

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

**Department of Family and Community Services**  
**Alaska Pioneer Homes**  
**Results Delivery Unit Budget Summary**

## Alaska Pioneer Homes Results Delivery Unit

### Contribution to Department's Mission

The Department of Family and Community Services has the mission, "To provide support, safety, and personal well-being for vulnerable Alaskans." Alaska Pioneer Homes has been helping to promote and protect the health and well-being of Alaskans since the first home was established in 1913 by the First Territorial Legislature. The current division's mission summarizes this century-old commitment as, "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 2022

- Served 601 elders in FY2022; just under 52.5 percent required level 4 and 5 level of care/service.
- Maintained a 60 percent veteran occupancy at the Alaska Veterans and Pioneer Home in Palmer, providing a home for 68 veterans and 115 total residents in FY2022.

### Key RDU Challenges

- An increasing number of elders on the division's waitlist are requiring services at a higher level of care for assistance with activities of daily living, related to their dementia diagnosis, or chronic health care needs. 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 for residents that have complex behaviors beyond the scope of what the Pioneer Homes have previously provided, to include the 9 bed complex behavioral neighborhood in the Anchorage Home.
- 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.
- 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 FY2024

- The division is conducting a thorough review of organizational structure within each home to ensure efficiencies and alignment with best practices.
- Expanding our 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.
- Exploring options for HIPAA compliant communication systems that will allow staff to communicate with outside providers and within the division.
- Working on setting up State secured WiFi for staff use in charting resident care and services.
- Exploring options for a new Electronic Health Record System.
- Exploring options to improve the homes' security and call light notification systems to improve resident safety.

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

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	FY2022 Actuals				FY2023 Management Plan				FY2024 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	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	33,964.3	0.0	0.0	33,964.3	33,964.3	0.0	0.0	33,964.3
<b>Non-Formula Expenditures</b>												
Alaska Pioneer Homes Management Pioneer Homes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,742.0	0.0	0.0	1,742.0	1,773.1	0.0	0.0	1,773.1
Pioneer Homes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23,148.3	43,557.2	2,532.6	69,238.1	24,627.7	44,314.7	2,590.2	71,532.6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>58,854.6</b>	<b>43,557.2</b>	<b>2,532.6</b>	<b>104,944.4</b>	<b>60,365.1</b>	<b>44,314.7</b>	<b>2,590.2</b>	<b>107,270.0</b>

**Alaska Pioneer Homes  
Summary of RDU Budget Changes by Component  
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>38,640.1</b>	<b>20,214.5</b>	<b>43,557.2</b>	<b>2,532.6</b>	<b>104,944.4</b>
<b>Adjustments which continue current level of service:</b>					
-Alaska Pioneer Homes Management	31.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	31.1
-Pioneer Homes	-236.3	465.7	757.5	57.6	1,044.5
<b>Proposed budget increases:</b>					
-Pioneer Homes	0.0	1,250.0	0.0	0.0	1,250.0
<b>FY2024 Governor</b>	<b>38,434.9</b>	<b>21,930.2</b>	<b>44,314.7</b>	<b>2,590.2</b>	<b>107,270.0</b>