3. Youth Intervention





4. Outreach to Veterans and Military Families



## Major Department Accomplishments in 2020

### Defend and Protect Alaska and the United States

#### **Alaska Air National Guard**

The Alaska Air National Guard (AKANG) continued to execute a high operational tempo and deployment pace despite COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. In any given month, 30 to 40 Alaska Air National Guard members deployed around the world in support of multiple contingencies and operations.

The AKANG executed 24/7, 365-day operations in support of North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) air defense missions, National Missile Warning and Space Surveillance, Search and Rescue, and C-17 strategic airlift taskings.

The AKANG controlled over 100 defensive packages to include intercepting twelve Russian Long-Range Aviation packages and enforcing two Presidential Temporary Flight Restrictions; tracked over 275,000 space objects; transferred over 11 million pounds of fuel to over 1,100 receivers; and flew over 4,000 flight hours. Alaska ANG members excelled in multiple world-wide deployments, operations, and international/national/state-level exercises throughout the year.

The AKANG played key roles in the domestic operations for the Covid-19 pandemic response. As part of the Joint Task Force, AKANG members executed Federal Emergency Management Agency requests, coordinated with the Department of Health and Social Services, assisted in the creation of the State of Alaska COVID surge plan, and provided subsequent support in establishing one of the top contact tracing programs in the country. AKANG members also volunteered and served local communities, organizations, and remote Alaskan villages.

The brave men and women of the AKANG conducted long-range rescue alert for NASA's first crewed rocket launch from US soil since the decommissioning of the Space Shuttle. The Rescue Coordination Center directed and executed 102 Search and Rescue missions in Alaska's extreme arctic conditions, saving 64 lives.

#### **Alaska Army National Guard**

In 2020, the 1st Battalion, 297th Infantry Regiment and 297th Military Police Company redeployed from Kosovo and Kuwait respectively. Soldiers conducted law enforcement, personnel security, peacekeeping, training, and advising missions. The 297th Regional Support Group deployed to Poland to provide support at eleven bases that host rotational U.S., Polish, and other NATO forces participating in the Atlantic Resolve mission. The Alaska Army National Guard (AKARNG) continued support of its Mongolian partners in Afghanistan by providing two liaison teams to serve as leadership and training mentors. Alaska's state partnership with Mongolia began in 2003, and continues the combat mission partnership it started in 2004.

Organizational leadership emphasis on creating a positive command climate contributed immensely to the Army Guard exceeding recruiting, retention, and end strength missions this year. Army Guard leadership continues its focus on maintaining good order and discipline by addressing misconduct through use of the Alaska Code of Military Justice and administrative actions. An AKARNG Judge Advocate was appointed as the Alaska National Guard Military Judge. In addition, the Governor appointed the Military Appeals Commission members and approved the Non-judicial Punishment update. Both were required so court marshals could be a viable tool for military discipline.

#### **Alaska Aerospace Corporation (AAC)**

Alaska Aerospace Corporation (AAC) maintains and operates the Pacific Spaceport Complex – Alaska (PSCA), a state-of-the-industry spaceport on Kodiak Island. PSCA remains the only commercial polar launch range available in the United States, offering both orbital and suborbital capabilities for commercial and government interests. PSCA has been the launch site for several missile defense tests, orbital missions, and is a prime orbital launch site for light-lift vehicles supporting small satellite for government and commercial customers. PSCA has become a force multiplier in being the alternative West Coast range to Vandenberg AFB, providing additional capacity to test national security missions from an existing spaceport.

AAC supported three Rocket Lab launches at Mahia, New Zealand with telemetry and flight safety services for launches of the Electron rocket. At the end of calendar year 2019, the team had completed all requirements for

Rocket Lab and the equipment returned to Kodiak for refurbishment and upgrades. This successfully completed a total of ten launches and closed out the most innovative and successful deployment in Alaska Aerospace's history.

As stated by the Missile Defense Agency, "The Israel Missile Defense Organization (IMDO) of the Directorate of Defense Research and Development (DDR&D) and the U.S. Missile Defense Agency (MDA) completed a successful flight test campaign with the Arrow-3 Interceptor missile. Flight Test Arrow-01 demonstrated the Israeli Arrow Weapon System's ability to conduct a high altitude hit-to-kill engagement. Interceptor tests were conducted that successfully destroyed target missiles. These tests were conducted at PSCA in Kodiak, Alaska."

Governor Dunleavy recognized Alaska Aerospace staff with the Denali Peak Performance Exceptional Team award for 2020. Specifically, this award recognizes our team's Range Safety & Telemetry System (RSTS) operations that supported Rocket Lab and Government missions.

PSCA hosted the prize-based Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Launch Challenge. As noted by DARPA, "Today, space launch is a process that begins years in advance, and it relies on a limited number of launch ranges that have complex, expensive, and one-of-a-kind, fixed infrastructure. The DARPA Launch Challenge stressed the time, technology, systems, and processes that currently constrain access to space. The Challenge aimed to minimize launch infrastructure, improve responsiveness, and take advantage of advances in commercial launch cadence to demonstrate flexible launch capabilities in days rather than years, for our nation's defense." After an exhaustive year-plus long assessment of U.S. federal and commercial launch sites, PSCA was identified as the only location able to provide the responsiveness, capabilities, and agility to meet the Challenge's launch site needs. In February 2020, the launch campaign was held to quickly launch three small satellites into orbit with Astra Space's Rocket 3.0. The campaign ended 53-seconds short of lift-off when a rocket technical issue forced a scrub. Several lessons learned from the Challenge will inform and shape the future of responsive and agile military launch for years to come.

Alaska Aerospace upgraded PSCA spaceport capabilities, including enhancing orbital spaceport launch sites, improving site security capabilities, upgrading tracking and flight safety systems, and reducing launch logistics complexities.

## **Disaster Preparedness/Response and Recovery** **Homeland Security and Emergency Management**

Early in 2020, the division established a statewide Unified Command in the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) to support of Alaska's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The division continued to support the state COVID-19 response throughout the year. In addition, the SEOC organized responses to two magnitude 7.5+ earthquakes near Sand Point, Alaska that resulted in tsunami warnings, evacuations and local declarations of disaster for earthquake damage. During 2020, the SEOC also responded to community declarations of disaster for flooding and fire.

In the area of preparedness, the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) scaled back many of its exercise, training and outreach events due to the COVID-19 virus. Nonetheless, DHS&EM still managed to provide instructional training to over 1,200 individuals from state, local and tribal entities during 24 specialized training events, with the vast majority of these events being web-based. Before the lockdowns and restrictions resulting from the virus went into effect, the division conducted 24 outreach events with various entities statewide. Outreach staff dedicated the bulk of their time to Public Information related to the COVID-19 response. As local communities were focused on responding to the virus, DHS&EM's exercise section concentrated on planning for Alaska Shield 2022 and interactive planning with the Alaska National Guard for participation in the Arctic Eagle 2022 exercise.

DHS&EM continued to see several successes in the areas of planning and preparedness, while simultaneously responding to, and recovering from, the 2018 Cook Inlet Earthquake (CIE), 2019 wildfires and the 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic. The recovery from the 2018 CIE has thus far resulted in nearly \$50 million in Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) restoration projects and nearly \$30 million in assistance for individuals in Alaska. The 2019 wildfires destroyed dozens of homes in the Willow community and resulted in \$700 thousand for repairs and rental assistance to survivors. The COVID-19 pandemic response has permeated all aspects of life across Alaska

and federal assistance has taken many forms ranging from direct shipping of medical supplies to receiving additional funds from numerous agencies. FEMA Public Assistance grants alone are currently estimated at nearly \$125 million.

In the area of Hazard Mitigation, the division was able to submit and seek approval for 18 projects totaling over \$19 million in federal funding. The division has closed out the Pre-Disaster Grants for 2015 and 2016 and prepared over 20 projected mitigation plans for the grant years of 2018 and 2019 for rural communities. The State has received 10 Key Hazard Mitigation plans approved by FEMA and adopted by the communities, a significant step in qualifying for community eligibility for further funding for hazard mitigation projects. The division also submitted the Distribution Management Plan to FEMA for adoption, which is a significant step in the planning for a catastrophic natural disaster event in Alaska.

### **Alaska Public Safety Communication Services**

On July 1, 2020, Alaska Land Mobile Radio and State of Alaska Telecommunications System components were transferred from the Department of Administration, Office of Information Technology to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. In SFY20, the Alaska Public Safety Communications Office:

- Carried 17,083,370 push to talk and 9,227,362 group calls supporting first responders and critical workforce missions at the state, local, Department of Defense (DOD), and federal levels through the Alaska Land Mobile Radio (ALMR) system
- Continued to respond to system equipment failures, perform maintenance, and upgrades during COVID-19 pandemic as critical infrastructure workforce
- Performed periodic maintenance inspections and service on the state and DOD Motorola radio system infrastructure equipment, ensuring high reliability of the shared public safety communications system
- Managed completion of the annual inventory of approximately 22,191 subscriber units belonging to 130-member agencies
- Provided support for the contract effort to replace the ALMR site radios at 72 State of Alaska sites
- Developed a new training and delivery program, including on-line courses related to ALMR services and systems that can be consumed in 15-minutes or less video segments
- Responded to 61 unscheduled major outages, repairing equipment and restoring service to full operating capability

Provided critical communications support to first responders during the 300 fires on the road system via the ALMR system

### **Youth Intervention**

#### **Alaska Military Youth Academy**

The Alaska Military Youth Academy (AMYA) conducts two residential National Guard Youth Challenge Program classes each fiscal year. In 2020, AMYA graduated classes 2020-1 and 2020-2 in January and July, the 53rd and 54th classes since inception. Youth Challenge has two distinct phases. First, a holistic 22-week Residential Phase on the Camp Carroll Training Site, Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, with separate housing for male and female cadets. Following graduation, the Post-Residential Phase is a 12-month mentoring period during which graduates return to their communities and apply life strategies learned to become more productive members of society. In 2020, AMYA excelled at placing 100% of its graduates in durable activities including re-enrolling in secondary education, enrolling in post-secondary education, enlisting in the military, or employment. This level of achievement places AMYA in the top five programs across the nation.

AMYA graduated 142 cadets who earned 93 high school diplomas or General Education Development (GEDs) diplomas. A select number of eligible students who enrolled with 13.5 high school credits completed online courses to recover credits towards award of a credential, and a number of students opted to return to high school to continue their education. Class 2020-1 had 76 students who returned to school following graduation. An average of 35 students per class meet this standard and 50 – 60% finish the courses. AMYA is one of 41 Challenge sites nationwide that offers Everfi™ Endeavor S.T.E.M. (science, technology, engineering, and math) courses to 50 eligible students per year. Moreover, AMYA offers EduTyping.com keyboarding skills courses to all cadets as a means of equipping this generation of learners with the ability to connect their texting skills with online curricula and assessment platforms.

Beyond traditional academic materials, AMYA cadets participated in several career field-related programs. The pre-apprenticeship Cadet work experience was embedded into the academic rotation for Class 2020-1, and was unfortunately canceled during 2020-2 due to the Pandemic. Grant funding from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, (DOLWD) Youth Employment Initiative supported introduction to the Equipment & Engine Training Council's (EETC) Small Engine Repair course for 48 cadets. An additional 12 cadets participated in the Health Profession Opportunity Grant Program, and 10 took part in advanced physical training with Pacific Rim Athletics. Placement activities for all cadets focused on post-residential opportunities with introductions to Job Corps, AVTEC, military recruiters, and trade union-provided vocational training.

AMYA partners with active duty and guard members of the armed services to provide adult mentors and tutors for each class. Community stakeholders help with placement opportunities by conducting mock job interviews, guidance on resume' writing, and participating in Career Job Fairs. These alliances directly contribute to student employment, military service, and post-secondary education opportunities.

The AMYA counseling and nursing staff offer an experiential learning professional development environment for interns engaged in their practicum studies year-round through a Memorandum of Agreement with the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) School of Nursing, Walden University School of Nursing, and University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) School of Social Work. To enhance the ability to meet the needs of the cadets at the Alaska Military Youth Academy, the Medical and Counseling section has partnered with several community agencies such as Cook Inlet Tribal Council for Life Coping Skills, and Full Spectrum Health for additional behavioral health services and collaborative medication management.

## **Outreach to Veterans and Military Families**

### **Veterans' Services**

The Office of Veterans' Affairs (OVA) establishes and sustains comprehensive advocacy programs for all of Alaska's Veterans, Active Duty, National Guard/Reserves and dependents.

In SFY2020, the Office of Veterans' Affairs had four full-time staff who maintained and managed several advocacy programs for Alaska's veterans including: Alaska Veterans Advisory Council (13 members), State Veterans Cemetery planning consultants, Alaska Territorial Guard task force, volunteer Tribal Veteran Representatives, Veterans town hall meetings, Funeral Honors, Veterans Memorial Grant Funds, Veteran Service Officer grants, and the Rural Veteran Outreach Program. Staff members also partnered with other veteran organizations and agencies to prevent homelessness, provide services, reduce suicide, and build connections that serve Veterans and their dependents throughout Alaska.

The economic impact of Alaska Veteran Benefits is significant, averaging just over \$600 million annually over the past ten years. OVA remains keenly focused on connecting Veterans with benefits earned as a result of their service. In SFY2020, the combined OVA team assisted 40,511 Veterans, active duty, reserve component members, and family members, with federal and state benefits/claims questions and processing. Representatives completed 111 visits around the state, again reaching many veterans for the first time. There was a major down turn in access to those that OVA serves due to COVID-19 but the office is still serving our clients through a new appointment-only system and as a result of those efforts:

- The Veterans Affairs (VA) Mortgage Servicing Assistance program insured issuance of Certificates of Eligibility to 3,150 Veterans, resulting in over \$997 million in home loans
- The VA Healthcare System served a total of 37,000 Veterans receiving care totaling \$383 million in federal funds
- Compensation and pension increased annually by \$35 million, for a total of \$333 million federal funds – largest one-year increase and first year reaching this monumental amount
- Through successful navigation of the USDVA Appeals board, Veterans and families received over \$56 million in single one-time payments
- 3,881 veterans attended higher education/certification in Alaska, expending over \$74 million federal funds - \$1 million increase

Additional successes include:



- Co- Sponsored 23 Veteran town halls and 7 virtual town halls – 649 Veterans across Alaska were provided direct assistance in the area of medical access and benefits
- Receipt of a \$250,000 federal transportation grant, allowing 5916 Veterans to be funded travel for healthcare – Alaska is the only state in the nation selected
- Partnership with the US Department of Veterans Affairs resulted in 30 additional Tribal Veterans Representatives increasing the state-wide volunteer pool to 481, the largest Veteran’s volunteer corps in the nation.

## Key Department Challenges

### Defend and Protect Alaska and the United States

#### **Alaska Air National Guard**

The AKANG aims to exceed all standards with the most mission-diverse, relevant, and resilient units in the nation; however, the COVID-19 pandemic has led to numerous personnel and mission challenges. Numerous AKANG members deployed to combat zones were involuntarily extended due to lockdowns and restrictions of movement. However, COVID-19 restrictions and reduced funding also prompted the National Guard Bureau to alter the Separation Physical and Health Evaluation program for returning deployers. Replacing contractor -ed exams with a form completed by the member, streamlined the process and reduced cost, giving more time back to returning deployers while meeting the intent of the exam.

The AKANG advocates for flight simulators for the Air National Guard HC-130J communities as a means of maintaining pilot training requirements, reducing cost for travel to CONUS-based simulator locations, and reducing wear and tear on the aircraft. Additionally, the Operational Loss Replacement (OLR) of seven HH-60G helicopters continues to bring challenges. There are commensurate positive changes in manpower, facilities, and training requirements.

The Air Force’s decision to base F-35s at Eielson AFB continues to intensify the demand for tanker support stretching both base infrastructure and support. The need for proper federal resourcing to meet state and national operational requirements increases and requires investment from the mission owners to form a successful operational relationship. This approach is coupled with the desire to champion force development opportunities to shape state and military leaders and expand upon Alaska’s unique multi-use capability in support of state/community/partners.

The AKANG addresses recruiting and retention challenges through creative means as the COVID-19 pandemic limits local events and other traditional recruiting activities. Through an increase in virtual events, national level campaigning in social media and radio advertisement, the AKANG continues efforts towards solid growth in our forces. Additionally, the AKANG continues to enhance community synergy, growing relationships with the Civil Air Patrol, Alaska Military Youth Academy, University of Alaska Anchorage, University of Alaska Fairbanks, and surrounding school districts. Statewide collaboration efforts with school counselors to post AKANG videos in their schools’ online content serves as a conduit to reach potential recruits.

#### **Alaska Army National Guard**

AKARNG Facilities Maintenance Office (FMO) remains committed to improving the department’s capital project execution rate. To achieve this, FMO will continue to communicate to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the need for deferred maintenance projects and requests for new capital appropriations. FMO will pursue alternative methods which could allow for higher execution of projects utilizing DMVA staff. If DMVA is able to execute more capital projects internally, this will help to facilitate quicker project completion timelines as well decrease costs.

The division will work to identify and prioritize projects, as it partners with the Office of Management and Budget and the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities on the State’s evolving approach to addressing capital project and deferred maintenance needs

State matching funds are a key enabler of major military construction projects. States compete to secure federal military construction funds for major construction projects. Securing those projects is a complicated, time consuming process and states can go years without receiving a project.

## **Alaska Aerospace Corporation**

While annual sustainment costs of a space launch facility, including personnel, infrastructure, business development, environmental, and other liabilities, remain a significant challenge, AAC streamlines its performance to provide cost competitive launch services to both government and commercial customers and has not received any general funds for operations and sustainment since FY2015.

## **Disaster Preparedness/Response and Recovery** **Homeland Security and Emergency Management**

With the increased COVID-19 risk to deploying personnel, a significant portion of the division's operational mission have moved to a virtual environment, reducing direct in-person communication with local communities, tribal organizations, and agency partners. DHS&EM and the SEOC continue to respond to requests for State assistance (monetary and technical) for events that fall outside of the scope of Alaska Statute 26.23.900. Events such as erosion, fuel shortages, and water shortages continue to challenge communities throughout Alaska. The SFY21 budget, with support from the Legislature, saw a significant influx of funding into the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF). Maintaining this legislatively-approved, readily available fund source is key to the State's ability to speed relief and recovery actions during various emergency scenarios.

## **Alaska Public Safety Communication Services**

Alaska Public Safety Communication Services (APSCS) has gone through a period where a significant loss of highly experienced staff occurred as employees took jobs outside of State Government or elected to retire. The public safety communications systems and services portfolio requires highly specialized staff requiring extensive training and years of experience to successfully support the mission-critical, life-safety systems and customers. The office will be working to obtain specific vendor training as well as executing a robust on-the-job training program to develop both new hires and remaining staff to fill experience voids as a result of the personnel departures.

The system infrastructure is valued at approximately \$200 million. Much of the system is decades old and requires continuous maintenance, repairs, and lifecycle refresh programs. The office will be making a concerted effort to accomplish preventative maintenance on the equipment and infrastructure as well as executing manufacturer recommended scheduled maintenance.

## **Youth Intervention**

### **Alaska Military Youth Academy**

During the early stages of the COVID-19 Pandemic, AMYA transitioned to a distant delivery model for the 145 Cadets who went home early from class 2020-2. The distant delivery model for an at-risk population presented significant challenges and limited success as only 10 cadets completed the program through graduation. Program candidates are typically behind in credits due to non-participation or failing in-person classes at a traditional school. AMYA continues to seek ways to ensure the program provides the greatest return on investment. AMYA's authorized staffing level was reduced from 89 to 69 between 2014 and 2019. The current staffing level supports a class graduation target between 100 and 125 with noticeable shortages in counseling and case management. AMYA experienced authorized absences due to COVID-19, driving a large increase in overtime costs to maintain a safe campus environment.

Budgeted overtime amount is now more than double that from four years ago and based on the first three pay periods of this year, AMYA projects meeting or exceeding that budgeted amount by year end. That rate is accelerated due to COVID-19 staff impacts. Additionally, AMYA experiences an above average turnover rate with members departing at an increasing rate as they gain experience seeking other opportunities in law enforcement, fire services, corrections, or other similar career fields.

The majority of the facilities supporting the ChalleNGe program were built in the 1970s and were intended for limited use during Alaska Army National Guard training periods. While multiple modifications have occurred to support the ChalleNGe program, continued operations will require additional maintenance, renewal, and replacement to support future missions and requirements. The Division will work to identify and prioritize these within the Department, as it partners with the Office of Management and Budget and the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities on the State's evolving approach to addressing deferred maintenance needs.

## **Outreach to Veterans and Military Families** **Veterans' Services**

Challenges associated with designing, constructing, and operating an interment facility in Interior Alaska have proven many and varied. Fortunately, with strong partnership from the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, Department of Natural Resources, and the Alaska Mental Health Trust, a more promising location for the proposed Interior Alaska Veterans Cemetery is being finalized. Still pending is the land sale of the old site, federal funding after the state match is completed, and after construction the annual operating costs will need to be funded.

The COVID-19 crisis resulted in significant challenges regarding workload and how OVA delivers services. The office has shifted to filing claims by appointment and is now able to serve clients by filing individual claims and placing the claims into the VA secure system so teleworking VA staff are able to continue processing new claims. This new process continues to move claims through the system, but the largest challenge today is personal physicals required for claims validation. This is a work in process.

## **Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2022**

### **Defend and Protect Alaska and the United States**

#### **Alaska Air National Guard**

The 168th Logistics Readiness Squadron continues to make great strides in the effort to stand up a petroleum, oil, and lubricant flight to provide critical ground refueling capability for both equipment and aircraft. Construction on the Long-Range Discrimination Radar is scheduled to be completed in 2021 with Initial Operational Capability soon after. Additionally, construction of a new wing medical facility is scheduled to break ground by the summer of 2022. The new medical facility will allow the 168th Medical Group to perform on-site medical and dental exams, consultations, audiograms, Public Health activities, pre/post deployment questionnaires, and routine training.

The 176th Wing is currently in the process of acquiring two additional mission sets. The 176th Communications Flight will migrate to a Cyber Squadron and provide Cyber Defense Teams to the AKANG mission. An association with the 11th Air Operations Center is also currently underway. The 176th Medical Group doubled its remote mission capabilities based on FY21 budget requests. The forecasted training budget will require a minimum 50% increase due to new Title 10 mission requirements and in preparation to execute the Arctic Strategy.

#### **Alaska Army National Guard**

Alaska Army Guard priorities for future military construction projects at Bryant Army Airfield (BAAF) on JBER are as follows: An aircraft maintenance hangar to provide hangar space and specialized work areas; a National Guard Readiness Center to provide aviation units with administrative, training and storage space that typically comes with a Readiness Center instead of using hangar space; and an Airfield Operations building for the Airfield Operations Activity to effectively run air operations.

#### **Alaska Aerospace Corporation**

Alaska Aerospace will strengthen the vision of the PSCA being a multi-user spaceport by continuing to support government missions, increase the launch cadence of commercial rockets, and add new launch vehicle operators to the spaceport's customer list. Additional improvements and facility upgrades will enable efficient and effective access to space.

### **Disaster Preparedness/Response and Recovery**

#### **Homeland Security and Emergency Management**

FY2022 division operations in the COVID-19 environment will continue to rely heavily on technology for virtual communications that is often not as available or effective for Alaska's rural communities. The division is continuing to reach out to communities to conduct grant reviews and kickoffs virtually to ensure the safety of all citizens, while ensuring that all federal grant requirements are satisfactorily met.

#### **Alaska Public Safety Communication Services**

APSCS will continue to oversee and support implementation of the ALMR system hardware and software refresh currently under contract. Efforts will also be expanded to inform and work with all state, local and federal ALMR users to update their radio equipment and programming to optimize the system and improve interoperable communications. APSCS is executing funded deferred maintenance work and developing detailed documentation on existing deferred maintenance requirements.

## Youth Intervention

### **Alaska Military Youth Academy**

AMYA's focus post-pandemic recovery will be on vocational exposure and post-residential placement. With a large population of Alaskan students attending school via distant delivery in the 2020-21 school year, the number of students who are at-risk of not graduating with their academic cohort will increase. Recruiting focus will turn to those students with an opportunity to turn their lives around on campus. AMYA's program focus is on education for Alaska's 16-18-year-old at risk youth to include completion of High School, or equivalent along with training in eight core components: Leadership/followership, Responsible Citizenship, Academic Excellence, Job Skills, Life Coping Skills, Health and Hygiene, Service to Community, and Physical Fitness. AMYA expanded opportunities for elective job skills training to encompass the entire academic phase to enable students to focus on their areas of interest. AMYA will continue to seek efficiencies through enhanced partnerships with other state, federal, and private sector entities to maximize the long-term success of Graduates in meeting the needs of the Alaska labor market. In an effort to build a pipeline for students following graduation, AMYA also is forging a relationship with the Department of Labor's training and vocational programs such as Job Corps and AVTEC.

## Outreach to Veterans and Military Families

### **Veterans' Services**

The Alaskan VA Healthcare System started a new initiative to improve health care in Alaska. The first step was to break ground on a new 11,000sq ft Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) located in the community of Soldotna. This clinic will be completed in the summer of 2021 and add two more VA doctors and support staff to this area. After that, a full time CBOC was established in Homer and a doctor and staff are now serving at that new location. The Alaska VA announced they are relocating the CBOC on Ft Wainwright to a new 11,000sq ft facility in Fairbanks. This location is still under negotiations and at the same time they revealed their pending expansion for the CPOC in Wasilla. This will increase appointment availability significantly ensuring all who need care in each location will receive it. With the other medical partnerships in place, OVA has reached the highest level of care offered to enrolled Veterans. Alaska today has 98% medical coverage for Veterans.

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<b>FY2022 Capital Budget Request</b>					
<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Unrestricted Gen (UGF)</b>	<b>Designated Gen (DGF)</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Federal Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson (JBER) Digital Control, Generator, and Preventative Maintenance	3,812,500	0	0	4,037,500	7,850,000
Kotzebue Tarmac Repair and Maintenance	4,812,500	0	0	387,500	5,200,000
Mass Notification System - Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson (JBER)	2,500,000	0	0	2,500,000	5,000,000
State Homeland Security Grant Programs	0	0	0	7,500,000	7,500,000
<b>Department Total</b>	<b>11,125,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14,425,000</b>	<b>25,550,000</b>

*This is an appropriation level summary only. For allocations and the full project details see the capital budget.*

### Summary of Department Budget Changes by RDU

From FY2021 Management Plan to FY2022 Governor

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>Unrestricted Gen (UGF)</u>	<u>Designated Gen (DGF)</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2021 Management Plan</b>	<b>22,956.2</b>	<b>186.2</b>	<b>9,747.9</b>	<b>32,922.3</b>	<b>65,812.6</b>
<b>One-time items:</b>					
-Military & Veterans Affairs	0.0	-7.8	-10.9	0.0	-18.7
<b>Adjustments which continue current level of service:</b>					
-Military & Veterans Affairs	-123.0	0.0	20.4	218.0	115.4
<b>Proposed budget increases:</b>					
-Military & Veterans Affairs	58.0	7.8	2,360.9	1,400.0	3,826.7
<b>Proposed budget decreases:</b>					
-Military & Veterans Affairs	-824.9	0.0	-46.6	-3,163.0	-4,034.5
<b>FY2022 Governor</b>	<b>22,066.3</b>	<b>186.2</b>	<b>12,071.7</b>	<b>31,377.3</b>	<b>65,701.5</b>

**Department Totals**  
**Department of Military and Veterans Affairs**

<b>Description</b>	<b>FY2020 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2021 Conference Committee</b>	<b>FY2021 Authorized</b>	<b>FY2021 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2022 Governor</b>	<b>FY2021 Management Plan vs FY2022 Governor</b>	
Department Totals	69,890.0	66,063.0	65,813.0	65,812.6	65,701.5	-111.1	-0.2%
<b>Objects of Expenditure:</b>							
71000 Personal Services	28,264.8	31,800.1	31,800.1	31,547.5	31,462.7	-84.8	-0.3%
72000 Travel	587.7	1,550.1	1,550.1	1,381.2	1,225.1	-156.1	
73000 Services	33,202.7	27,369.6	27,119.6	27,033.6	27,921.3	887.7	3.3%
74000 Commodities	4,285.6	2,600.9	2,600.9	2,630.5	2,653.2	22.7	0.9%
75000 Capital Outlay	785.7	124.6	124.6	124.6	124.6	0.0	0.0%
77000 Grants, Benefits	2,763.5	2,609.9	2,609.9	3,087.4	2,306.8	-780.6	-25.3%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	0.0	0.0%
<b>Funding Source:</b>							
1001 CBR Fund (UGF)	0.0	5,801.9	5,739.4	5,739.4	0.0	-5,739.4	-100.0%
1002 Fed Rcpts (Fed)	41,838.3	32,922.3	32,922.3	32,922.3	31,377.3	-1,545.0	-4.7%
1003 G/F Match (UGF)	7,322.1	5,707.3	5,707.3	5,707.3	7,346.0	1,638.7	28.7%
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	7,958.1	11,697.0	11,509.5	11,509.5	14,720.3	3,210.8	27.9%
1005 GF/Prgm (DGF)	0.0	178.4	178.4	178.4	178.4	0.0	0.0%
1007 I/A Rcpts (Other)	5,922.8	4,736.3	4,736.3	4,736.3	5,059.0	322.7	6.8%
1061 CIP Rcpts (Other)	1,568.3	1,336.6	1,336.6	1,336.6	3,337.7	2,001.1	149.7%
1101 AERO Rcpts (Other)	5,226.4	2,829.5	2,829.5	2,829.5	2,829.5	0.0	0.0%
1108 Stat Desig (Other)	43.1	835.0	835.0	835.0	835.0	0.0	0.0%
1181 Vets Endow (Other)	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.5	10.5	0.0	0.0%
1234 LicPlates (DGF)	0.0	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	0.0	0.0%
<b>Totals:</b>							
Unrestricted Gen (UGF)	15,280.2	23,206.2	22,956.2	22,956.2	22,066.3	-889.9	-3.9%
Designated Gen (DGF)	0.0	186.2	186.2	186.2	186.2	0.0	0.0%
Other Funds	12,771.5	9,748.3	9,748.3	9,747.9	12,071.7	2,323.8	23.8%
Federal Funds	41,838.3	32,922.3	32,922.3	32,922.3	31,377.3	-1,545.0	-4.7%
<b>Positions:</b>							
Permanent Full Time	264	288	288	285	281	-4	-1.4%
Permanent Part Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Non Permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

**Component Summary Unrestricted General Funds Only**  
**Department of Military and Veterans Affairs**

<b>Results Delivery Unit/ Component</b>	<b>FY2020 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2021 Conference Committee</b>	<b>FY2021 Authorized</b>	<b>FY2021 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2022 Governor</b>	<b>FY2021 Management Plan vs FY2022 Governor</b>	
<b>Military &amp; Veterans Affairs</b>							
SATS	0.0	4,927.8	4,927.8	4,927.8	0.0	-4,927.8	-100.0%
ALMR	0.0	2,303.1	2,303.1	2,303.1	0.0	-2,303.1	-100.0%
Office of the Commissioner	2,566.0	2,633.4	2,633.4	2,633.4	2,233.9	-399.5	-15.2%
Homeland Security & Emerg Mgt	2,505.3	2,112.4	2,112.4	2,112.4	1,990.6	-121.8	-5.8%
Army Guard Facilities Maint.	2,174.5	2,540.0	2,540.0	2,540.0	2,503.2	-36.8	-1.4%
Air Guard Facilities Maint.	1,698.7	1,897.9	1,897.9	1,897.9	1,934.2	36.3	1.9%
Alaska Military Youth Academy	4,608.4	4,682.2	4,682.2	4,682.2	4,699.4	17.2	0.4%
Veterans' Services	1,722.3	1,854.4	1,854.4	1,854.4	1,842.5	-11.9	-0.6%
State Active Duty	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0%
Civil Air Patrol	0.0	250.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
AK Public Safety Communic. Svcs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6,857.5	6,857.5	100.0%
<b>RDU Totals:</b>	<b>15,280.2</b>	<b>23,206.2</b>	<b>22,956.2</b>	<b>22,956.2</b>	<b>22,066.3</b>	<b>-889.9</b>	<b>-3.9%</b>
<b>Unrestricted Gen (UGF):</b>	15,280.2	23,206.2	22,956.2	22,956.2	22,066.3	-889.9	-3.9%
<b>Designated Gen (DGF):</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>Other Funds:</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>Federal Funds:</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>Total Funds:</b>	<b>15,280.2</b>	<b>23,206.2</b>	<b>22,956.2</b>	<b>22,956.2</b>	<b>22,066.3</b>	<b>-889.9</b>	<b>-3.9%</b>



**Component Summary All Funds**  
**Department of Military and Veterans Affairs**

<b>Results Delivery Unit/ Component</b>	<b>FY2020 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2021 Conference Committee</b>	<b>FY2021 Authorized</b>	<b>FY2021 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2022 Governor</b>	<b>FY2021 Management Plan vs FY2022 Governor</b>		
<b>Military &amp; Veterans Affairs</b>								
Veterans Memorial Endowment	10.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
SATS	0.0	5,017.8	5,017.8	5,017.8	0.0	-5,017.8	-100.0%	
ALMR	0.0	4,263.1	4,263.1	4,263.1	0.0	-4,263.1	-100.0%	
Office of the Commissioner	5,182.8	5,992.1	5,992.1	5,992.1	5,547.7	-444.4	-7.4%	
Homeland Security & Emerg Mgt	9,930.6	9,824.4	9,824.4	9,824.4	8,649.9	-1,174.5	-12.0%	
Army Guard Facilities Maint.	12,141.2	10,624.9	10,624.9	10,624.9	11,968.1	1,343.2	12.6%	
Air Guard Facilities Maint.	6,251.2	6,974.8	6,974.8	6,974.8	6,935.8	-39.0	-0.6%	
Alaska Military Youth Academy	8,972.0	9,773.7	9,773.7	9,773.7	9,811.9	38.2	0.4%	
Veterans' Services	2,042.2	2,224.8	2,224.8	2,224.4	2,213.2	-11.2	-0.5%	
State Active Duty	1,466.2	325.0	325.0	325.0	325.0	0.0	0.0%	
Civil Air Patrol	0.0	250.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
AK Public Safety Communic. Svcs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9,457.5	9,457.5	100.0%	
<b>RDU Totals:</b>	<b>45,997.1</b>	<b>55,270.6</b>	<b>55,020.6</b>	<b>55,020.2</b>	<b>54,909.1</b>	<b>-111.1</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	
<b>Alaska Aerospace Corporation</b>								
AK Aerospace Corp	2,369.2	4,228.1	4,228.1	4,076.4	4,076.4	0.0	0.0%	
AAC Facilities Maintenance	21,523.7	6,564.3	6,564.3	6,716.0	6,716.0	0.0	0.0%	
<b>RDU Totals:</b>	<b>23,892.9</b>	<b>10,792.4</b>	<b>10,792.4</b>	<b>10,792.4</b>	<b>10,792.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	
<b>Unrestricted Gen (UGF):</b>	<b>15,280.2</b>	<b>23,206.2</b>	<b>22,956.2</b>	<b>22,956.2</b>	<b>22,066.3</b>	<b>-889.9</b>	<b>-3.9%</b>	
<b>Designated Gen (DGF):</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>186.2</b>	<b>186.2</b>	<b>186.2</b>	<b>186.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	
<b>Other Funds:</b>	<b>12,771.5</b>	<b>9,748.3</b>	<b>9,748.3</b>	<b>9,747.9</b>	<b>12,071.7</b>	<b>2,323.8</b>	<b>23.8%</b>	
<b>Federal Funds:</b>	<b>41,838.3</b>	<b>32,922.3</b>	<b>32,922.3</b>	<b>32,922.3</b>	<b>31,377.3</b>	<b>-1,545.0</b>	<b>-4.7%</b>	
<b>Total Funds:</b>	<b>69,890.0</b>	<b>66,063.0</b>	<b>65,813.0</b>	<b>65,812.6</b>	<b>65,701.5</b>	<b>-111.1</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	
<b>Permanent Full Time:</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-1.4%</b>	
<b>Permanent Part Time:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	
<b>Non Permanent:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	
<b>Total Positions:</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-1.4%</b>	

**Inter-Agency Revenue Summary**  
**Department of Military and Veterans Affairs**  
**Revenue Type Inter-Agency Receipts Only**

Scenario: FY2022 Governor (17280)

IRIS Revenue Type	IRIS Revenue Source Code	Component	Total
<b>Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Totals:</b>			<b>4,956.3</b>
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	Courts - Department-wide	300.0
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	E&ED - Department-wide	452.5
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	H&SS - Department-wide	100.0
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	Labor - Department-wide	103.3
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Air Guard Facilities Maint. (416)	40.5
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - AK Aerospace Corp (1424)	13.3
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Alaska Military Youth Academy (1969)	53.5
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Army Guard Facilities Maint. (415)	445.2
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Homeland Security & Emerg Mgt (2657)	995.9
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Veterans' Services (421)	56.5
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	NatRes - Department-wide	2,048.3
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	PubSaf - Department-wide	100.0
5061 CIP Rcpts	5351 Capital Improvement Project	M&VA - Army Guard Facilities Maint. (415)	87.0
5061 CIP Rcpts	5351 Capital Improvement Project	M&VA - Homeland Security & Emerg Mgt (2657)	146.9
5061 CIP Rcpts	5351 Capital Improvement Project	PubSaf - Department-wide	13.4
<b>RDU: Military &amp; Veterans Affairs (530)</b>			<b>4,956.3</b>
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	Courts - Department-wide	300.0
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	E&ED - Department-wide	452.5
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	H&SS - Department-wide	100.0
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	Labor - Department-wide	103.3
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Air Guard Facilities Maint. (416)	40.5
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - AK Aerospace Corp (1424)	13.3
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Alaska Military Youth Academy (1969)	53.5
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Army Guard Facilities Maint. (415)	445.2
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Homeland Security & Emerg Mgt (2657)	995.9
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Veterans' Services (421)	56.5
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	NatRes - Department-wide	2,048.3
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	PubSaf - Department-wide	100.0
5061 CIP Rcpts	5351 Capital Improvement Project	M&VA - Army Guard Facilities Maint. (415)	87.0
5061 CIP Rcpts	5351 Capital Improvement Project	M&VA - Homeland Security & Emerg Mgt (2657)	146.9
5061 CIP Rcpts	5351 Capital Improvement Project	PubSaf - Department-wide	13.4
<b>Component: Office of the Commissioner (414)</b>			<b>1,350.1</b>
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Air Guard Facilities Maint. (416)	40.5
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - AK Aerospace Corp (1424)	13.3
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Alaska Military Youth Academy (1969)	53.5
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Army Guard Facilities Maint. (415)	93.5
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Homeland Security & Emerg Mgt (2657)	945.9
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Veterans' Services (421)	56.5
5061 CIP Rcpts	5351 Capital Improvement Project	M&VA - Homeland Security & Emerg Mgt (2657)	146.9
<b>Component: Homeland Security and Emergency Management (2657)</b>			<b>1,998.3</b>
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	NatRes - Department-wide	1,998.3
<b>Component: Army Guard Facilities Maintenance (415)</b>			<b>852.1</b>
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	Courts - Department-wide	300.0
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Army Guard Facilities Maint. (415)	351.7
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	PubSaf - Department-wide	100.0
5061 CIP Rcpts	5351 Capital Improvement Project	M&VA - Army Guard Facilities Maint. (415)	87.0
5061 CIP Rcpts	5351 Capital Improvement Project	PubSaf - Department-wide	13.4
<b>Component: Alaska Military Youth Academy (1969)</b>			<b>655.8</b>
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	E&ED - Department-wide	452.5
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	H&SS - Department-wide	100.0
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	Labor - Department-wide	103.3
<b>Component: State Active Duty (836)</b>			<b>100.0</b>

**Inter-Agency Revenue Summary**  
**Department of Military and Veterans Affairs**  
**Revenue Type Inter-Agency Receipts Only**

**Scenario: FY2022 Governor (17280)**

<b>IRIS Revenue Type</b>	<b>IRIS Revenue Source Code</b>	<b>Component</b>	<b>Total</b>
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Homeland Security & Emerg Mgt (2657)	50.0
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	NatRes - Department-wide	50.0