

State of Alaska FY2023 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Public Safety Rural Trooper Housing Component Budget Summary

Component: Rural Trooper Housing**Contribution to Department's Mission**

Preserve public peace; protect life, property, and resources.

Core Services

- Provide leased and state-owned housing for state troopers in rural communities, which is essential for recruitment and retention in rural Alaska.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2021

The Department of Public Safety continued efforts to identify and consolidate rural trooper housing (RTH) units and leases, while continuing to provide service in remote Alaska communities. The department worked to expand the two-on/two-off (2/2) shared housing program, whereby troopers are stationed on a two-week duty tour sharing a housing unit with another trooper who is the replacement for the other two weeks of the month. Once fully implemented, this program will have multiple benefits with reduced costs to the State for leases, moving expenses for troopers and their families along with cost savings for utilities or maintenance in these shared duty stations.

Reducing the number of leases currently in the RTH program is proving to be a cost savings benefit for those areas where operational needs allow for the two-on/two-off rotational assignments. Currently Aniak, Bethel, Emmonak, Hooper Bay, Selawik, St. Mary's, Togiak and Unalakleet are using this model with additional locations under consideration.

The department completed numerous housing operations and maintenance projects either through direct project management using private sector contractors or through Reimbursable Services Agreements with the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

Key Component Challenges

In order to accomplish their mission, the Alaska State Troopers and the Alaska Wildlife Troopers must be able to transfer troopers to rural areas of the state, often on short notice. Troopers and their families must have habitable housing in rural locations where traditional real estate or rental markets are often non-existent.

Affordable, decent housing is essential for retention of state troopers in rural Alaska. Experience has shown that if housing is unavailable, troopers are less willing to transfer to rural posts and their tenure at those locations is shorter. This results in more frequent Trooper moves to and from rural areas with substantial costs associated with each move. This also creates retention issues, with trained troopers leaving employment, rather than moving to areas with no or substandard housing.

The department currently has 61 housing units located in rural Alaska where housing is traditionally scarce. There are 14 state-owned units and 46 leased units in the following 18 communities: Aniak (2), Bethel (20), Cantwell (3), Coldfoot (1), Cordova (3), Dillingham (5), Dutch Harbor (1), Emmonak (1), Galena (3), Healy (1), Hooper Bay (1), King Salmon (4), Kotzebue (7), McGrath (1), Nenana (1), Nome (1) Selawik (1), St. Mary's (3), Togiak (1), and Unalakleet (1).

The 14 state-owned housing units Department of Public Safety operates and maintains are in seven locations in western and interior Alaska. These units are all 40 years of age or older and in many cases, were transferred to the department from federal agencies, such as the Bureau of Land Management, Federal Aviation Administration, Health and Human Services, or the National Park Service. Eleven of these housing units are off the road system, resulting in significant logistical, maintenance, and manpower costs for contractors who must travel to these locations. Likewise, shipment of materials required to make repairs is costly.

The Rural Trooper Housing component in the operating budget funds lease payments and pays utilities with a minimal amount available for minor maintenance or emergency repairs for immediate health and safety concerns. Renovations are usually associated with short-notice or unplanned trooper relocations. There are significant maintenance issues at most of these facilities due to advanced age.

The department is searching for options on temporary duty housing in rural communities to provide additional housing for troopers visiting and working on limited duration stays. These units would serve as offices and holding facilities in communities that do not have full time law enforcement presence or facilities. The department is also researching options for housing or housing stipends in specific areas of rural Alaska as a solution to unique geographic circumstances.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2023

DPS received capital deferred maintenance funds in FY2020. The department has initiated a rural trooper housing rehabilitation program which is in its first phase of identifying and implementing critical renovations and upgrades to state-owned and leased rural trooper housing facilities.

Healthy, safe, and well-maintained housing is essential for retention of state troopers in rural Alaska. Current housing management is largely reactive in nature, resulting in costs that could have been avoided through preventative maintenance. Deferred maintenance funding and implementation of the RTH rehabilitation program will allow the department to proactively manage and administer the program to ensure that troopers stationed at rural posts will have safe and habitable housing.

The department will continue to search for surplus federal housing units in rural communities. Repair needs will be identified, prioritized, and accomplished to the extent funding permits. Ongoing coordination between the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and contractors traveling to rural areas is important to maximize efforts to share travel costs and other expenses when possible.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

DPS - Powers and duties of department (AS 44.41.020)
State Troopers (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.110)
Police Protection (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.790)
Law enforcement duties (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.086)

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Component Detail All Funds
Department of Public Safety

Component: Rural Trooper Housing (515)
RDU: Alaska State Troopers (160)

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	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	-1.0	-100.0%
72000 Travel	0.0	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	0.0	0.0%
73000 Services	1,941.9	2,834.8	2,834.8	2,834.8	2,510.8	-324.0	-11.4%
74000 Commodities	4.3	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	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	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Totals	1,946.2	2,846.0	2,846.0	2,846.0	2,521.0	-325.0	-11.4%
Fund Sources:							
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	918.5	1,312.4	1,312.4	1,312.4	987.4	-325.0	-24.8%
1005 GF/Prgm (DGF)	1,027.7	1,497.6	1,497.6	1,497.6	1,497.6	0.0	0.0%
1007 I/A Rcpts (Other)	0.0	36.0	36.0	36.0	36.0	0.0	0.0%
Unrestricted General (UGF)	918.5	1,312.4	1,312.4	1,312.4	987.4	-325.0	-24.8%
Designated General (DGF)	1,027.7	1,497.6	1,497.6	1,497.6	1,497.6	0.0	0.0%
Other Funds	0.0	36.0	36.0	36.0	36.0	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 Public Safety

Component: Rural Trooper Housing (515)
RDU: Alaska State Troopers (160)

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	2,846.0	1.0	5.2	2,834.8	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		1,312.4										
1005 GF/Prgm		1,497.6										
1007 I/A Rcpts		36.0										
Subtotal		2,846.0	1.0	5.2	2,834.8	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2022 Management Plan To FY2023 Governor *****												
Transfer Authority to Alaska State Trooper Detachments to Align with Anticipated Expenditures												
	Trout	-325.0	0.0	0.0	-325.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		-325.0										
Transfer authority from services to Alaska State Trooper Detachments for anticipated contractual costs. The remaining authority is sufficient to cover anticipated expenditures.												
Align Authority with Anticipated Expenditures												
	LIT	0.0	-1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Transfer authority from personal services to services for anticipated contractual costs. The remaining authority is sufficient to cover anticipated expenditures.												
Totals		2,521.0	0.0	5.2	2,510.8	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Public Safety
Travel

Component: Rural Trooper Housing (515)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
2000	Travel		0.0	5.2	5.2
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
2000 Travel Detail Totals			0.0	5.2	5.2
2000	In-State Employee Travel	Transportation costs to inspect and repair of rural trooper housing units throughout the State of Alaska.	0.0	5.2	5.2

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Public Safety
Services

Component: Rural Trooper Housing (515)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
3000	Services		1,941.9	2,834.8	2,510.8
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
3000 Services Detail Totals			1,941.9	2,834.8	2,510.8
3001	Financial Services	Interest, penalties, and fines.	0.2	1.8	1.8
3006	Delivery Services	Delivery services	0.3	0.0	0.0
3008	Utilities	Gas, electric, water and sewer, and other utility costs for rural trooper housing units.	465.8	663.0	500.0
3009	Structure/Infrastructure/Land	Rural Trooper Housing unit lease costs.	1,372.5	1,900.0	1,637.0
3010	Equipment/Machinery	Rural Trooper Housing unit equipment repair and maintenance services.	1.8	75.0	50.0
3020	Inter-Agency Building Maintenance	Trans - Department-wide RSAs with ADOTPF for maintenance of state-owned rural trooper housing units (ADOTPF's Central, Northern, and Southeast Regions).	86.1	150.0	100.0
3023	Inter-Agency Building Leases	Additional rural leases for rural trooper housing	0.0	0.0	194.0
3023	Inter-Agency Building Leases	Trans - Department-wide Rental costs for rural trooper housing units located on ADOTPF land.	2.6	25.0	15.0
3026	Inter-Agency Insurance	Admin - Department-wide Risk management for property and overhead insurance.	12.6	20.0	13.0

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Public Safety
Commodities

Component: Rural Trooper Housing (515)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
4000	Commodities		4.3	5.0	5.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
4000 Commodities Detail Totals			4.3	5.0	5.0
4000	Business	Small equipment/tools for housing unit repairs.	2.1	4.0	4.0
4002	Household/Institutional	Rural Trooper Housing repair and replacement household/institutional expenses.	0.6	0.0	0.0
4012	Plumbing	Rural Trooper Housing repair and replacement plumbing expenses.	1.4	0.0	0.0
4015	Parts and Supplies	Small equipment, tools, plumbing parts, building material, and misc. supplies for housing unit repairs and maintenance.	0.2	0.5	0.5
4016	Paint/Preservatives	Painting supplies for rural trooper housing units.	0.0	0.5	0.5

Revenue Detail (1681)
Department of Public Safety

Component: Rural Trooper Housing (515)

Revenue Type (OMB Fund Code) Revenue Source	Component	Comment	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
5005 GF/Prgm (1005 GF/Prgm)			1,027.8	1,497.6	1,497.6
5118 Program Receipts Public Protection - Rent and Royalties		Public Safety Employees Association (PSEA) contract negotiated housing, rent paid by employees serving in rural posts throughout Alaska. These rents are deducted from the employees' payroll and deposited into the Rural Trooper Housing component.	1,027.8	1,497.6	1,497.6
5007 I/A Rcpts (1007 I/A Rcpts)			0.0	36.0	36.0
5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	PubSaf - Rural Trooper Housing (515)	Sublease #12-06-006 of Bethel rural trooper housing unit to DOTPF M&O.	0.0	36.0	36.0

Inter-Agency Services (1682)
Department of Public Safety

Component: Rural Trooper Housing (515)

				FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
Component Totals				101.3	195.0	128.0
With Department of Transportation/Public Facilities				88.7	175.0	115.0
With Department of Administration				12.6	20.0	13.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation		FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
3020	Inter-Agency Building Maintenance	Trans - Department-wide	RSAs with ADOTPF for maintenance of state-owned rural trooper housing units (ADOTPF's Central, Northern, and Southeast Regions).	86.1	150.0	100.0
3023	Inter-Agency Building Leases	Trans - Department-wide	Rental costs for rural trooper housing units located on ADOTPF land.	2.6	25.0	15.0
3026	Inter-Agency Insurance	Admin - Department-wide	Risk management for property and overhead insurance.	12.6	20.0	13.0