

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

## **Department of Health and Social Services General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living Component Budget Summary**

**Component: General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living**

**Contribution to Department's Mission**

Provide temporary assisted living funding to protect Alaska's vulnerable adults.

**Core Services**

- Provide temporary assisted living funding for vulnerable adults over the age of 18, as referred by Adult Protective Services investigators or community health professionals.

**Major Component Accomplishments in 2020**

- The General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living program served approximately 539 clients in FY2020. The division worked closely with care coordinators, hospital discharge planners, assisted living homes, family members, and Adult Protective Services to determine eligibility for the program and match vulnerable adults with assisted living homes.
- Senior and Disabilities Services implemented a waitlist for the program in March 2019. This was necessary as the demand for General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living was outpacing the available funding. The division has worked with the provider community to provide education on alternate programs including the Housing and Urban Development 811 program, Home and Community Based Waiver programs and Community First Choice (CFC), and services that may be available through the Division of Behavioral Health 1115 Demonstration Waiver. The implementation of the waitlist increased education about alternative programs.
- Senior and Disabilities Services began using the Harmony system to track and process documentation for General Relief in FY2018. Refinement of the Harmony system brought new ways to track program encumbrances and more accurately project costs. New reports provided increased oversight and program management opportunities leading to efficiencies and streamlined workflows. Together, this has resulted in accurate and expedient provider payments and a quicker process for reviewing and tracking applications. In FY2020, the Harmony system allowed the division to track additional data about the population utilizing General Relief such as: most common diagnoses, guardianship status with the Office of Public Advocacy, and the attrition of General Relief recipients.

**Key Component Challenges**

- Housing and service provision capacity development is a key need for many Alaskan communities. Alaska's senior population is projected to reach nearly 98,000 in 2020 and more than 100,000 by 2025 and, a portion of the senior population, which requires assistance from this program, is anticipated to grow proportionately.
- Many recipients do not have access to case management services. Therefore, the division has limited ability to transition individuals from General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living program to alternative housing options.
- Discrepancies in policies and procedures of the general relief programs administered by Senior and Disabilities Services and the division of Behavioral Health create additional challenges for the division.

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

The division continues to modify the Harmony system to refine workflow processes. Priorities in FY2022 will be focused on building capacity with the provider community for alternatives to the General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living program for individuals who do not have functional limitations and who may benefit from better case management. Additionally, the division will continue improving how it tracks and administers the General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living program. FY2021 highlighted a need to adapt to a paperless process and continue partnering with the provider community to explore methods to efficiently administer the program.

### Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 47.65	Service Programs for Older Alaskans and Other Adults
PL 98-459	Public Law, Title III Older Americans Act, as Amended
AS 47.24	Protection of Vulnerable Adults
AS 47.33	Assisted Living Homes
45 CFR, Part 1321	Code of Federal Regulations
7 AAC 47.300	General Relief Assisted Living Home Care
7 AAC 43.170	Conditions for Payment
42 CFR, Part 440	Code of Federal Regulations, Services: General Provisions
7 AAC 43	Medical Assistance
AS 44.29.020	Department of Health and Social Services (Duties of department)

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**Component Detail All Funds**  
**Department of Health and Social Services**

**Component:** General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living (2875)  
**RDU:** Senior and Disabilities Services (487)

Non-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	5,746.0	7,141.4	7,141.4	7,141.4	6,976.5	-164.9	-2.3%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,746.0</b>	<b>7,141.4</b>	<b>7,141.4</b>	<b>7,141.4</b>	<b>6,976.5</b>	<b>-164.9</b>	<b>-2.3%</b>
<b>Fund Sources:</b>							
1001 CBR Fund (UGF)	0.0	1,600.3	1,600.3	1,600.3	0.0	-1,600.3	-100.0%
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	5,746.0	4,800.8	4,800.8	4,800.8	6,236.2	1,435.4	29.9%
1037 GF/MH (UGF)	0.0	740.3	740.3	740.3	740.3	0.0	0.0%
<b>Unrestricted General (UGF)</b>	<b>5,746.0</b>	<b>7,141.4</b>	<b>7,141.4</b>	<b>7,141.4</b>	<b>6,976.5</b>	<b>-164.9</b>	<b>-2.3%</b>
<b>Designated General (DGF)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Federal Funds</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Positions:</b>							
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:** General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living (2875)  
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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 *****												
<b>Conference Committee</b>												
	ConfCom	7,141.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7,141.4	0.0	0	0	0
1001 CBR Fund		1,600.3										
1004 Gen Fund		4,800.8										
1037 GF/MH		740.3										
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>7,141.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>7,141.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
***** Changes From FY2021 Management Plan To FY2022 Governor *****												
<b>Reduce Authority in General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living</b>												
	Dec	-164.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-164.9	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		-164.9										
Reduce general fund authority in the General Relief Assisted Living Home (GRALH) Program. Per the Alaska Administrative Code (7 AAC 47.465), applicants will receive funding as it becomes available. The number of applicants utilizing assistance through the General Relief Assisted Living Home Program has decreased.												
<b>Fund Source Adjustment of CBRF to UGF</b>												
	FndChg	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1001 CBR Fund		-1,600.3										
1004 Gen Fund		1,600.3										
Replace Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund (CBRF) used as a one-time funding mechanism in FY2021.												
<b>Totals</b>		<b>6,976.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>6,976.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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

**Component:** General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living (2875)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
7000	Grants, Benefits		5,746.0	7,141.4	6,976.5
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
<b>7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals</b>			<b>5,746.0</b>	<b>7,141.4</b>	<b>6,976.5</b>
7002	Benefits		5,746.0	0.0	0.0
7003	Sub-Recipient Pass-Through Grants	General relief payments for assisted living housing and other supported costs for protecting and/or moving vulnerable adults from harm.	0.0	7,141.4	6,976.5

**Revenue Detail (1681)**  
**Department of Health and Social Services**

**Component:** General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living (2875)

Revenue Type (OMB Fund Code) Revenue Source	Component	Comment	FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
<b>6004 Gen Fund (1004 Gen Fund)</b>			<b>101.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
6046 General Fund - Prior Year Reimbursement Recovery			101.4	0.0	0.0