

State of Alaska
FY2022 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services
Foster Care Base Rate
Component Budget Summary

Component: Foster Care Base Rate

Contribution to Department's Mission

Reimburse licensed foster parents for the basic needs of foster children in their care.

Core Services

- Reimburses foster parents for the basic and ongoing costs of raising a child.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2020

Provided foster care payments for a monthly average of 1,999 full-time equivalent children in foster care. "Full-time equivalent" is a methodology used to calculate foster care expenditures while compensating for the daily fluctuation of children moving in and out of the program. In recent years children placed in foster care have more complex needs and issues, and foster parents are often required to have a greater level of specialized knowledge. The Office of Children's Services supplied foster parent training to provide the essential skills needed to successfully deal with the individual behaviors and special needs of the children in their care.

The department also continued to offer childcare to working foster parents as a foster parent recruitment and retention effort.

Key Component Challenges

- The Office of Children's Services continues to need additional foster homes. Efforts to recruit foster parents equipped to meet the complex needs of Alaska's foster children are ongoing but have been reduced due to the pandemic. Not having enough appropriate placement options also increases the likelihood of multiple placements for children and is contradictory to the best interests of a child, and the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978.
- Foster care base rates are computed and reviewed on an annual basis to determine if established rates are sufficient for the daily care and supervision of a child in a licensed foster care placement. Considerations are given to the needs of children by age and geographic location to equitably compensate, recruit, and retain foster parents.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2022

No anticipated changes in results to be delivered.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 47.05.065(3)	Legislative Findings Related to Children
AS 47.10	Children in Need of Aid
AS 47.14.020	Duties of Department
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 Foster Care Payment Rates and Difficulty-of-Care Augmentation
7 AAC 53, Article 3	Children in Custody or Under Supervision: Needs and Income

Titles IV-E of the Social Security Act

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Component Detail All Funds
Department of Health and Social Services

Component: Foster Care Base Rate (2236)
RDU: Children's Services (486)

Formula Component

	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	22,825.0	21,001.4	21,001.4	21,119.9	21,119.9	0.0	0.0%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Totals	22,825.0	21,001.4	21,001.4	21,119.9	21,119.9	0.0	0.0%
Fund Sources:							
1001 CBR Fund (UGF)	0.0	2,295.9	2,295.9	2,295.9	0.0	-2,295.9	-100.0%
1002 Fed Rcpts (Fed)	5,772.3	6,218.1	6,218.1	6,336.6	6,336.6	0.0	0.0%
1003 G/F Match (UGF)	4,999.4	3,766.7	3,766.7	3,766.7	5,022.3	1,255.6	33.3%
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	7,107.3	3,120.7	3,120.7	3,120.7	4,161.0	1,040.3	33.3%
1005 GF/Prgm (DGF)	4,946.0	5,600.0	5,600.0	5,600.0	5,600.0	0.0	0.0%
Unrestricted General (UGF)	12,106.7	9,183.3	9,183.3	9,183.3	9,183.3	0.0	0.0%
Designated General (DGF)	4,946.0	5,600.0	5,600.0	5,600.0	5,600.0	0.0	0.0%
Other Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Federal Funds	5,772.3	6,218.1	6,218.1	6,336.6	6,336.6	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 Base Rate (2236)
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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 FY2021 Conference Committee To FY2021 Authorized *****												
Conference Committee												
	ConfCom	21,001.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21,001.4	0.0	0	0	0
1001 CBR Fund		2,295.9										
1002 Fed Rcpts		6,218.1										
1003 G/F Match		3,766.7										
1004 Gen Fund		3,120.7										
1005 GF/Prgm		5,600.0										
Subtotal		21,001.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21,001.4	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2021 Authorized To FY2021 Management Plan *****												
Transfer from Foster Care Augmented Rate for Payments to Providers of Foster Care												
	Trin	118.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	118.5	0.0	0	0	0
1002 Fed Rcpts		118.5										
Transfer from Foster Care Augmented Rate to Foster Care Base Rate for payments to providers of foster care. Federal authority is needed in the Foster Care Base Rate component due to a higher percentage of Title IV-E eligible children. The remaining Foster Care Augmented Rate authority is sufficient to perform the core services of the component.												
Subtotal		21,119.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21,119.9	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2021 Management Plan To FY2022 Governor *****												
Fund Source Adjustment of CBRF to UGF												
	FndChg	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1001 CBR Fund		-2,295.9										
1003 G/F Match		1,255.6										
1004 Gen Fund		1,040.3										
Replace Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund (CBRF) used as a one-time funding mechanism in FY2021.												
Totals		21,119.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21,119.9	0.0	0	0	0

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

Component: Foster Care Base Rate (2236)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
7000	Grants, Benefits		22,825.0	21,119.9	21,119.9
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals			22,825.0	21,119.9	21,119.9
7002	Benefits	Reimbursement to foster care providers for the basic ongoing needs of a foster child. Costs include but are not limited to items such as; food, clothing, shelter, personal, and grooming items.	22,780.0	21,119.9	21,119.9
7003	Sub-Recipient Pass-Through Grants		45.0	0.0	0.0

Revenue Detail (1681)
Department of Health and Social Services

Component: Foster Care Base Rate (2236)

Revenue Type (OMB Fund Code) Revenue Source	Component	Comment	FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
5002 Fed Rcpts (1002 Fed Rcpts)			5,840.0	6,336.6	6,336.6
5019 Federal - Miscellaneous Grants		Title IV-E of the Social Security Act funding	5,840.0	6,336.6	6,336.6
5005 GF/Prgm (1005 GF/Prgm)			4,946.0	5,600.0	5,600.0
5115 Program Receipts Health & Human Svcs - Charges for Services		General fund program receipts ability to receive Supplemental Security Income/Social Security Administration and Child support	4,946.0	5,600.0	5,600.0
6004 Gen Fund (1004 Gen Fund)			17.5	0.0	0.0
6046 General Fund - Prior Year Reimbursement Recovery			17.5	0.0	0.0