

**State of Alaska  
FY2023 Governor's Operating Budget**

**Department of Health  
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.

### Core Services

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

### Major RDU Accomplishments in 2021

- Served 607 elders, an increase of 64 elders over FY2020; just under 52 percent required the highest level of care/service.
- Maintained a 75 percent veteran occupancy at the Alaska Veterans and Pioneer Home in Palmer, providing a home for 160 veterans in FY2021.
- Kept elders safe during COVID-19.

### 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.
- Developing ways to provide care or find alternative placements for residents that have complex behaviors beyond the scope of what the Pioneer Homes have previously provided.
- Recruiting and retaining skilled direct care personnel with competencies in best practices for aging and dementia care and developing training to improve ability to meet the needs of more complex residents.
- COVID-19 pandemic has caused numerous challenges including decrease in admissions, lack of visitation for elders, increased demand for WiFi connectivity, and obtaining COVID-19 testing machines and test cartridges.
- Anchorage Pioneer Home fourth floor renovation had construction delays and was completed fall 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 FY2023

- 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.
- The division is expanding its Assisted Living License to include both types of licenses offered in the State of Alaska: Senior Services and Developmental Disability/Mental Health.
- Expanding the scope of Medicaid Waiver Services provided to include providing Residential Supported Living to older adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Waivers.

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

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	FY2021 Actuals				FY2022 Management Plan				FY2023 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
<b>Formula Expenditures</b>												
APH Payment Assistance	29,724.5	0.0	0.0	29,724.5	36,964.3	0.0	0.0	36,964.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Non-Formula Expenditures</b>												
Alaska Pioneer Homes Management	1,362.2	0.0	0.0	1,362.2	1,740.0	0.0	0.0	1,740.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pioneer Homes	18,602.3	37,802.1	1,849.9	58,254.3	23,732.3	42,862.0	2,090.6	68,684.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>49,689.0</b>	<b>37,802.1</b>	<b>1,849.9</b>	<b>89,341.0</b>	<b>62,436.6</b>	<b>42,862.0</b>	<b>2,090.6</b>	<b>107,389.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Alaska Pioneer Homes**  
**Summary of RDU Budget Changes by Component**  
**From FY2022 Management Plan to FY2023 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>
<b>FY2022 Management Plan</b>	<b>42,903.8</b>	<b>19,532.8</b>	<b>42,862.0</b>	<b>2,090.6</b>	<b>107,389.2</b>
<b>One-time items:</b>					
-Pioneer Homes	0.0	0.0	0.0	-408.1	-408.1
<b>Adjustments which continue current level of service:</b>					
-APH Payment Assistance	-33,964.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	-33,964.3
-Alaska Pioneer Homes Management	-1,740.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-1,740.0
-Pioneer Homes	-4,199.5	-19,532.8	-42,862.0	-2,482.5	-69,076.8
<b>Proposed budget increases:</b>					
-Pioneer Homes	0.0	0.0	0.0	800.0	800.0
<b>Proposed budget decreases:</b>					
-APH Payment Assistance	-3,000.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-3,000.0
<b>FY2023 Governor</b>	<b>38,523.9</b>	<b>19,645.5</b>	<b>42,976.5</b>	<b>2,491.9</b>	<b>103,637.8</b>