

State of Alaska FY2022 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services Alaska Pioneer Homes Results Delivery Unit Budget Summary

Alaska Pioneer Homes Results Delivery Unit

Contribution to Department's Mission

Alaska Pioneer Homes: Providing elder Alaskans a home and community, celebrating life through its final breath.

Results

(Additional performance information is available on the web at <https://omb.alaska.gov/results>.)

Core Services

- Memory Care
- Personal Care and Assistance
- Activities
- Food Service
- Provide a Home

Measures by Core Service

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1. Memory Care

2. Personal Care and Assistance

3. Activities

4. Food Service

5. Provide a Home

Major RDU Accomplishments in 2020

- Served 543 elders, 49 percent required the highest level of care/service.
- The Palmer Alaska Veterans and Pioneers Home converted 14 of their 79 beds to a Veterans' Administration nursing home designation, increasing Veterans' Administration reimbursement rates for this home.
- Hospitality services transition was completed September 1, 2019.
- Regulation change to Title 7 of the Alaska Administrative Code increasing levels of service and adding two additional levels of service offered within the homes to clearly define the services each resident receives in the continuum of care offered within the Pioneer Homes.

Key RDU Challenges

- An increasing number of elders on the division's waitlist are requesting to move into the memory care unit or higher levels of service due to more complex health care needs. Fewer elders are transferring to the active waitlist for lower levels of service, which is keeping some beds unoccupied. Memory care and higher levels of service require a higher staffing ratio as well as accessible rooms and bathrooms. Staff are currently evaluating low cost opportunities to add additional memory care or higher-level care beds.
- Continuously identifying areas of efficiencies for the five Pioneer Homes, the Alaska Veterans and Pioneers Home and the centralized Pioneer Homes pharmacy.
- Identifying psychiatric services and geriatric psychiatric residential care facilities for residents that have behavioral health needs or complex dementia-related behaviors beyond the scope of the Pioneer Homes.
- Recruiting and retaining skilled direct care personnel with competencies in best practices for aging and dementia care.
- COVID-19 pandemic has caused numerous challenges including decrease in admissions, lack of visitation for elders, Wifi connectivity, and getting COVID-19 testing machines and test cartridges.
- Anchorage Pioneer Home fourth floor renovation has had construction delays and is set to be completed

- spring or early summer 2021.
- Aging and older infrastructure in each of the homes needs to be addressed before more severe issues arise.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2022

- The division will make twenty-two additional beds available on the fourth floor of the Anchorage Pioneer Home. The division is also continuing to explore ways to best utilize this space to meet the needs of Alaska's vulnerable populations.
- The division is modernizing billable elder supply tracking by converting to an electronic platform. This will allow for consistency and accuracy, reducing errors while improving efficiencies.
- The division is conducting a thorough review of organizational structure within each home to ensure efficiencies and alignment with best practices.

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**Alaska Pioneer Homes
RDU Financial Summary by Component**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2020 Actuals				FY2021 Management Plan				FY2022 Governor			
	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
Formula Expenditures												
APH Payment Assistance	24,815.4	0.0	0.0	24,815.4	36,964.3	0.0	0.0	36,964.3	36,964.3	0.0	0.0	36,964.3
Non-Formula Expenditures												
Alaska Pioneer Homes Management	1,400.0	0.0	0.0	1,400.0	1,653.9	0.0	0.0	1,653.9	1,661.7	0.0	0.0	1,661.7
Pioneer Homes	24,332.4	32,152.6	1,391.9	57,876.9	21,576.6	42,668.5	1,591.9	65,837.0	21,726.6	42,804.5	1,602.9	66,134.0
Totals	50,547.8	32,152.6	1,391.9	84,092.3	60,194.8	42,668.5	1,591.9	104,455.2	60,352.6	42,804.5	1,602.9	104,760.0

**Alaska Pioneer Homes
Summary of RDU Budget Changes by Component
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>
FY2021 Management Plan	40,838.6	19,356.2	42,668.5	1,591.9	104,455.2
Adjustments which continue current level of service:					
-Alaska Pioneer Homes Management	7.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.8
-Pioneer Homes	15.4	134.6	136.0	11.0	297.0
FY2022 Governor	40,861.8	19,490.8	42,804.5	1,602.9	104,760.0