

# **State of Alaska FY2024 Governor's Operating Budget**

**Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs**

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**Mission**

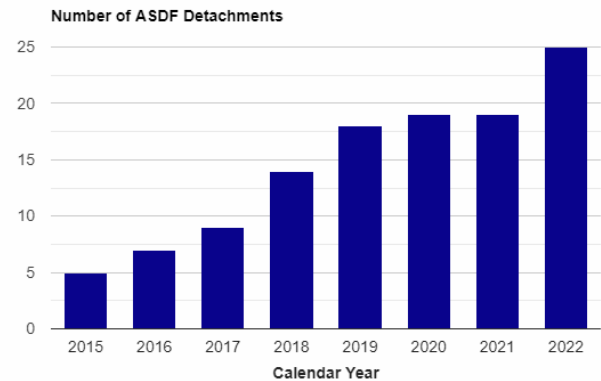
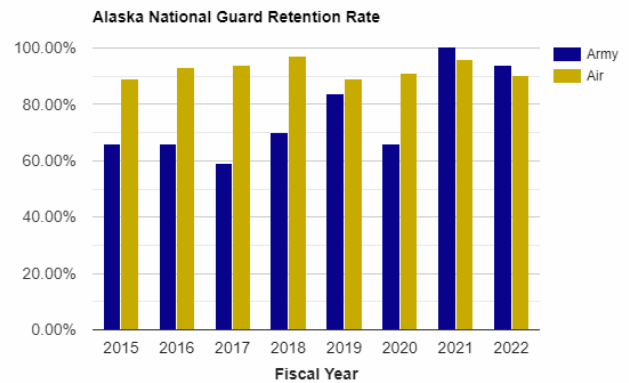
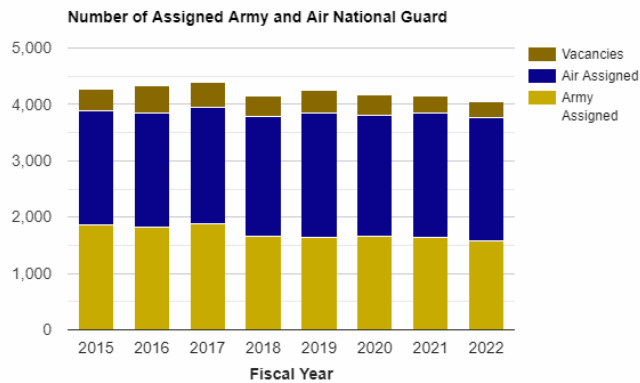
To provide military forces to accomplish military missions in the state and around the world; provide homeland security and defense; emergency response; veterans' services; and youth military style training and education.  
AS 26, AS 44.35

	<b>Core Services (in priority order)</b>	<b>UGF</b>	<b>DGF</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Fed</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>PFT</b>	<b>PPT</b>	<b>NP</b>	<b>% GF</b>
1	Defend and Protect Alaska and the United States	6,648.9	27.4	4,674.4	24,457.0	35,807.7	129.0	0.0	0.0	41.9%
2	Disaster Preparedness/Response and Recovery	2,693.1	0.0	5,849.2	2,492.6	11,034.8	60.0	0.0	0.0	16.9%
3	Youth Intervention	4,560.5	1.1	1,467.0	4,675.8	10,704.5	69.0	0.0	0.0	28.6%
4	Outreach to Veterans and Military Families	1,998.8	7.8	68.0	356.4	2,431.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	12.6%
	<b>FY2023 Management Plan</b>	<b>15,901.3</b>	<b>36.3</b>	<b>12,058.6</b>	<b>31,981.8</b>	<b>59,978.0</b>	<b>262.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	

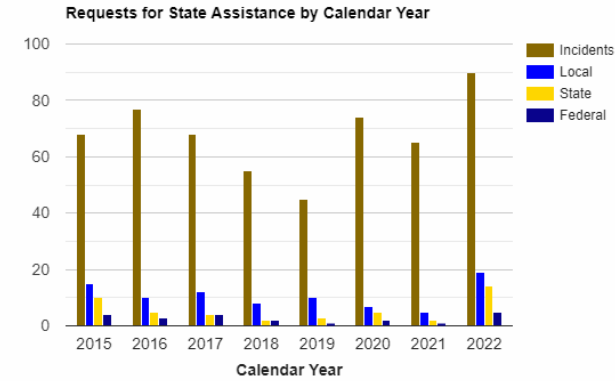
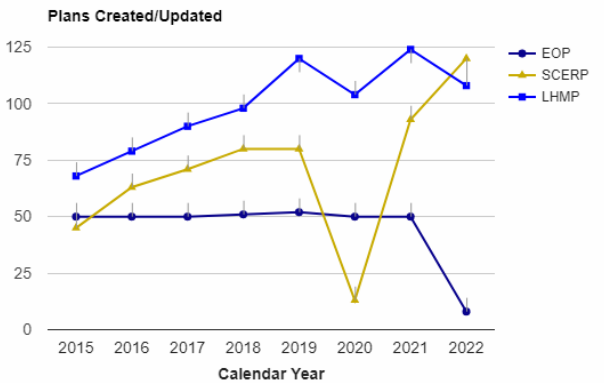
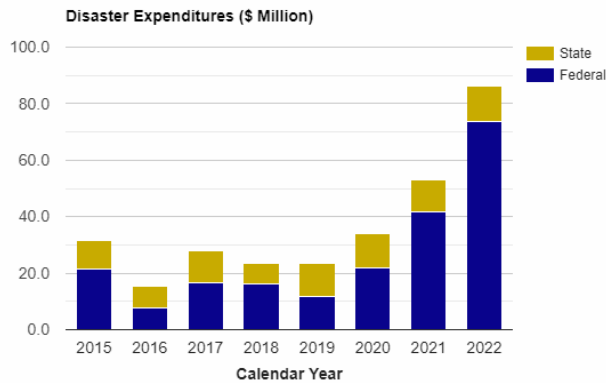
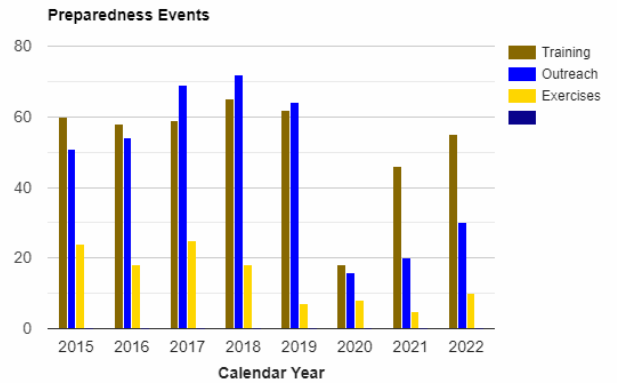
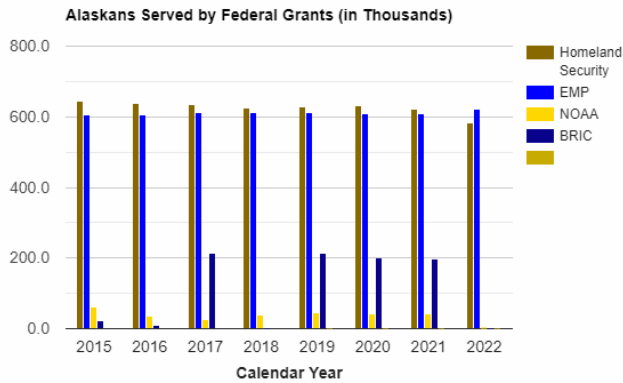
**Measures by Core Service**

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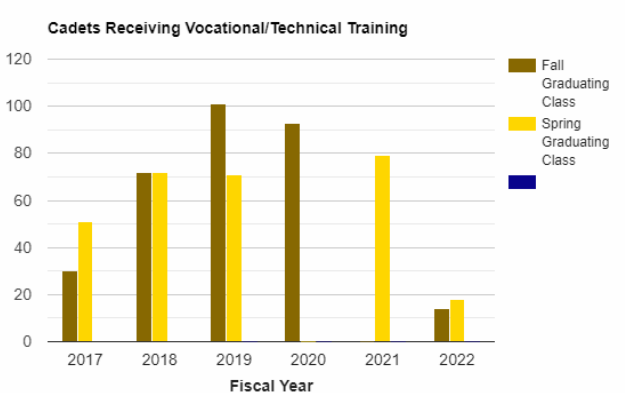
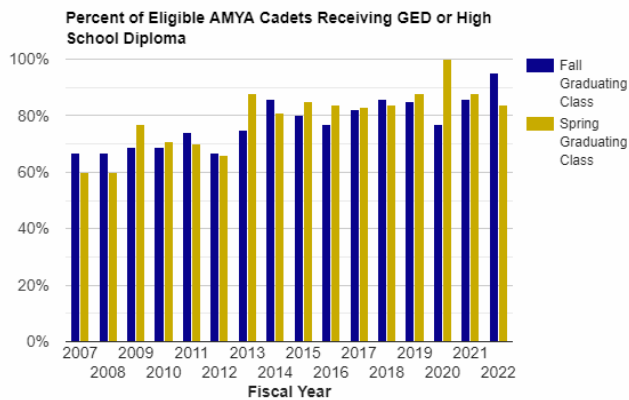
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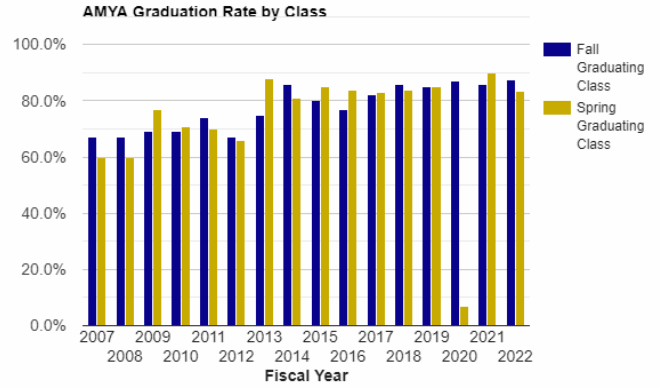
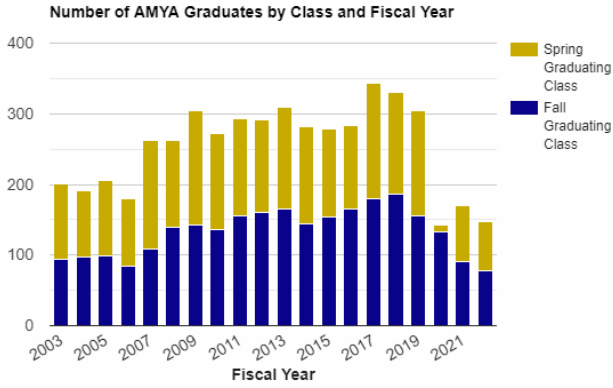


## 2. Disaster Preparedness/Response and Recovery

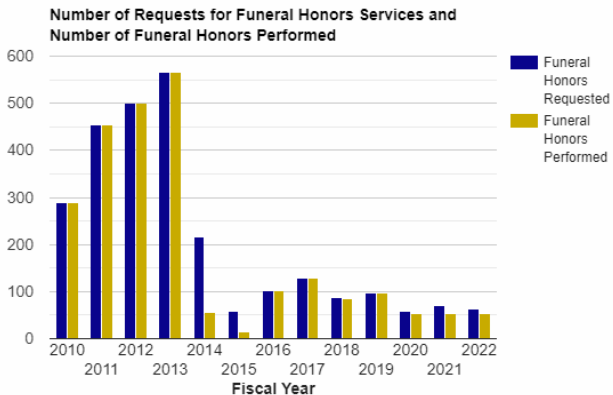
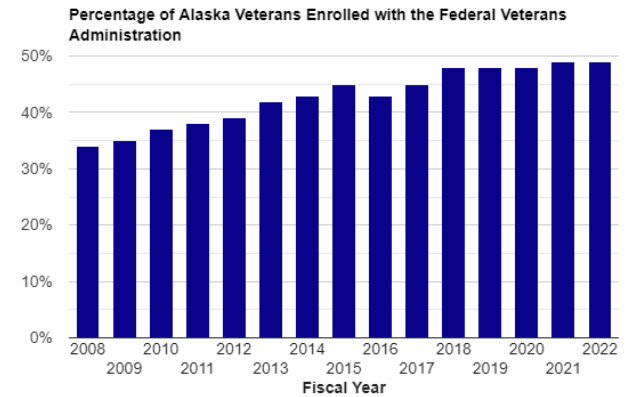
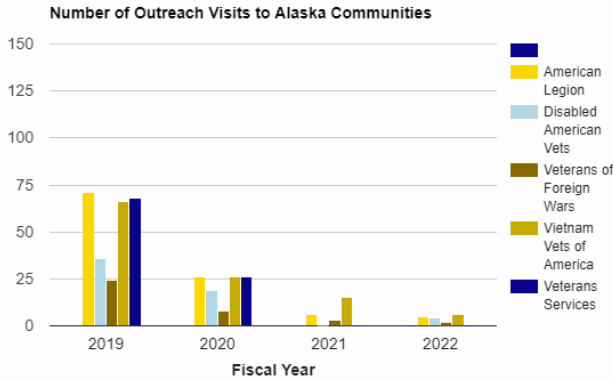
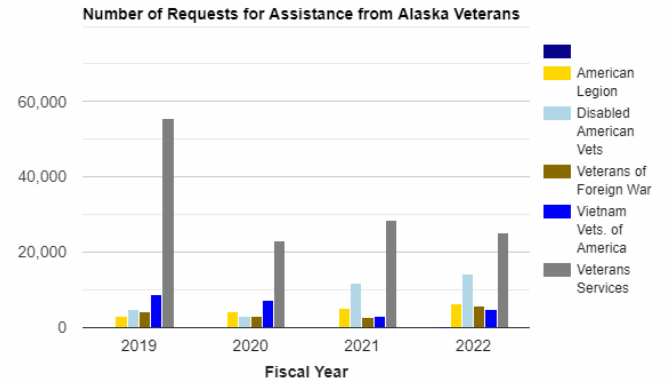
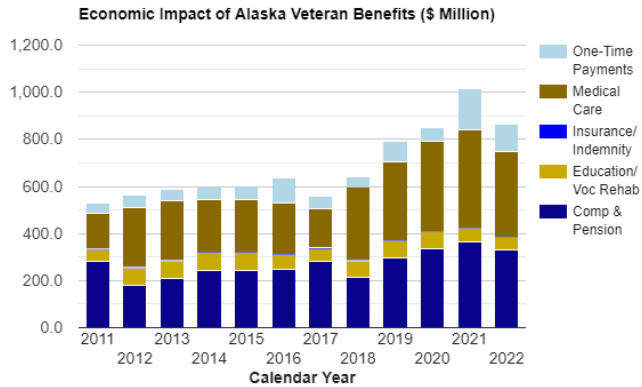


## 3. Youth Intervention





4. Outreach to Veterans and Military Families



## **Major Department Accomplishments in 2022**

### **Defend and Protect Alaska and the United States**

#### **Alaska Air National Guard**

The AKANG maintained a high operational tempo and deployment pace in 2022. On any given day, the AKANG had Airmen deployed worldwide in support of the federal mission with no degradation of service to the State of Alaska.

The AKANG enabled global mobility, airlifting over 10.5 million pounds of cargo, 2,386 passengers, transferring over 10 million pounds of fuel to over 1,400 receivers, and flying more than 750 sorties. Airmen provided 24/7 year-round support to North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), National Missile Warning and Space Surveillance, Search and Rescue, and C-17 strategic airlift tasking. Guardsmen of the 176th Air Defense Squadron scrambled F-22 Alert Fighters, E-3 Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) aircraft, and KC-135 refueling aircraft on 17 occasions to battle manage 33 Homeland Defense missions; these actions resulted in four intercepts of eight long range Russian aircraft. In addition, the Air Defense Squadron provided ground based early warning, datalink support, weapons control, and cyber support for the President of the United States on two separate occasions and intercepted four tracks of interest during temporary flight restrictions. The Alaska Air National Guard's search-and-rescue (SAR) mission continues to play a critical role across Alaska. The Alaska Command (ALCOM) Alaska Rescue Coordination Center (AKRCC) is manned 24/7 by 12 members of the 176th Wing. For fiscal year 2022, the men and women of AKRCC coordinated 86 SAR missions across six Department of Defense (DOD) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) components, and multiple Good Samaritan volunteer agencies resulting in 58 lives saved.

The AKANG supported Alaska Domestic Operations with an activation in Yakutat with less than 24 hours notice, removing nearly 1,000,000 pounds of snow from roofs of community buildings after a record setting blizzard, and protecting \$1,000,000 of city infrastructure. Additionally, the AKANG mobilized 84 members and moved 19 tons of supplies to Bethel and Nome in response to Typhoon Merbok. Finally, the Wing's Civil Engineering Squadron demonstrated the ability to respond to natural disasters and dispatch the Disaster Relief Bed-down System (DRBS) in extreme weather conditions. They hauled 96,000 pounds of cargo demonstrating the need for bed-down capability in Alaska and secured the Wing's own DRBS for Statewide coverage. Additionally, members from the 168th Wing and 176th Wing were activated in support of JTF-MED and the National Guard's COVID response. This team supported the State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) throughout the pandemic in Alaska. These roles included: contact tracing, vaccine helpline call center, data management/informatics and emergency management planning.

#### **Alaska Army National Guard**

The AKARNG Company G, Detachment 2, 2-211th General Support Aviation Battalion received the Alaska Governor's Trophy and the Alaska Governor's Distinguished Unit Citation on April 29, 2022. The unit had many significant achievements including being awarded the DUSTOFF Association Rescue of the Year Award for its heroic actions on September 15, 2021, when a HH-60M helicopter crew rescued a stranded hunter on a small ledge at 5,750 feet during a snowstorm using the dynamic hoist technique.

The Aviation Battalion deployed over 70 personnel to CENTCOM in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. The Battalion deployed two units, Company A, 1-168 with 8 UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters and members of Company C, 2-641st with one C-12 Airplane. Additionally, the Aviation Battalion deployed the remaining members of Company C, 2-641st to the Horn of Africa in support of the Combined Joint Task Force, an Operation Enduring Freedom mission.

Four Soldiers from Company G, Det 1, 2-211<sup>th</sup> General Support Aviation Battalion (GSAB), 207<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment received the 2021 Rescue of the Year Award from DUSTOFF Association in February of 2022. These Soldiers rescued a sheep hunter near Cottonwood Creek who was suffering from cold weather injuries and malnourishment.

#### **Alaska Aerospace Corporation (AAC)**

- Second successful commercial launch to space at PSCA
  - PSCA's 2nd commercial rocket and 1<sup>st</sup> liquid-fueled rocket to space on 15 Mar 21

- Reached targeted 525km altitude and to a sun-synchronous orbit
  - Successfully deployed 22 payloads
- Data shows rocket hardware and software performed exceptionally well
- Completed use agreement with second commercial customer
  - Customer has been on site since October of 2021 performing testing and launch preparations
    - Targeting first launch by end of 2022
  - Customer has employed Kodiak and Anchorage residents
- Government launch campaign
  - Awarded an Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Follow-On contract from Missile Defense Agency (MDA) Test Support for \$111m
- Alaska Aerospace upgraded PSCA spaceport capabilities, including enhanced orbital spaceport launch sites, weather facilities, digital technology, extended mission control, improved site security capabilities and safety, upgraded tracking and flight safety systems, and reduced launch logistics complexities
- Hosted several Federal and State CODEL/STAFFDELS
  - Senator Sullivan and staff members staff tours
  - Collin McCleod, Head of UK Space Regulations, and staff members from the Civil Aviation Authority
  - Mr. Bennet, National Security Advisor (Sen. King) and USAF Senate Liaison Officer
- Multiple emerging spaceports and a customer are interested in AAC deployable capabilities
  - Supporting a program to provide deployable Range Safety and Telemetry System (RSTS) with a foreign customer
    - Evaluating other opportunities to utilize the deployable RSTS
  - Completing the second deployable RSTS system to support customer requirements

### **Disaster Preparedness/Response and Recovery**

#### **Homeland Security and Emergency Management**

The Division responded to twelve storm, flood, landslide, and wildland fire State declared disasters impacting rural Alaska, five of which went on to be declared Federal disasters.

The Governor issued Administrative Order 331 over concerns for Alaska's food security and the Division supported a Task Force consisting of four state officials (Commissioners of DNR, DFG, DEC and DMVA) and twelve voting members who are not state officials, working towards increasing food security, strengthening local economies and lessen our dependence on external foods and supply chains.

The Division continued to support exercise, training, and outreach events, with a hybrid approach utilizing both virtual and in-person deliveries. The Division's Training Section enrolled 802 students for various trainings and coordinated 60 classes. The Acadis Readiness System (ARS) is rounding out the second year of implementation. Currently, there are 24,883 individuals recorded in the database, which is an increase of 3,755 records since last year, and 906 active portal accounts in Acadis (people using the system statewide), an increase of 154 portal activations since last year.

With reduced COVID restrictions, the Division's Outreach Section engaged the public this summer through participation in 30 preparedness events and 17 earthquake simulator specific events. The Outreach Section estimates they contacted over 8000 Alaskans.

The Division's Exercise Section rolled out the new AlaskEx exercise program with a first delivery scheduled for November in Fairbanks. The Section is incorporating feedback from participating agencies, organizations, and jurisdictions from Fairbanks to refine deliverables and formatting for future iterations. Additionally, the Section worked with other sections to encourage jurisdictions to apply for State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grants through improvements in the funding application process.

#### **Alaska State Defense Force**

- Granted \$400,200 GF in state FY2023 budget
- Established a cyber awareness detachment
- Participated in Exercise Arctic Eagle 22 in Nome and Bethel
- Provided support to the Lowell Point disaster in Seward by assisting with traffic control under State Active Duty
- Participated in community engagement events for Veterans Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day in Bethel, Kodiak, Wasilla, Fairbanks, Kotzebue
- Increased recruitment by 25%
- Supported seven operational HF radio sites in Wasilla, Fairbanks, Nome, Kenai, Bethel, Kodiak, and Delta Junction

## **Youth Intervention**

### **Alaska Military Youth Academy**

The Alaska Military Youth Academy (AMYA) conducts two residential National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program classes each fiscal year. In 2022, AMYA graduated classes 2021-2 and 2022-1 in December 2021 and June 2022, the 57th and 58th classes since inception. Youth ChalleNGe has two distinct phases. First, a holistic 22-week Residential Phase on the Camp Carroll training site, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, with separate housing for male and female cadets. Following graduation, the Post-Residential Phase is a 12-month mentoring period during which graduates return to their communities and apply the life strategies they learned to become more productive members of society. In 2022, AMYA placed 100% of its graduates in durable activities including re-enrolling in secondary education, enrolling in post-secondary education, enlisting in the military, or employment. This level of achievement distinguishes AMYA as one of the top programs in the nation.

AMYA graduated 156 cadets who earned 107 high school diplomas or General Education Development (GED) diplomas. A select number of eligible students who enrolled with 13.0 high school credits completed online courses to earn credits for credit recovery in addition to the seven credits offered during the academic cycle. 24 Cadets from 2021-1 and 20 from 2022-1 participated in credit recovery. 100% finished the courses and earned an average of just under 1.5 credits each. Class 2021-2 had 34 students who returned to school following graduation and class 2022-1 had 39 graduates return to high school. All AMYA cadets receive training in financial literacy, resume building, applications, and interview skills. Moreover, AMYA offers EduTyping.com keyboarding skills courses to all cadets as a means of equipping this generation of learners with the ability to connect their texting skills with online curricula and assessment platforms.

Beyond traditional academic materials, AMYA cadets participated in several career field-related programs. The pre-apprenticeship cadet work experience was embedded into the academic rotations for Classes 2021-2 and 2022-1. AMYA partnered with the Alaska Works Partnership to provide vocational training to 18 cadets from 2021-2 and 14 cadets in 2022-1. They trained in Drywall, Framing, Maritime, Heavy Equipment Operations, Culinary Arts, and Supply Logistics. Placement activities for all cadets focused on post-residential opportunities with introductions to Job Corps, AVTEC, military recruiters, and trade union-provided vocational training.

AMYA partners with active duty military and National Guard members to provide adult mentors and tutors for each class. Community stakeholders help with placement opportunities by conducting mock job interviews, guidance on resume writing, and participating in Career Job Fairs. These alliances directly contribute to student employment, military service, and post-secondary education opportunities.

## **Outreach to Veterans and Military Families**

### **Veterans Services**

The Office of Veterans' Affairs (OVA) establishes and sustains comprehensive advocacy programs for all of Alaska's Veterans, Active Duty, National Guard/Reserves and dependents. The Office of Veterans' Affairs works to:

- Identify and resolve issues that face Alaska's 67,388 veterans and their 148,253 dependents, survivors, and extended families in 348 communities across Alaska

- Represent the State of Alaska to federal and state agencies and nationally recognized veteran service organizations
- Build connections between military and veteran populations, veteran groups, and service organizations, including local, state, and federal government agencies
- Provide Alaska's veterans with direct services, outreach, and advocacy

In SFY2022, the Office of Veterans' Affairs had four full-time staff who maintained and managed several advocacy programs for Alaska's veterans including: Alaska Veterans Advisory Council (13 members), State Veterans Cemetery planning consultants, Alaska Territorial Guard task force, volunteer Tribal Veteran Representatives, Veterans town hall meetings, Funeral Honors, Veterans Memorial Grant Funds, Veteran Service Officer grants, and the Rural Veteran Outreach Program. Staff members also partnered with other veteran organizations and agencies to prevent homelessness, provide services, reduce suicide, and build connections that serve veterans and their dependents throughout Alaska.

The economic impact of Alaska veteran benefits is significant, averaging just over \$600 million annually over the past 14 years. As such, OVA remains keenly focused on connecting veterans with benefits earned as a result of their service. In FY2022, the combined OVA team assisted 56,191 veterans, active duty, reserve component members, and family members, with federal and state benefits/claims questions and processing. Representatives completed 24 visits around the state, reaching many veterans for the first time. We had a major downturn in access to those we serve due to COVID-19 but are still serving our clients and because of our efforts:

- The Veterans Affairs (VA) Mortgage Servicing Assistance program insured issuance of Certificates of Eligibility to 3,086 veterans, resulting in over \$1.1 Billion in home loans
- VA Healthcare System served a total of 22,000 veterans receiving care totaling \$364 million in federal funds
- Compensation and pension totaled \$330 million in federal funds – funds paid directly to veterans and their families
- Through successful navigation of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) appeals board, veterans and families received over \$113 million in single one-time payments directly impacting our veterans and their communities
- Over 3,040 veterans attended higher education/certification in Alaska, expending over \$53M in federal funds

Additional successes include:

- Partnered with the archivist from the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) – Completed 1300 Alaska Territorial Guard honorable discharges, a huge effort with largest number completed
- Honored Alaska's Vietnam Helicopter Pilots through a day of events that culminated in the naming of the Vietnam Helicopter bridges
- Co-sponsored the Veterans Museum move to a new location that doubled its size and expanded its honor exhibits to all who served
- Co-sponsored 12 virtual town halls due to crisis – 1,150 veterans across Alaska received direct assistance pertaining to medical access and benefits
- Sponsored outreach events in Soldotna, Seward, Hoonah, and Petersburg honoring Vietnam Veterans and welcomed home 51 of our veterans
- Receipt of a \$250,000 federal transportation grant, allowing over 1,173 veterans funded travel for healthcare. Alaska is the only state in the nation selected for this program
- Veterans Memorial Endowment Grant provided the funds needed to complete the Wasilla Veterans Wall of Honor. Memorial Day 2022 was enhanced greatly by this new honor facility.
- Partnered with the US Department of Veterans Affairs, resulting in 60 additional Tribal Veterans Representatives receiving VA 101 training, increasing the state-wide volunteer pool to over 500, the largest veteran's volunteer corps in the nation
- Partnered with the Fairbanks and Anchorage Stand Down committees providing clothing and services using an appointment system for veterans in need of a hand up during the COVID- 19 crisis
- Co-sponsored 12 Unaccompanied Committal Ceremonies at the Ft. Richardson National Cemetery, honoring 54 unclaimed and unaccompanied remains to their final resting place
- Partnered with State Department of Labor staff, and local Veterans' Employer Representative to support the localized job fairs and recruitment efforts directed towards veterans & their families in Midtown Anchorage and the Mat-Su Valley, offering support and guidance for veterans in search of stable careers and encouraging professional development.



- Created and produced an informative and resourceful Veteran Benefits Book, specifically for State of Alaska veterans, which includes important contacts and extensive veterans benefit guidance. OVA staff distribute several thousand copies annually to veterans and their dependents.
- Distributed many types of customized promotional items to veterans statewide, specialized items to thank, honor, and/or memorialize veterans' service. These items include important contact information and veterans' crisis contacts, enabling veterans to easily contact our office staff if they need support/guidance. Staff distribute these in many ways: outreach events, office appointments, networking, VA referrals, and many other agency interactions.

## **Key Department Challenges**

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#### **Defend and Protect Alaska and the United States**

##### **Alaska Air National Guard**

The AKANG's arctic experts continue to exceed standards in the most mission-diverse, relevant, and resilient units in the nation; however, the COVID-19 pandemic, alert complications and COVID vaccine implementation have contributed to mission challenges. Additionally, perpetual Federal continuing resolutions as well as budget pressure may affect MILCON, full time resource requirements, flying hour distribution, and weapons modernization.

The AKANG continues to advocate for flight simulators for the Air National Guard HC-130J community as a means of maintaining pilot training requirements, reducing the cost for travel to CONUS-based simulator locations, and reducing wear and tear on the aircraft. Additionally, the Operational Loss Replacement (OLR) of seven HH-60G helicopters continues to bring challenges and adjustments to alert and rescue posture options. The Tanker Alert challenges also continue, but progress in leadership advocacy and awareness as well as correcting misinterpretations of 'tasking authority' and ownership of the mission are ongoing. There are commensurate positive changes in manpower, facilities, and training requirements.

The creation of a Total Force Integration (TFI) with 4 additional tankers and over 300 plus personnel at Eielson AFB continues to highlight the demand for tanker support, stretching both base infrastructure and local support for housing. The need for proper federal resourcing to meet state and national operational requirements increases and requires investment from mission partners and owners to form a successful operational relationship.

##### **Alaska Army National Guard**

The AKARNG Construction and Facilities Management Office continues to experience hiring shortfalls due to lack of qualified applicants and a competitive job market. Both Federal and State personnel shortfalls are causing employee burnout, delays in operations, and project interruptions. The division is using creative ways to cover down on requirements by cross-training and increasing recruitment through community networking and agency announcements.

A key AKARNG challenge is maximizing the benefit of available state funds when constrained by Federal appropriation limitations. Prescriptive appropriations designed to ensure funds are spent on construction and maintenance as designated, limit excess funding fungibility that would allow for more opportunities. Allowing for the expenditure of appropriated funds on other construction and maintenance projects once the intent of the appropriation has been met creates opportunities to accomplish important facility projects in other communities.

The Hangar Military Construction project is scheduled to be complete in Federal Fiscal Year 2026. Operations and maintenance costs for the new facility, starting in the State FY2026/27 timeframe, are tentatively projected to cost \$235,000 annually. The new construction also generates a requirement of at least two more Maintenance Generalist - Journey PCNs (Range 54) at a cost of approximately \$177,000 annually. Both the above costs are 100 federally reimbursed due to the Agreement Support Code of the building so the state's costs are estimated at approximately \$0 for operations and maintenance, and \$0 for the two new positions. Federal receipt authority for DMVA will need to increase by \$412,000. There is no capital funding required of the State for construction of this project as it is 100% federally funded and is being managed by MILCON.

The Camp Carroll Readiness Center Military Construction project is scheduled to be complete in Federal Fiscal Year 2027. Operations and maintenance costs for the new facility, starting in the State FY2027/28 timeframe, are tentatively projected to cost \$235,000 annually. The new construction also generates a requirement of at least two more Maintenance Generalist - Journey PCNs (Range 54) at a cost of approximately \$177,000 annually. Both the above costs are 75/25 splits, so the State costs are estimated at approximately \$58,750 for operations and maintenance, and \$44,250 for the two new PCNs. Federal Receipt Authority for DMVA will need to increase by \$309,000. There is no capital funding required of the State for construction of this project as it is 100% federally funded and is being managed by MILCON.

### **Alaska Aerospace Corporation**

While annual sustainment costs of a space launch facility, including personnel, infrastructure, business development, environmental, and other liabilities, remain a significant challenge, AAC streamlined its performance to provide cost competitive launch services to both government and commercial customers. AAC has not received any state general funds for operations and sustainment since FY2015. Challenges remain with ongoing government delays in testing programs, commercial customer readiness and cadence, and supply chain issues.

## **Disaster Preparedness/Response and Recovery**

### **Homeland Security and Emergency Management**

The Division will continue to focus on foundations of the emergency management work (disaster response first and preparedness second) with our partnerships at all levels of government and the private sector. DHS&EM and the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) continue to respond to requests for State assistance (monetary and technical) for events that fall outside of the scope of Alaska Statute 26.23.900. Events such as erosion, water and fuel shortages, and infrastructure maintenance continue to challenge communities throughout Alaska. The FY2023 budget, with support from the Legislature, continued to see a significant influx of funding into the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF). The significant increase in the number of State and Federal disaster declarations for Alaska challenges the Division's delivery of both public assistance and individual assistance to support the citizens of Alaska.

### **Alaska State Defense Force**

- Lack of dedicated office/training space in rural areas to store training materials and hold drill in rural communities
- IT challenges in rural Alaska

## **Youth Intervention**

### **Alaska Military Youth Academy**

AMYA only received an overall satisfactory rating during its triennial onsite inspection from National Guard Bureau due in part to staffing levels in key sections which were graded below satisfactory. The Cooperative Agreement requires minimum staffing ratios in several areas: CADRE, Academics, case management, staff training coordinator, and counselors. AMYA is currently exploring step toward correcting those shortfalls. The at-risk youth served by AMYA are behind their predecessors in academic, life, and social skill development. The additional focus on counseling and case management will allow more of them to succeed. Fortunately, the inspectors took the pandemic impact on the program into account, but AMYA admissions remained flat in 2022 and remained well below the graduation target of 125. Pandemic performance exceptions are no longer in place as of July 2022. Historically, with a limited travel/outreach budget, the campus relies heavily on referrals from school counselors, teachers, and administrators. In-person learning provided those influencers the opportunity to recognize youth who were at-risk of not graduating on time with their academic cohort. Further, pre-pandemic, there were numerous opportunities to connect with rural school counselors, teachers and administrators throughout the year through conferences. After the pandemic, statewide educational conferences remained online or were cancelled entirely and that prevented a central opportunity to reach counselors, principals, and administrators from across the state. Those conferences are on the schedule for FY2023 and AMYA is participating fully and providing tour opportunities to stakeholders. Current hiring pools are much smaller than in the past due to a large number of employers facing staffing shortages in the community. While AMYA works to remove barriers to applicants, many jobs on the campus require three or more advertisements to obtain a qualified fill.

The majority of the facilities supporting the ChalleNGe program were built in the 1970s and were intended for limited use during Alaska Army National Guard training periods. While multiple modifications have occurred to support the ChalleNGe program, continued operations will require additional maintenance, renewal, and replacement to support future missions and requirements. The Division will work to identify and prioritize these within the Department, as it partners with the Office of Management and Budget and the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities on the State's evolving approach to addressing deferred maintenance needs.

### **Outreach to Veterans and Military Families**

#### **Veterans Services**

The communities across Alaska are now open for all outreach efforts and this has pushed employees to a critical workload level. Each issue takes a great deal of time to bring to resolution through the federal VA system and this in itself adds undue stress. Each of OVA's staff are filing claims alongside seventeen Veterans Service Officers and collectively served over 56,000 clients in 2022. As operations return to normal, this number could increase by another 10,000 clients in FY2023.

### **Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2024**

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#### **Defend and Protect Alaska and the United States**

##### **Alaska Air National Guard**

The TFI at Eielson is scheduled to take delivery of 4 additional KC-135s, increasing air refueling capabilities across the theater. After a brief pause in conversion, the 176th Communications Flight is expecting to transition to a Cyber Squadron and will contribute Cyber Defense Teams to the AKANG mission. Additionally, the Long-Range Discrimination Radar is scheduled to reach Initial Operational Capability in FY023.

##### **Alaska Army National Guard**

The Construction and Facilities Maintenance Office (CFMO) is programming the design work for both the Camp Carrol Readiness Center and Aviation Hangar MILCON projects in FY24. Both are 100-percent federally funded projects. The State has also approved \$1.425 million for armory improvements in Sitka and Kodiak. CFMO received \$2.5 million for the Civil Support Team building renovation project in 2023 which will likely carry over into 2024. The 208<sup>th</sup> CMT and the 910<sup>th</sup> ESC will be completing a road improvement project at the Alcantra Armory. This is tied to the DOT Seward Meridian Road project which moves the entrance to Alcantra to a new location.

##### **Alaska Aerospace Corporation**

Alaska Aerospace will strengthen the realization of the vision of the PSCA spaceport being a multi-user spaceport by continuing to support government missions, increase the launch cadence of commercial rockets, and add new launch vehicle operator customers to the spaceport's customer list. Additional improvements and facility upgrades will enable efficient and effective access to space.

#### **Disaster Preparedness/Response and Recovery**

##### **Homeland Security and Emergency Management**

FY2024 operations will continue to rely heavily on technology for delivering our mission to the citizens in rural Alaska, and we intend to improve reliability in community preparedness and individual assistance throughout the State. The Division will be pursuing federal legislative grants to protect Cyber Security and Homeland Security.

##### **Alaska State Defense Force**

- Increase rural detachment by three additional locations in Gambell, Ketchikan, and Juneau
- Identify and secure office/training space in rural communities to establish additional detachments

- Establish cyber-awareness training for ASDF members

**Youth Intervention**

**Alaska Military Youth Academy**

AMYA is reengaging with school districts to increase awareness of the program's benefits to both cadets and the local communities. The program complements the mission of the schools through returning students to class who are on track to graduate with their cohort. AMYA will continue to target full classes in FY2024 of 160-175 candidates to meet a graduation target of 125. The addition of Counselors and Case Managers will allow AMYA to engage with at-risk youth during the residential and post-residential phases of the program. They will help cadets build coping skills that stalled or went undeveloped during the pandemic as well as support cadets in maintaining those skills after graduation. AMYA continues to target vocational exposure and post-residential placement for every graduate. AMYA's focus is on education for Alaska's 16-18-year-old at risk youth to include education credits, completion of high school or equivalent, and training in eight core components: Leadership/followership, Responsible Citizenship, Academic Excellence, Job Skills, Life Coping Skills, Health and Hygiene, Service to Community, and Physical Fitness.

**Outreach to Veterans and Military Families**

**Veterans Services**

In FY2020 the federal VA started a new initiative to improve healthcare in Alaska. The first step was to establish a new 12,000sq ft Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) located in the community of Soldotna. This clinic was complete in November 2021 as well as a new CBOC in Wasilla that was completed July 2022. This adds a new facility to Soldotna and adds 6,000sq ft to the Wasilla clinic. Each facility increased staff by two medical clinicians, three mental health clinicians, a chiropractor, an audiologist and a full-service lab. The Alaska VA is also relocating the CBOC on Ft. Wainwright to a new 12,000sq ft facility in Fairbanks. This location is almost completed and will add more services in the Fairbanks region that are not offered currently. These new facilities will increase appointment availability ensuring all who need care in each location will receive it. With the number of medical partnerships in place, the State has reached the highest level of care that has been offered to enrolled veterans. Currently, Alaska has 98% medical coverage for Alaskan veterans.

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### FY2024 Capital Budget Request

Project Title	Unrestricted Gen (UGF)	Designated Gen (DGF)	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
Air National Guard Modernization and Sustainment	0	0	0	1,750,000	1,750,000
State Homeland Security Grant Programs	383,300	0	0	12,201,600	12,584,900
Construction of a Certified Veterans Cemetery in Fairbanks area	1,100,000	0	0	6,000,000	7,100,000
<b>Department Total</b>	<b>1,483,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19,951,600</b>	<b>21,434,900</b>

*This is an appropriation level summary only. For allocations and the full project details see the capital budget.*

**Summary of Department Budget Changes by RDU**

From FY2023 Management Plan to FY2024 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>FY2023 Management Plan</b>	<b>15,901.3</b>	<b>36.3</b>	<b>12,058.6</b>	<b>31,981.8</b>	<b>59,978.0</b>
<b>Adjustments which get you to start of year:</b>					
-Military & Veterans Affairs	0.0	7.8	9.7	0.0	17.5
<b>One-time items:</b>					
-Military & Veterans Affairs	0.0	-7.8	-9.7	-487.8	-505.3
<b>Adjustments which continue current level of service:</b>					
-Military & Veterans Affairs	204.4	0.0	364.5	319.4	888.3
-Alaska Aerospace Corp	0.0	0.0	8.4	4.8	13.2
<b>Proposed budget increases:</b>					
-Military & Veterans Affairs	2,398.5	0.0	35.2	2,294.4	4,728.1
<b>Proposed budget decreases:</b>					
-Military & Veterans Affairs	-543.1	0.0	-200.0	-700.0	-1,443.1
<b>FY2024 Governor</b>	<b>17,961.1</b>	<b>36.3</b>	<b>12,266.7</b>	<b>33,412.6</b>	<b>63,676.7</b>

**Department Totals**  
**Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs**

<b>Description</b>	<b>FY2022 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2023 Conference Committee</b>	<b>FY2023 Authorized</b>	<b>FY2023 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2024 Governor</b>	<b>FY2023 Management Plan vs FY2024 Governor</b>	
Department Totals	68,605.9	59,425.6	59,978.0	59,978.0	63,676.7	3,698.7	6.2%
<b>Objects of Expenditure:</b>							
71000 Personal Services	29,807.5	30,118.0	30,324.8	29,634.9	31,161.2	1,526.3	5.2%
72000 Travel	726.9	1,146.4	1,146.4	1,269.1	1,469.8	200.7	
73000 Services	33,160.8	22,433.9	22,780.0	23,382.6	24,817.9	1,435.3	6.1%
74000 Commodities	2,750.8	3,149.2	3,149.2	3,093.9	4,170.3	1,076.4	34.8%
75000 Capital Outlay	233.1	152.4	152.4	152.4	162.4	10.0	6.6%
77000 Grants, Benefits	1,926.8	2,425.7	2,425.2	2,445.1	1,895.1	-550.0	-22.5%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>Funding Source:</b>							
1002 Fed Rcpts (Fed)	37,984.0	31,484.7	31,494.0	31,494.0	33,412.6	1,918.6	6.1%
1003 G/F Match (UGF)	7,406.0	7,592.4	7,603.8	7,603.8	7,935.7	331.9	4.4%
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	14,017.6	8,259.4	8,297.5	8,297.5	10,025.4	1,727.9	20.8%
1005 GF/Prgm (DGF)	53.6	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5	0.0	0.0%
1007 I/A Rcpts (Other)	4,351.9	5,251.4	5,251.4	5,251.4	5,582.6	331.2	6.3%
1061 CIP Rcpts (Other)	3,427.9	3,096.3	3,101.0	3,101.0	3,169.5	68.5	2.2%
1101 AERO Rcpts (Other)	1,240.6	2,859.8	2,861.4	2,861.4	2,869.8	8.4	0.3%
1108 Stat Desig (Other)	106.4	835.1	835.1	835.1	635.1	-200.0	-23.9%
1181 Vets Endow (Other)	10.1	10.2	9.7	9.7	9.7	0.0	0.0%
1234 LicPlates (DGF)	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	0.0	0.0%
1265 COVID Fed (Fed)	0.0	0.0	487.8	487.8	0.0	-487.8	-100.0%
<b>Totals:</b>							
Unrestricted Gen (UGF)	21,423.6	15,851.8	15,901.3	15,901.3	17,961.1	2,059.8	13.0%
Designated Gen (DGF)	61.4	36.3	36.3	36.3	36.3	0.0	0.0%
Other Funds	9,136.9	12,052.8	12,058.6	12,058.6	12,266.7	208.1	1.7%
Federal Funds	37,984.0	31,484.7	31,981.8	31,981.8	33,412.6	1,430.8	4.5%
<b>Positions:</b>							
Permanent Full Time	280	262	262	262	270	8	3.1%
Permanent Part Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Non Permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

**Component Summary Unrestricted General Funds Only**  
**Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs**

<b>Results Delivery Unit/ Component</b>	<b>FY2022 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2023 Conference Committee</b>	<b>FY2023 Authorized</b>	<b>FY2023 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2024 Governor</b>	<b>FY2023 Management Plan vs FY2024 Governor</b>	
<b>Military &amp; Veterans Affairs</b>							
Office of the Commissioner	2,019.7	2,628.6	2,650.7	2,650.7	2,311.5	-339.2	-12.8%
Homeland Security & Emerg Mgt	2,099.8	2,098.5	2,109.9	2,109.9	2,348.0	238.1	11.3%
Army Guard Facilities Maint.	2,402.7	2,560.0	2,573.9	2,573.9	2,600.0	26.1	1.0%
Air Guard Facilities Maint.	1,874.2	2,005.9	2,017.5	2,017.5	2,112.3	94.8	4.7%
Alaska Military Youth Academy	4,291.8	4,418.2	4,428.0	4,428.0	3,960.5	-467.5	-10.6%
Veterans' Services	1,742.7	1,857.5	1,866.3	1,866.3	1,873.8	7.5	0.4%
State Active Duty	5.6	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0%
Civil Air Patrol	0.0	250.0	250.0	250.0	250.0	0.0	0.0%
Alaska State Defense Force	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,500.0	2,500.0	100.0%
AK Public Safety Communic. Svcs	6,987.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>RDU Totals:</b>	<b>21,423.6</b>	<b>15,823.7</b>	<b>15,901.3</b>	<b>15,901.3</b>	<b>17,961.1</b>	<b>2,059.8</b>	<b>13.0%</b>
<b>Agency Unallocated</b>							
Unallocated Rates Adjustment	0.0	28.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>RDU Totals:</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>28.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Unrestricted Gen (UGF):</b>	<b>21,423.6</b>	<b>15,851.8</b>	<b>15,901.3</b>	<b>15,901.3</b>	<b>17,961.1</b>	<b>2,059.8</b>	<b>13.0%</b>
<b>Designated Gen (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>Total Funds:</b>	<b>21,423.6</b>	<b>15,851.8</b>	<b>15,901.3</b>	<b>15,901.3</b>	<b>17,961.1</b>	<b>2,059.8</b>	<b>13.0%</b>



**Component Summary All Funds**  
**Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs**

<b>Results Delivery Unit/ Component</b>	<b>FY2022 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2023 Conference Committee</b>	<b>FY2023 Authorized</b>	<b>FY2023 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2024 Governor</b>	<b>FY2023 Management Plan vs FY2024 Governor</b>	
<b>Military &amp; Veterans Affairs</b>							
Office of the Commissioner	4,217.1	6,075.3	6,102.9	5,497.0	5,556.6	59.6	1.1%
Homeland Security & Emerg Mgt	8,104.6	9,009.6	9,524.9	9,524.9	8,489.4	-1,035.5	-10.9%
Army Guard Facilities Maint.	11,827.3	13,653.3	13,677.6	14,283.5	14,688.4	404.9	2.8%
Air Guard Facilities Maint.	6,304.8	7,193.9	7,209.7	7,209.7	7,429.8	220.1	3.1%
Alaska Military Youth Academy	9,173.6	10,166.8	10,193.0	10,193.0	11,719.7	1,526.7	15.0%
Veterans' Services	2,064.3	2,231.5	2,240.2	2,240.2	2,249.9	9.7	0.4%
State Active Duty	251.3	325.0	325.0	325.0	325.0	0.0	0.0%
Civil Air Patrol	0.0	250.0	250.0	250.0	250.0	0.0	0.0%
Alaska State Defense Force	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,500.0	2,500.0	100.0%
AK Public Safety Communic. Svcs	9,508.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Veterans Memorial Endowment	10.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Veterans Service Lic Plates	7.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>RDU Totals:</b>	<b>51,469.0</b>	<b>48,905.4</b>	<b>49,523.3</b>	<b>49,523.3</b>	<b>53,208.8</b>	<b>3,685.5</b>	<b>7.4%</b>
<b>Alaska Aerospace Corporation</b>							
AK Aerospace Corp	2,210.5	3,869.7	3,871.3	3,871.3	3,878.3	7.0	0.2%
AAC Facilities Maintenance	14,926.4	6,576.5	6,583.4	6,583.4	6,589.6	6.2	0.1%
<b>RDU Totals:</b>	<b>17,136.9</b>	<b>10,446.2</b>	<b>10,454.7</b>	<b>10,454.7</b>	<b>10,467.9</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
<b>Agency Unallocated</b>							
Unallocated Rates Adjustment	0.0	74.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>RDU Totals:</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>74.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Unrestricted Gen (UGF):</b>	<b>21,423.6</b>	<b>15,851.8</b>	<b>15,901.3</b>	<b>15,901.3</b>	<b>17,961.1</b>	<b>2,059.8</b>	<b>13.0%</b>
<b>Designated Gen (DGF):</b>	<b>61.4</b>	<b>36.3</b>	<b>36.3</b>	<b>36.3</b>	<b>36.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Other Funds:</b>	<b>9,136.9</b>	<b>12,052.8</b>	<b>12,058.6</b>	<b>12,058.6</b>	<b>12,266.7</b>	<b>208.1</b>	<b>1.7%</b>
<b>Federal Funds:</b>	<b>37,984.0</b>	<b>31,484.7</b>	<b>31,981.8</b>	<b>31,981.8</b>	<b>33,412.6</b>	<b>1,430.8</b>	<b>4.5%</b>
<b>Total Funds:</b>	<b>68,605.9</b>	<b>59,425.6</b>	<b>59,978.0</b>	<b>59,978.0</b>	<b>63,676.7</b>	<b>3,698.7</b>	<b>6.2%</b>
<b>Permanent Full Time:</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
<b>Permanent Part Time:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Non Permanent:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total Positions:</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3.1%</b>

**Inter-Agency Revenue Summary**  
**Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs**  
**Revenue Type Inter-Agency Receipts Only**

Scenario: FY2024 Governor (19867)

IRIS Revenue Type	IRIS Revenue Source Code	Component	Total
<b>Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs Totals:</b>			<b>3,480.1</b>
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	Admin - Department-wide	55.0
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	Courts - Department-wide	300.0
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	E&ED - Department-wide	751.8
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	H&SS - Department-wide	116.0
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	Labor - Department-wide	105.5
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - AAC Facilities Maintenance (2362)	2.3
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Air Guard Facilities Maint. (416)	55.0
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - AK Aerospace Corp (1424)	13.2
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Alaska Military Youth Academy (1969)	62.8
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Alaska State Defense Force (3227)	60.2
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Army Guard Facilities Maint. (415)	460.9
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Homeland Security & Emerg Mgt (2657)	988.1
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Veterans' Services (421)	65.0
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	NatRes - Department-wide	50.0
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	PubSaf - Department-wide	113.2
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	Univ - Department-wide	27.2
5061 CIP Rcpts	5351 Capital Improvement Project	Gov - Department-wide	89.2
	Inter-Agency		
5061 CIP Rcpts	5351 Capital Improvement Project	M&VA - Homeland Security & Emerg Mgt (2657)	164.7
	Inter-Agency		
<b>RDU: Military &amp; Veterans Affairs (530)</b>			<b>3,480.1</b>
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	Admin - Department-wide	55.0
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	Courts - Department-wide	300.0
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	E&ED - Department-wide	751.8
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	H&SS - Department-wide	116.0
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	Labor - Department-wide	105.5
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - AAC Facilities Maintenance (2362)	2.3
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Air Guard Facilities Maint. (416)	55.0
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - AK Aerospace Corp (1424)	13.2
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Alaska Military Youth Academy (1969)	62.8
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Alaska State Defense Force (3227)	60.2
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Army Guard Facilities Maint. (415)	460.9
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Homeland Security & Emerg Mgt (2657)	988.1
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Veterans' Services (421)	65.0
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	NatRes - Department-wide	50.0
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	PubSaf - Department-wide	113.2
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	Univ - Department-wide	27.2
5061 CIP Rcpts	5351 Capital Improvement Project	Gov - Department-wide	89.2
	Inter-Agency		
5061 CIP Rcpts	5351 Capital Improvement Project	M&VA - Homeland Security & Emerg Mgt (2657)	164.7
	Inter-Agency		
<b>Component: Office of the Commissioner (414)</b>			<b>1,518.3</b>
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	Admin - Department-wide	55.0
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - AAC Facilities Maintenance (2362)	2.3
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Air Guard Facilities Maint. (416)	55.0
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - AK Aerospace Corp (1424)	13.2
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Alaska Military Youth Academy (1969)	62.8
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Alaska State Defense Force (3227)	60.2
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Army Guard Facilities Maint. (415)	102.0
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Homeland Security & Emerg Mgt (2657)	938.1
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Veterans' Services (421)	65.0
5061 CIP Rcpts	5351 Capital Improvement Project	M&VA - Homeland Security & Emerg Mgt (2657)	164.7
	Inter-Agency		
<b>Component: Army Guard Facilities Maintenance (415)</b>			<b>888.5</b>
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	Courts - Department-wide	300.0
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Army Guard Facilities Maint. (415)	358.9
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	PubSaf - Department-wide	113.2
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	Univ - Department-wide	27.2
5061 CIP Rcpts	5351 Capital Improvement Project	Gov - Department-wide	89.2
	Inter-Agency		
<b>Component: Alaska Military Youth Academy (1969)</b>			<b>973.3</b>

**Inter-Agency Revenue Summary**  
**Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs**  
**Revenue Type Inter-Agency Receipts Only**

Scenario: FY2024 Governor (19867)

IRIS Revenue Type	IRIS Revenue Source Code	Component	Total
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	E&ED - Department-wide	751.8
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	H&SS - Department-wide	116.0
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	Labor - Department-wide	105.5
<b>Component: State Active Duty (836)</b>			<b>100.0</b>
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	M&VA - Homeland Security & Emerg Mgt (2657)	50.0
5007 I/A Rcpts	5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	NatRes - Department-wide	50.0