

State of Alaska FY2023 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health Foster Care Special Need Component Budget Summary

Component: Foster Care Special Need

Contribution to Department's Mission

Provide funding to meet special and/or occasional needs of children in state custody, as mandated by statute. This financial support enhances the state's service delivery system by fulfilling many fiduciary obligations for children in state custody and their families that fall outside of monthly reimbursed rates to foster parents.

Core Services

- To pay for pre-approved essential expenditures not covered by the foster care base rate and are assessed on a case-by case basis.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2021

The Foster Care Special Need program covers a large spectrum of costs that include but are not limited to clothing, childcare, transportation, clinical services, special equipment and furniture, or damages to the foster parents' property by a child in state custody. Other costs include services to parents not otherwise covered under grants, Medicaid, or other health insurance plans necessary for the rehabilitation of the parents to reunite or visit with their children. The Foster Care Special Need program alleviates the financial burden for resource families willing to provide for housing and the most basic health and safety needs of children in state custody. More than 18,136 requests were authorized and processed on behalf of 3,752 clients.

The statewide centralization of programmatic requests for commodities (tangible goods) occurred to provide additional support to foster parents, licensing staff and case workers. The centralization involved the implementation of a 1-800 number. Resource families can connect with a staff person located in the Office of Children's Services statewide office who can quickly help navigate the processes necessary to secure the tangible item or services for children in their care.

Key Component Challenges

- The Office of Children's Services faces a continuing challenge in keeping pace with increased costs to meet the varying needs of children and families. Federal requirements for visitation between children in custody and family members have resulted in increased travel costs, particularly in the rural areas of the state. The Office of Children's Services is also responsible for medical and clinical expenses not covered under Indian Health Services, Medicaid, or private health insurers. A lack of Medicaid providers in many areas of the state contributes to high general fund expenditures for necessary medical and behavioral health services for children and their parents involved in the foster care system.
- The childcare program experienced a decrease in the number of staff at licensed childcare facilities throughout Alaska as result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This was particularly difficult for infant and toddler age children as they had the fewest spots prior to the pandemic. In addition, Division of Public Assistance Child Care Assistance Program rates, revised March 1, 2019, are significantly less than market rates in some locations. This rate discrepancy impacts placements with working foster parents who must pay the difference.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2023

The Office of Children's Services will initiate a statewide training and centralization of service delivery and identify high-performing service providers for procurement purposes. This streamlined approach will increase consistency and quality of service delivery, be more community-based and assist children and support parents.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 47.05.010 Duties of Department

AS 47.10	Children in Need of Aid
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

Title IV-E of the Social Security Act

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Component Detail All Funds
Department of Health

Component: Foster Care Special Need (2238)
RDU: Children's Services (486)

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	33.8	137.5	137.5	137.5	0.0	-137.5	-100.0%
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	9,607.8	12,050.4	11,992.7	11,992.7	0.0	-11,992.7	-100.0%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Totals	9,641.6	12,187.9	12,130.2	12,130.2	0.0	-12,130.2	-100.0%
Fund Sources:							
1002 Fed Rcpts (Fed)	325.7	1,232.1	1,232.1	1,232.1	0.0	-1,232.1	-100.0%
1003 G/F Match (UGF)	177.9	1,301.3	1,243.6	1,243.6	0.0	-1,243.6	-100.0%
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	5,117.4	5,072.4	5,072.4	5,072.4	0.0	-5,072.4	-100.0%
1007 I/A Rcpts (Other)	3,237.7	3,799.2	3,799.2	3,799.2	0.0	-3,799.2	-100.0%
1037 GF/MH (UGF)	782.9	782.9	782.9	782.9	0.0	-782.9	-100.0%
Unrestricted General (UGF)	6,078.2	7,156.6	7,098.9	7,098.9	0.0	-7,098.9	-100.0%
Designated General (DGF)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Other Funds	3,237.7	3,799.2	3,799.2	3,799.2	0.0	-3,799.2	-100.0%
Federal Funds	325.7	1,232.1	1,232.1	1,232.1	0.0	-1,232.1	-100.0%
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

Component: Foster Care Special Need (2238)
RDU: Children's Services (486)

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	12,187.9	0.0	0.0	137.5	0.0	0.0	12,050.4	0.0	0	0	0
1002 Fed Rcpts		1,232.1										
1003 G/F Match		1,301.3										
1004 Gen Fund		5,072.4										
1007 I/A Rcpts		3,799.2										
1037 GF/MH		782.9										
Eliminate the Circles of Support Social Services by Utilizing Block, Title IVB-I and Title IVB-II Grants												
	Veto	-57.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-57.7	0.0	0	0	0
1003 G/F Match		-57.7										
Eliminate match for the federal Social Services Block Grant, Title IVB-I and Title IVB-II.												
Subtotal		12,130.2	0.0	0.0	137.5	0.0	0.0	11,992.7	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2022 Management Plan To FY2023 Governor *****												
Executive Order Transfer to the Department of Family and Community Services												
	Atout	-12,130.2	0.0	0.0	-137.5	0.0	0.0	-11,992.7	0.0	0	0	0
1002 Fed Rcpts		-1,232.1										
1003 G/F Match		-1,243.6										
1004 Gen Fund		-5,072.4										
1007 I/A Rcpts		-3,799.2										
1037 GF/MH		-782.9										
Totals		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0

By Executive Order, the Department of Health and Social Services will be reorganized into two distinct departments: the Alaska Department of Health and the Alaska Department of Family and Community Services. This reorganization streamlines and improves the delivery of critical programs and services while creating more flexibility and responsiveness in both departments resulting in improved outcomes.

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Health
Travel

Component: Foster Care Special Need (2238)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
2000	Travel		0.0	0.0	0.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
2000 Travel Detail Totals			0.0	0.0	0.0
2000	In-State Employee Travel	Employee travel in-state	1.0	0.0	0.0
2001	In-State Non-Employee Travel	Non-Employee travel in-state	-0.2	0.0	0.0
2002	Out of State Employee Travel	Employee travel out-of-state	3.5	0.0	0.0
2006	Other Travel Costs		-4.3	0.0	0.0

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Health
Services

Component: Foster Care Special Need (2238)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
3000	Services		33.8	137.5	0.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
3000 Services Detail Totals			33.8	137.5	0.0
3001	Financial Services	Financial services	0.0	110.0	0.0
3002	Legal and Judicial Services		0.7	0.0	0.0
3006	Delivery Services		0.0	2.5	0.0
3007	Advertising and Promotions		0.2	0.0	0.0
3008	Utilities		-0.1	0.0	0.0
3024	Inter-Agency Legal	Labor - Department-wide			
		Reimbursable services agreement with Department of Law for legal services	18.0	0.0	0.0
3024	Inter-Agency Legal	Law - Department-wide			
		Reimbursable services agreement with Department of Law for legal services	0.0	25.0	0.0
3032	Inter-Agency Health	Health - Bureau of Vital Statistics (961)	15.0	0.0	0.0

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

Component: Foster Care Special Need (2238)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
7000	Grants, Benefits		9,607.8	11,992.7	0.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals			9,607.8	11,992.7	0.0
7001	Grants		1,005.9	900.0	0.0
7002	Benefits		8,601.8	968.5	0.0
7002	Benefits	Health - Bureau of Vital Statistics (961)	0.0	15.0	0.0
7002	Benefits		0.0	3,729.2	0.0
7002	Benefits		0.0	2,350.0	0.0
7002	Benefits		0.0	16.0	0.0
7002	Benefits		0.0	616.0	0.0
7002	Benefits		0.0	18.0	0.0
7002	Benefits		0.0	1,480.0	0.0
7002	Benefits		0.0	1,200.0	0.0
7002	Benefits		0.0	700.0	0.0
7003	Sub-Recipient Pass-Through Grants		0.1	0.0	0.0

Revenue Detail (1681)
Department of Health

Component: Foster Care Special Need (2238)

Revenue Type (OMB Fund Code) Revenue Source	Component	Comment	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
5002 Fed Rcpts (1002 Fed Rcpts)			325.7	1,232.1	0.0
5019 Federal - Miscellaneous Grants			325.7	1,232.1	0.0
5007 I/A Rcpts (1007 I/A Rcpts)			3,237.7	3,799.2	0.0
5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	Health - Child Care Benefits (1897)		3,237.7	3,799.2	0.0

Inter-Agency Services (1682)
Department of Health

Component: Foster Care Special Need (2238)

				FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
Component Totals				33.0	40.0	0.0
With Department of Labor and Workforce Development				18.0	0.0	0.0
With Department of Law				0.0	25.0	0.0
With Department of Health				15.0	15.0	0.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation				
			FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor	
3024	Inter-Agency Legal	Labor - Department-wide	18.0	0.0	0.0	Reimbursable services agreement with Department of Law for legal services
3024	Inter-Agency Legal	Law - Department-wide	0.0	25.0	0.0	Reimbursable services agreement with Department of Law for legal services
3032	Inter-Agency Health	Health - Bureau of Vital Statistics (961)	15.0	0.0	0.0	
7002	Benefits	Health - Bureau of Vital Statistics (961)	0.0	15.0	0.0	