

State of Alaska FY2023 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Education and Early Development Broadband Assistance Grants Component Budget Summary

Component: Broadband Assistance Grants

Contribution to Department's Mission

Supports student learning by providing schools with robust broadband services.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2021

Funds were distributed to school districts, reimbursing eligible costs incurred by the districts in 2021. Twenty-eight (28) school districts representing 154 schools applied for and received \$6,156.6 in state financial assistance to bring bandwidth up to 25 Mbps. This is an increase of eight school districts and 82 schools since 2020.

Key Component Challenges

No significant challenges.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2023

Staff will continue to monitor the number of schools and the amount of funding required to provide 100% support for 25 Mbps of broadband. In past years, the cost of broadband decreased over time, which led to fewer schools needing to apply for these grants.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 14.03.127

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Component Detail All Funds
Department of Education and Early Development

Component: Broadband Assistance Grants (3004)
RDU: Alaska State Libraries, Archives and Museums (386)

Non-Formula Component

	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Conference Committee	FY2022 Authorized	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor	FY2022 Management Plan vs FY2023 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	186.0	186.0	186.0	186.0	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	0.0	7,611.9	7,611.9	7,611.9	6,611.9	-1,000.0	-13.1%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Totals	0.0	7,797.9	7,797.9	7,797.9	6,797.9	-1,000.0	-12.8%
Fund Sources:							
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	0.0	7,797.9	7,797.9	7,797.9	6,797.9	-1,000.0	-12.8%
Unrestricted General (UGF)	0.0	7,797.9	7,797.9	7,797.9	6,797.9	-1,000.0	-12.8%
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

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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 FY2022 Conference Committee To FY2022 Authorized *****												
FY2022 Conference Committee	ConfCom	7,797.9	0.0	0.0	186.0	0.0	0.0	7,611.9	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		7,797.9										
Subtotal		7,797.9	0.0	0.0	186.0	0.0	0.0	7,611.9	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2022 Management Plan To FY2023 Governor *****												
Reverse Internet for Schools (SB74) (Sec2 Ch8 SLA2020 P41 L23 (HB205))	FNOTI	-1,000.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-1,000.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		-1,000.0										
Totals		6,797.9	0.0	0.0	186.0	0.0	0.0	6,611.9	0.0	0	0	0

Fiscal note out-year projections have been updated to reflect actual expenditures.

School BAG was expanded through the passage of SB 74 Internet for Schools. The legislation increased the megabit threshold from 10 megabits to 25 megabits per second (Mbps). The fiscal note calculation was based on bringing a maximum of 173 schools up to the increased speed. The out-years of the fiscal note estimated an annual three percent reduction.

As the program is implemented and internet costs decrease, the cost of the program has also decreased resulting in excess funding. In FY2022, all 28 eligible school districts consisting of 154 schools were funded at the full amount and the department is projecting to lapse approximately \$1,629.0. This reduction does not represent the full excess authority, and instead reserves approximately \$600.0 to accommodate any new applications during FY2023.

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Education and Early Development
Services

Component: Broadband Assistance Grants (3004)

Line Number	Line Name			FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
3000	Services			0.0	186.0	186.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation		FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
3000 Services Detail Totals				0.0	186.0	186.0
3024	Inter-Agency Legal	Law - Department-wide	Department of Law legal services and regulations review.	0.0	186.0	186.0

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

Component: Broadband Assistance Grants (3004)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
7000	Grants, Benefits		0.0	7,611.9	6,611.9
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
		7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals	0.0	7,611.9	6,611.9
7003	Sub-Recipient Pass-Through Grants	School broadband assistance grants.	0.0	7,611.9	6,611.9

Inter-Agency Services (1682)
Department of Education and Early Development

Component: Broadband Assistance Grants (3004)

				FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
Component Totals				0.0	186.0	186.0
With Department of Law				0.0	186.0	186.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation		FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
3024 Inter-Agency Legal	Law - Department-wide	Department of Law legal services and regulations review.		0.0	186.0	186.0