

State of Alaska
FY2022 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Education and Early Development
Pre-Kindergarten Grants
Component Budget Summary

Component: Pre-Kindergarten Grants**Contribution to Department's Mission**

To provide a voluntary, comprehensive, half-day preschool program for four- and young five-year old's (five-year old children who do not meet the cutoff date for Kindergarten entry) through school districts, based on the guiding principles and goals set forth in the Alaska Early Learning Guidelines. The focus is improving standards, assessments, and accountability for early childhood education programs by developing active partnerships between families, schools, and community-based entities.

Core Services

- Active partnerships

Major Component Accomplishments in 2020

- Expanded Quality Pre-Elementary Programs: Early Learning revised the Alaska Pre-Elementary Grants to meet the needs of current grantees by developing locally designed pre-elementary programs and/or supporting existing early learning programs in their districts; and
- Twenty-five (25) school districts received grants for the 2019-2020 school year. Programs ranged from classrooms in school districts, collaborations with existing Head Starts or licensed childcares, and home-based programming.

Key Component Challenges

- The advent of the COVID-19 health pandemic prohibited the reliable documentation of assessment activity in spring 2020. As a result, data comparing each student's growth from the beginning to the end of the 2019-2020 school year is not available;
- Ongoing difficulties implementing quality pre-elementary services due to unsustainability of program funding. Program results consistently show child achievement, however a limited number of students in the state have access to quality pre-elementary services;
- Academic growth and proficiency for all students in reading, writing, and math leading to an improved graduation rate by increasing the number of children arriving at Kindergarten ready to learn as well as increasing the number of schools ready for their local kindergarteners and their families;
- Refine state standards and assessments to demonstrate the needs of young learners;
- Maintain or expand the number of children served, based on the total number of children served; and,
- Expand partnership work to include collaborative data-driven decision making based on the use of common child outcome assessment and the expansion of early childhood collaboration efforts.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2022School Readiness Pre-Elementary Programs

- Maintain or expand the number of children served equitably in a quality program in both school district supported pre-elementary programs. Expansion numbers will be based on the FY2020 total number of children served;
- Work in collaboration with other divisions to address the goals for the department set forward by Alaska's Education Challenge and other statewide initiatives;
- Continue with the implementation of Alaska's early learning statewide assessment systems to identify key areas for measurable outcomes in early development;
- Develop and maintain accurate count numbers for children receiving pre-elementary services in Alaska; and
- Work in collaboration with early learning partners and stakeholders to define "kindergarten ready" and work from a shared understanding of it.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

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Component Detail All Funds
Department of Education and Early Development

Component: Pre-Kindergarten Grants (3028)

Non-Formula Component

RDU: Education Support and Administrative Services (677)

| | FY2020 Actuals | FY2021 Conference Committee | FY2021 Authorized | FY2021 Management Plan | FY2022 Governor | FY2021 Management Plan vs FY2022 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 | 2,000.0 | 6,300.0 | 2,000.0 | 3,200.0 | 3,200.0 | 0.0 0.0% |
| 78000 Miscellaneous | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 0.0% |
| Totals | 2,000.0 | 6,300.0 | 2,000.0 | 3,200.0 | 3,200.0 | 0.0 0.0% |
| Fund Sources: | | | | | | |
| 1001 CBR Fund (UGF) | 0.0 | 1,575.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 0.0% |
| 1004 Gen Fund (UGF) | 2,000.0 | 4,725.0 | 2,000.0 | 3,200.0 | 3,200.0 | 0.0 0.0% |
| Unrestricted General (UGF) | 2,000.0 | 6,300.0 | 2,000.0 | 3,200.0 | 3,200.0 | 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 Education and Early Development

Component: Pre-Kindergarten Grants (3028)
RDU: Education Support and Administrative Services (677)

| Scenario/Change Record Title | Trans Type | Totals | Personal Services | Travel | Services | Commodities | Capital Outlay | Grants, Benefits | Miscellaneous | Positions | | NP |
|---|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|------------|------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| | | | | | | | | | | PFT | PPT | |
| ***** Changes From FY2021 Conference Committee To FY2021 Authorized ***** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Conference Committee | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ConfCom | 6,300.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6,300.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1001 CBR Fund | | 1,575.0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1004 Gen Fund | | 4,725.0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eliminate Temporary Pre-Kindergarten Grants | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Veto | -4,300.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -4,300.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1001 CBR Fund | | -1,575.0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1004 Gen Fund | | -2,725.0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| These funds were originally added in FY2019 as a two-year pilot project and served a small portion of Alaska's pre-kindergarten population. Additional State funding is not available to continue this pilot project. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Subtotal | 2,000.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2,000.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ***** Changes From FY2021 Authorized To FY2021 Management Plan ***** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Transfer Early Childhood Grants Authority from Early Learning Coordination to Improve Childhood Education Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Trin | 1,200.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1,200.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1004 Gen Fund | | 1,200.0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Transfer Early Childhood Grants authority from Early Learning Coordination to Pre-Kindergarten Grants to improve standards, assessments, and accountability for early childhood education programs. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Subtotal | 3,200.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3,200.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ***** Changes From FY2021 Management Plan To FY2022 Governor ***** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Totals | 3,200.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3,200.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Education and Early Development
Grants, Benefits

Component: Pre-Kindergarten Grants (3028)

| Line Number | Line Name | | FY2020 Actuals | FY2021 Management Plan | FY2022 Governor |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 7000 | Grants, Benefits | | 2,000.0 | 3,200.0 | 3,200.0 |
| Object Class | Servicing Agency | Explanation | FY2020 Actuals | FY2021 Management Plan | FY2022 Governor |
| 7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals | | | 2,000.0 | 0.0 | 3,200.0 |
| 7003 | Sub-Recipient Pass-Through Grants | Competitive grant awards to entities that meet the criteria to receive Pre-Kindergarten program grants. | 2,000.0 | 0.0 | 3,200.0 |